

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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MINUTES Board of Selectmen March 12, 2024 @ 6:00pm

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

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

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:06pm

Approval of minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 27, 2024 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Public Comment:

- None.

Fire Department:

- Tank 33 has been fixed. The batteries have been replaced. The stalling issue has been resolved.
- Engine 31 has to go to Northeast for a pump fault.
- Engine 32 has to go to Northeast to move the auto eject.
- Forestry 35 and the UTV have been prepped for forest fire season.
- There were a few tree down calls during the last 2 storms.
- Eric spoke with Marcus at MMA regarding responding to calls without being toned out.
 - Marcus said it is in statute that the tone is required to respond.
 - The only exception is that, if dispatch is not toning, the fire chief can tone them out.

First Responders:

- New Rescue 71 has the new grill guard installed and the emergency lights will be installed soon.
- Maine EMS contacted Scott offering some supplies that are excess from Maine CDC.

Public Works:

- During the last 2 storms we had some washouts.
 - We may need to change some pipes to larger ones.
- There is an issue with the waterflow by 300 Ridge Road.

General:

- PFAS Investigation.
 - We received notice from DEP that they will be beginning Phase 3 of their PFAS investigations and there is property in Wales that will be investigated.
- TextMyGov proposal.

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- Proposal for TextMyGov text alert system is \$3000 for the 1st year and \$2000 for the 2nd year of a 2-year contract.
- Motion to authorize the Treasurer to sign a contract with TextMyGov, conditional on town meeting budget approval by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- CEO 2023 annual report distributed.
 - The following permits were issued in 2023:
 - Construction 26; Solar 2; Internal Plumbing 8, Septic Systems 17
- Poverty Abatement application Case# Pov-2024-001.
 - Schedule Executive Session hearing for Poverty Abatement application POV-2024-001 for Wednesday, March 20, 2023 @ 6pm
 - Resident will be notified by mail with delivery confirmation as well as by phone.
- Androscoggin Valley Soil & Water Conservation District Road Crossing workshop is being held on March 26, 2024 9am-12pm at Topsham Town Hall.
- MEMA Mass Care Shelter Trainings are being held March – May for those interested.
- CMP invitation to Municipal Day event on 4/23/24 7:30am-1:00pm at their office in Augusta Office at 83 Edison Drive.
- Real Estate Tax foreclosures on Tax Year 2021 were due by midnight Friday March 8, 2024. 1 parcel was not paid and title has now transferred to the town.
 - Account# 294 Parcel# R03-013-B at 300 Centre Road
 - Notice will be sent to the prior property owner inviting them to the next meeting to discuss their options.
- Review and sign check number log.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY24-19PR**: Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY24-19PR for \$6,881.88 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY24-19AP**: Motion to approve AP Warrant FY24-19AP for \$21,919.46 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$2,206.12.

Unfinished Business:

- Process for changing our form of government.
- Review policies/handbooks
- With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.