

**SELECT BOARD MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Monday, February 24, 2020**
Office of the Select Board, 1st Floor
3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA

Members Present: Chairman William Matchett III; Vice Chairman Michael Valanzola; Clerk John Grasso
Others Present: Leon Givner, Cable Access Director; Keith Davis, Finance Committee Chairman; Pamela Leduc, Executive Secretary

Chairman Matchett called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Matchett led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CANDIDATE FOR TOWN ACCOUNTANT INTERVIEW

Board members interviewed Mr. Derek Geser of Southampton, MA for the position of Town Accountant.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee Chairman Keith Davis: Mr. Davis came forward to advise the Board that the Finance Committee is in the process of reviewing FY 2021 budget submissions and provided a spreadsheet reflecting department requests.

Vote to open the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM and to close the warrant on Monday, March 30, 2020 at 3:00 PM

Motion 022420-01 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Selectman Grasso; to open the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM and to close the warrant on Monday, March 30, 2020 at 3:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to appoint Howard Whyte to the Board of Registrars effective February 24, 2020 through April 30, 2023

Motion 022420-02 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Selectman Grasso; to appoint Howard Whyte to the Board of Registrars effective February 24, 2020 through April 30, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC City/Town-Owner Amendment

Motion 022420-03 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Selectman Grasso; to approve and authorize the Chair to sign PVPC City/Town-Owner Amendment for a housing rehab project located at 28 Hollow Road, Wales. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve and sign the FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #14 in the amount of \$21,082.64

Motion 022420-04 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Selectman Grasso; to approve and sign the FFY 2018 Wales Community Development Program Financial Warrant #14 in the amount of \$21,082.64. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve Estimate # 1696 dated February 12, 2020 from Uptime Network Technologies, Inc. in an amount up to \$1,685.74:

Motion 022420-05 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Selectman Grasso; to approve Estimate # 1696 dated February 12, 2020 from Uptime Network Technologies, Inc. in an amount up to \$1,685.74. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve the January 27, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Motion 022420-06 by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to approve the January 27, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes. Selectman Grasso – abstain; Selectman Valanzola – yes; Chairman Matchett – yes.

Vote to approve the January 27, 2020 Executive Session Meeting Minutes not subject to release: Action postponed until March 9, 2020.

Vote to approve the February 10, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Motion 022420-07 by Selectman Grasso; seconded by Chairman Matchett; to approve the February 10, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes. Selectman Grasso – yes; Selectman Valanzola – abstain; Chairman Matchett – yes.

Disaster Debris Management Plan (DDMP): Discussion postponed until March 9, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

Transfer Station operations: Board members reviewed the 2nd quarter financial report provided by Ms. Leduc.

Motion 022420-08 by Chairman Matchett; seconded by Selectman Grasso; to purchase a camera to be fixed on the compactor and to upgrade the current equipment to include recording capability to be stored offsite in a secured location.

Board of Selectmen 2020 Annual Report: Board members instruct Ms. Leduc requests that the Board provide her with their highlights from calendar year 2019 in order for her to draft a report for their consideration and approval at a future meeting.

Grant Writing Committee: Discussion postponed until March 9, 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS

Unanimous consent was given to allow the Wales Fish & Game Club to hang an event banner across Main Street beginning in August 2020 advertising their annual pig roast taking place in September 2020.

Selectman Grasso provided the Board with a Tri Town Ambulance Subcommittee update.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Valanzola; seconded by Selectman Grasso; to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Leduc

Executive Secretary