

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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Minutes Board of Selectmen February 13, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Board Attendance: Eric Gagnon (Chair), Paul Burgess, Randall Greenwood

Staff Attendance: Sharon Siegel, Tr/TC; Scott Dimmick, FD/FR; Bill Austin, PW Director

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Approval of minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 30, 2024 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Public Comment:

- None.

Fire Department:

- E31 has to go back to Fleet because the engine light is on again.
- MVC on Gardiner Road with extrication last week.
 - Challenges with getting a transporting EMS agency.
- We had to purchase new Milwaukee batteries for the extrication tools.
- The solar company contacted Scott and indicated that they will be sending a check for the side by side.
- RSU#4 asked the FD to cover the bonfire at OHHS for the winter carnival.

First Responders:

- The cap is in for the new rescue. It will be done on February 27th.
- Adams Emergency will install the lights in March.
- Wales Rescue is eligible for a grant from the Blue Ribbon Commission. Rep Greenwood's office will be sending information.

Public Works:

- The electrical work is finished. The new drop in the fire station, new lights, outlets...
- The plumbing is finished: new sink in the boys bathroom downstairs, new toilets in both bathrooms upstairs.

General:

- Community Resilience Partnership grant in progress. Bill is contacting energy audit companies.
- O'Donnell's revaluation update.
 - Field work is progressing well.
- Personal Property & Farmland updates.

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- Personal Property declarations have been mailed to 34 existing accounts and 20 new ones.
- Farmland updates will be mailed in the next few weeks.
- 40 Sunset Cove: Replacing cesspool with full septic and moving camp back 3 feet.
 - Requires approval from the Planning Board for a “Greatest Extent Practicable” review
- Testing must be done for the March 5th election by Friday 2/16. Sharon & Kasey will do that.
- Worker’s Comp certificate of presumption no longer valid. Must either have Worker’s Comp insurance or a WCB 267.
 - An individual who wants to create a rebuttable presumption of independent contractor status may file a statement “Independent Contractor Statement (Form WCB 267)” with the WC Board. The WC Board will no longer review or approve Predetermination applications (WCB-266). The Independent Contractor Statement is effective when it is received by the Board and is valid for 1 year.
- Randy reviewed and signed check number log.
- Motion to appoint election clerks and election warden by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-0
 - Kasey Austin, Election Warden
 - Sharon Siegel, Election Clerk
 - Paul Burgess, Election Clerk
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY24-17PR**: Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY24-17PR for \$6,786.30 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY24-17AP**: Motion to approve AP Warrant FY24-17AP for \$29,193.45 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$4,788.69.

Unfinished Business:

- Process for changing our form of government.
- Review policies/handbooks!

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.