



Minutes of the Town of Wales Annual Town Meeting Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

The Annual Town Meeting, held at the Wales Elementary School, was attended by 77 voters. A quorum of 52 people being present, the meeting was opened at 7:09 p.m. with a salute to the flag led by the Moderator, Mr. Michael Valanzola.

ARTICLE 1 The Town voted to hear and act upon the reports and recommendations of Town Officers.

ARTICLE 2 The Town voted to hear and act upon the reports and recommendations of Committees.

ARTICLE 3 After several amendments the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$4,700,540.79 and to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$20,500.00 to defray the expenses of the Town on a governmental function basis for the fiscal year 2020 period; and further to fix the salary and compensation of the following elective officers of the Town of Wales, as provided by M.G.L. c. 41, § 108, as amended: Moderator, Selectmen, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector, Town Clerk, Planning Board, Road Commissioner and Board of Health for fiscal year 2020.

The following is a list of the amendments which were made, seconded and passed before the final budget was accepted:

Motion to add a line item to the FY20 budget; Transfer Station Expense, \$5000.00

Motion to add a line item to the FY20 budget; Transfer Station Payroll, \$10,000.00

Motion to increase a line item; Highway Payroll to \$127,007.92 by adding \$13880.16 from Seasonal payroll and \$20,519.84 from Free Cash

Motion to decrease a line item; Seasonal Payroll to \$0.00

Motion to increase a line item; Chapter 32b to \$137,290.34 by adding \$7,290.34 from Free Cash

Motion to increase a line item; Medicare Town Share to \$28,000.00 by adding \$500.00 from Free Cash

ARTICLE 4 The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 from Certified Free Cash for an audit of the Town's finances.

ARTICLE 5 The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$2,167.00 from Certified Free Cash for the Board of Assessors to undertake property revaluation.

ARTICLE 6 The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from Certified Free Cash for dam inspections.

ARTICLE 7 The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from Certified Free Cash to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund.

ARTICLE 8 The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from Certified Free Cash to the Wales Community Events Gift Account for the purpose of supporting Wales Olde Home Day

ARTICLE 9 The Town voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, § 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given in accordance with the

provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, § 17.

ARTICLE 10 The Town voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to enter into compensating balance agreements with bank offices having their principal offices in the Commonwealth during the fiscal year 2020, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 44, § 53F.

ARTICLE 11 The Town voted to accept any and all grant monies received during fiscal year 2020 for the Wales Public Library Grant Account, for the use of the Wales Public Library.

ARTICLE 12 The Town voted to reauthorize an Offset Receipt Account, said amount not to exceed SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS {\$60,000.00) more or less, for the operation of the TRANSFER STATION provided, however, that pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E, such costs shall be offset by the estimated receipts from the fees charged to users of the services provided by the transfer station.

ARTICLE 13 The Town voted to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2020 beginning on July 1, 2019 for the revolving funds established in the General Bylaws, Chapter 3, Section 5 for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E½, as follows:

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer	Limit on Spending
Building Inspections	Building Commissioner	\$50,000.00
Plumbing, Heating and Gas Inspections	Plumbing/Heating/Gas Inspector	\$50,000.00
Cemetery Services	Cemetery Commission	\$ 3,000.00
Planning	Planning Board	\$ 3,000.00
Conservation	Conservation Commission	\$ 1,500.00
Zoning	Zoning Board	\$ 1,000.00
Animal Control	Animal Control Officer	\$ 2,000.00
Library	Library Trustees or Director	\$ 1,000.00
Board of Health	Board of Health	\$ 5,000.00
Electrical	Electrical Inspector	\$50,000.00
Police - Pistol Permits	Chief of Police	\$ 4,000.00
Council on Aging	Council on Aging	\$ 3,500.00
Fire Department	Fire Inspector	\$ 6,000.00

ARTICLE 14 The Town voted to appropriate the total sum of \$15,000.00 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, said funds to be expended during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 under the direction of the Cable Advisory Committee for necessary and expedient cable related purposes consistent with the license agreement, of which the sum of \$11,500.00 is the estimated license revenue to be received during FY2020 in accordance with the license agreement and the sum of \$3,500.00 shall be allocated from the available fund balance.

ARTICLE 15 On advice of Town Counsel, the Moderator ruled out of order the motion to purchase and equip a 38,000 GVW 6 wheel plow/sand/dump truck for the Highway Department because there was no report from the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, as required by the Town Bylaws Chapter 4 Part II, Section 2 & 3.

ARTICLE 16 The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$40,000.00 from Certified Free Cash to the General Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 17 The Town voted to transfer \$125,000.00 from Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 18 Ms. Erin Nosek, Superintendent, and Ms. Deb Boyd, Business Manager, for the Tantasqua Regional School District, were recognized by the Moderator and the Town Meeting voted to allow them to

address the meeting. They presented a financial plan to pay for the new windows and doors for the TRJHS, subject to receiving a grant of approximately 1.1million dollars from the Mass School Building Authority. They explained that a requirement of the grant would be that all the Towns in the District vote in favor of the article before the Meeting. The project would be planned for FY21 and the Town of Wales share of the cost would be about \$16,000.00 The Town voted to approve the Two Million Dollar (\$2,000,000) borrowing authorized by the Tantasqua Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of replacing doors and windows in the Tantasqua Regional Jr High School at 320 Brookfield Road, Fiskdale, Ma, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Tantasqua Regional School District Building Committee. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-five and sixty-three hundredths percent (55.63%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA. Any premium received by the District upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to project costs in accordance with G.L. c.44, Section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by a like amount.

A motion was made to approve Articles 19, 20, 21, and 22 as one vote. The motion passed and all four articles were approved.

ARTICLE 19 The Town voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 143, § 3Z:

"Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, in any city, town or district which accepts the provisions of this section, any part time inspector of buildings, building commissioner, local inspector or alternate inspector may practice for hire or engage in the business for which he is certified, licensed or registered under the building code, while serving as such inspector; provided, however, that within the area over which he has jurisdiction as inspector or alternate inspector, he shall not exercise any of his powers and duties as such inspector, including those of enforcement officer of the state building code for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, demolition or removal work done by himself, his employer, employee or one employed with him.

The inspection of such work shall be performed by the inspector of buildings or building commissioner of another city, town or district or by a special assistant inspector of buildings or assistant building commissioner who is appointed solely for the purpose of performing such inspections by the mayor of a city, the board of selectmen of a town or the governing board of a district.

This section shall take effect in a city, town or district upon its acceptance in a city, by the vote of the city council, subject to the provisions of the charter of such city; in a town, by a vote of town meeting; in a municipality having a town council form of government by a vote of the town council, subject to the provisions of the charter of such municipality; and in a district, by the vote of the cities and towns of the district".

ARTICLE 20 The Town voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 166, § 32A:

"In a city, town or district which accepts this section, a licensed electrician who is appointed inspector of wires may practice for hire or engage in the business for which licensed under the applicable provisions of chapter one hundred and forty-one while serving as such inspector; provided, however, that within the area over which he has jurisdiction as wiring inspector he shall not exercise any of his powers and duties as such inspector, including those of enforcement officer of the state electrical code, over wiring or electrical work done by himself, his employer, employee or one employed with him. Any such city, town or district may in the manner provided in the preceding section appoint an assistant inspector of wires who shall exercise the duties of inspector of wires, including those of enforcement officer of the state electrical

code, over work so done. Said assistant inspector may act in absence or disability of the local inspector and for his services shall receive like compensation as the city, town or district shall determine.

This section shall take effect upon its acceptance in a city, by vote of the city council, subject to the provisions of the charter of such city; in a town, by vote of the board of selectmen; in a municipality having a town council form of government, by a vote of the town council, subject to the provisions of the charter of such municipality and in a district, by vote as above provided of the cities and towns of the district".

ARTICLE 21 The Town voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 111, § 26G:

"In any city, town or district which accepts the provisions of this section notwithstanding the provisions of section seventeen of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight A, a septic system installer who is appointed or elected to the board of health may engage or work at the business of septic system installation within the area over which the board of health has jurisdiction while serving as a board member; provided, however, that neither the board of health member nor the board shall inspect a septic system installation done by said board of health member, or said member's partner, employer, employee or co-employee. The inspection of work so done shall be performed either by the board of health of another city, town or district or by a special assistant health agent who is appointed solely for the purpose of performing such inspections by the mayor of a city, the board of selectmen of a town or the governing board of a district. If the board of selectmen also serves as the board of health, said septic system installer shall not participate in the appointment of special assistant health agent.

This section shall take effect upon its acceptance in a city, by the vote of the city council, subject to the provisions of the charter of such city; in a town, by a vote of town meeting; in a municipality having a town council form of government, by a vote of the town council, subject to the provisions of the charter of such municipality; and, in a district, by the vote as above provided of the cities and towns of the districts".

ARTICLE 22 The Town voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 142, § 12:

"No inspector of plumbing or inspector of gas fitting shall inspect or approve any plumbing or gas fitting work done by himself, his employer, employee or one employed with him, but in a city or town subject to sections one to sixteen, inclusive, the said inspector of buildings, or the board of health, shall in the manner provided in the preceding section appoint an additional inspector of plumbing or inspector of gas fitting as therein provided, who shall inspect plumbing or gas fitting so done. Said additional inspector may act in the absence or disability of the local inspector and for his services shall receive like compensation.

This section shall not apply to any city or town establishing an annual salary for an inspector of plumbing or inspector of gas fitting, and in such city or town an inspector of plumbing or inspector of gas fitting shall not engage or work at the business of plumbing or gas fitting; provided, however such an inspector may perform the work of a journeyman plumber or gas fitter outside the area over which he exercises jurisdiction as an inspector".

ARTICLE 23 A motion was made to amend Article 23 by adding the phrase "such meeting to be called by the Board of Selectmen." The motion passed and the Town voted to amend the General Bylaws by deleting Chapter 4, Section 14 and replacing it with the following new Chapter 4, Section 14: "The Town shall have a financial management team that includes a member of the Select Board, a member of the Finance Committee, a member of the Board of Assessors, the Executive Secretary, the Town Accountant, the Tax Collector, the Town Treasurer and a representative from the regional school business office. Said team shall meet at least semi- annually or more frequently as issues require, such meeting to be called by the Board of Selectmen. Each Board shall annually choose their representative."

ARTICLE 24 The Town voted to amend Chapter 3, Section 2(15) Finance Committee, of the General Bylaws by adding "unless Finance Committee representation on another committee is required by bylaw, vote of the Select Board, or vote of town meeting." in order to clarify the bylaw and bring it in line with current practice.

ARTICLE 25 No one made a motion regarding Article 25, which was a Citizen's Petition. Therefore a motion was made not to consider Article 25. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m. and the polls were open on May 22, 2019 from noon to 8 p.m. at the

Wales Senior Center. 107 voters there did give their vote on a ballot for the following officers:

Michael J. Valanzola as a Board of Select member for a three-year term (2022)
Leis A. Phinney as Town Clerk for a three-year term (2022)
Susan Ann Cadioux as a Board of Assessor member for a three-year term (2022)
Danelle M. laFlower as a Planning Board member for a three-year term (2022)
Lynn S. Greene as a Planning Board member for a three-year term (2022)
Diane L. Piazza as a Planning Board member for a one-year term (2020)
David W. Foote as a Board of Health member for a three-year term (2022)
Christine Marie Randall as a School Committee member for a three-year term (2022)
Edward F. Boyce as a School Committee member for a three-year term (2022)
Daniel J. Haley as a Constable for a three-year term (2022)
Peter S. Haley as a Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term (2022)
Carolyn A. Boehne as a Library Trustee for a three-year term (2022)

I certify that these are the motions made by the voters at the Annual Town Meeting on May 15, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Leis Phinney,

Town Clerk