

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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Minutes Board of Selectmen April 19, 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 6:35pm

Approval of minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 9, 2024 by Paul, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-1 (Randy abstained as he was absent at the 4/9/24 meeting)

Public Comment:

- None.

Fire Department:

- Discussion regarding the OSHA proposed changes in regulations for Fire Departments revamping the Fire Brigade (volunteer) rules.
 - There will be a meeting with area Chiefs, State Representatives, and State Senators to discuss possible options at the State level.
 - Scott is looking to start a committee to look into what we need to do if this gets implemented.
- 50th Anniversary for FD will be held in FY26. We may need to ask for money now.
- There will be a training burn behind Earley Farm on Gardiner Road on April 28th.
- Discuss dispatching issues.

First Responders:

- The radio transmission is spotty on Wheeler Hill Road.
- Blue Ribbon Commission Grant: Scott is looking into it.

Public Works:

- They are working on clearing brush from the roadsides from the storms.
- The road postings have been removed.
- Calderwood Engineering sent a proposal to draft options for what to do with the Hallatt Bridge for \$2379.
 - We could remove it, redesign a bridge for the town to maintain, or redesign a new bridge to state specs and hope the state takes over maintenance of it.
- The siding/windows project has started.

General:

- Sharon (through RSU#4) did a blend and extend of our propane contract through 6/30/2026

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for \$1.6201 per gallon.

- Sharon distributed the MDOT review of the Dennison Bridge (Ridge Rd).
- Review and sign updated repurchase agreement for R03-013-B
 - Motion to sign the repurchase agreement for R03-013-B by Randy, 2nd by Paul.
Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Appointment of Election Clerks: Lynn Austin, William Austin, Kasey Austin, Sharon Siegel, Patricia Auge, Karsyn Siegel, Stephanie Parker, Paul Burgess
 - Motion to sign the Certificate of Appointment for the above listed Election Clerks with term of office ending on April 30, 2026 by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-1 (Paul abstained)
- Spirit of America Award
 - Hannah Dieterich, Community BackPack Program
- Review and sign check number log.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY24-22PR:** Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY24-22PR for \$13,598.10 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY24-22AP:** Motion to approve AP Warrant FY24-22AP for \$158,052.13 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$3,959.06.

Unfinished Business:

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

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.