



# Minutes of the Town of Wales Annual Town Meeting Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

**ARTICLE 1** The Town voted to hear the reports of Town Officers and act on same.

**ARTICLE 2** The Town voted to hear the reports of Committees and act on same.

**ARTICLE 3** The Town voted to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$2,000.00 for Dam Inspections.

**ARTICLE 4** The Town voted to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$2,167.00 for the Board of Assessors to undertake property revaluation.

**ARTICLE 5** The Town voted to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Other Post-Employment Benefits account.

**ARTICLE 6** The Town voted, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L., c. 44, § 53E ½ , to reauthorize revolving funds for certain Town departments and officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as follows:

REVOLVING FUND	AUTHORITY TO SPEND	REVENUE SOURCE	USE OF FUND	FY'16 BUDGET
Building Inspections	Building Commissioner	Inspection Fees	Expenses and costs related to provision of inspection services. If re-authorized, amount in Excess of \$500 (excluding unpaid expenses) shall close to general fund.	\$18,000
Plumbing, Heating And Gas Inspections	Plumbing/Heating/Gas Inspector	Inspection fees and expense reimbursements	Expenses related to provision of inspection services. If re-authorized, balance (excluding fees due to the inspector) shall close to general fund.	\$4,000
Cemetery Services	Cemetery Commission	Fees received in connection with opening and closing graves	Expenses and costs related to opening and closing graves, including payment to other departments related thereto	\$3,000

Planning	Planning Board	Filing fees and expense reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to processing applications, publishing notices, and holding hearings	\$3,000
Conservation	Conservation Commission	Filing fees, expense reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to processing applications, publishing notices, and holding hearings	\$1,500
Zoning	Zoning Board	Filing fees and expense reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to processing applications, publishing notices and holding hearings	\$1,000
Animal Control	Animal Control Officer	Fines and fees	Expenses and costs related to provision of animal control services for which fees and fines are assessed	\$2,000
Library	Library Trustees or Director	Fees and fines	Expenses and costs related to library programs and activities for which fees and fines are assessed	\$1,000
Board of Health	Board of Health	Fees and reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to enforcing State & Local Board of Health regulations	\$5,000
Electrical	Electrical Inspector	Permit fees and expenses	Expenses related to inspections. If re-authorized, balance (excluding inspection fees due to the inspector) shall close to the general fund.	\$4,000
Police – Pistol Permits	Police Chief	Pistol Permit Fees	Expenses and costs related to pistol permit application review and issuance	\$4,000
Council on Aging	Council on Aging	Fees and reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to programs and activities for Seniors	\$3,500
Fire Dept.	Fire Inspector	Permit Fees	Expenses related to provisions of inspection services. If re-authorized, balance (excluding fees due to the inspector) shall close to the General fund.	\$2,500
Cable Advisory	Cable Committee	Fees	Expenses and costs related to Cable Committee	\$1,500

**ARTICLE 7** The Town voted to reauthorize an Offset Receipt Account, said amount not to exceed FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$55,000.00) for the operation of the **TRANSFER STATION** provided, however, that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 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 8** The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$40,000.00 from Certified Free Cash to the General Stabilization Account.

**ARTICLE 9** The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$50,000.00 from Certified Free Cash for the purchase and equipping of a Police Cruiser for the Wales Police Department to replace an existing vehicle.

**ARTICLE 10** The Town voted **not** to transfer the 2003 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruiser to the Animal Control Officer when a new police cruiser is purchased for the Police Department, preferring to leave it up to the Board of Selectmen.

**ARTICLE 11** The Town voted to transfer \$50,000.00 from Certified Free Cash for the purchase and equipping of a pickup truck for the Wales Highway Department to replace an existing vehicle.

**ARTICLE 12** The Town voted to transfer both the sum of \$25,000.00 from the Norcross Gift Account and the sum of \$5,000.00 from Certified Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization Fund.

**ARTICLE 13** The Town voted to take no action on the motion to “return control” of the former \$6000.00 building maintenance line item for the highway department to be used for the building at 1-3 Hegan Street which houses the Fire and Highway Departments.

**ARTICLE 14** The Town voted **not** to authorize the purchase of a Front End Loader for the Highway Department in the amount of \$135,000.00.

**ARTICLE 15** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$4,050,230.54 to defray expenses of the Town, on a departmental basis, for the fiscal year 2016 period; with \$28,452.19 to be transferred from Certified Free Cash and \$15,000.00 to be transferred from Excess Overlay; 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 2016.

**ARTICLE 16** The Town voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, 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 17** The Town voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into compensating balance agreements with bank offices having their principal offices in the Commonwealth during the fiscal year 2016, as permitted by M.G.L., c.44, §53 F.

**ARTICLE 18** The Town voted to accept any and all grant monies received during FY16 for the Wales Public Library Grant Account, for the use of the Wales Public Library.

**ARTICLE 19** The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$1000.00 from the Norcross Gift Account for the Tri-Town Domestic Violence Task Force.

**ARTICLE 20** The Town voted to accept M.G.L. C.48 §42 Establishment of fire departments; appointment of fire chief; compensation; removal; powers and duties.

**ARTICLE 21** The Town voted to accept M.G.L. c.41, §97a Police departments; establishment.

**ARTICLE 22** The Town voted to accept M.G.L. c. 53, § 121, and amend the Town Bylaws Ch. 2 by adding § 14 "At least 38 days before the election, the Town will hold a § 121 caucus for the nomination of two candidates for each office required to be filled."

**ARTICLE 23** The Town voted to amend the Town Bylaws Ch. 1 by adding the following § 11 "The Town Clerk is authorized to assign appropriate numbers to by-law sections, subsections, paragraphs and subparagraphs, where none are approved by Town Meeting, and, if such are approved by Town Meeting, after informing the Board of Selectmen, to make non-substantive editorial revisions to ensure consistent and appropriate sequencing and numbering, provided such editorial revisions shall be identified by a footnote or other convention, and any such changes shall be noted in the Town Clerk's Annual Report the following year."

**ARTICLE 24** The Town voted **not** to give the Road Commissioner the powers to solicit bids and advertise projects, sign state contracts, forms and miscellaneous paperwork pertaining to all road and highway related grants, Construction, Chapter 90 funding, and WRAP funding.

**ARTICLE 25** The polls were open on May 26, 2015 from noon to 8 p.m. and voters there did give their vote on a ballot for the following officers:

Jeffrey Phil Vannais as a Board of Select member for a three-year term (2018)

Lynn S. Greene as Treasurer for a three-year term (2018)

Rebecca R. Smith as Tax Collector for a three-year term (2018)

Michael J. Valanzola as Moderator for a three-year term (2018)

Bruce R. Cadieux as Road Commissioner for a three-year term (2018)

Bruce R. Cadieux as Constable for a three-year term (2018)

Keridwyn E. Pitcher as a Library Trustee for a three-year term (2018)

Susan Ann Cadieux as a Board of Health member for a three-year term (2018)

Keith A. Hood as a Planning Board member for a three-year term (2018)

Carolyn A. Boehne as a School Committee member for a three-year term (2018)

Michael J. Valanzola as Tantasqua Representative for a three-year term (2018)

Leon Givner as a Board of Assessor member for a three-year term (2018)

Robin L. Bradbury as a Board of Assessor member for a one-year term (2016)

David W. Worth as Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term (2018)

I certify that these are the actions taken by the voters at the Annual Town Meeting held May 21, 2014 at the Wales Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

Leis Phinney

Town Clerk