

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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MINUTES Board of Selectmen May 21, 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 6:00pm

Approval of minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 7, 2024 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Public Comment:

- Gerard Galipeau Jr. and his solar contractor Tom Morton came to voice their concerns regarding the Solar Ordinance.

Fire Department:

- E31 is at Fleet having the hydraulic tilt cab issue.
- Susan Collins office contacted Scott to let him know that they had spoke with OSHA and got them to commit to working with rural fire departments on the new standards.
- We received a grant from MMA for \$1500 to install an additional electrical drop in the apparatus bay.

First Responders:

- Rescue 71 has been lettered and will be going for lights and sirens mid-June.

Public Works:

- The siding/windows project is making good progress. They have found more rot than expected so it is a little behind schedule.
- Bill is contracting 4 driveway culverts and shimming on the Ridge Road.

General:

- Appointment of Clerk & Deputy
 - Motion to appoint Sharon Siegel as Clerk and Kasey Austin as Deputy Clerk by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Appointment of Registrar of Voters & Deputy Registrar of Voters
 - Motion to appoint Sharon Siegel as Registrar of Voters and Kasey Austin as Deputy Registrar of Voters by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Update on Revaluation
 - Paul Binette, assessor, will be here tomorrow, May 22, 2024 to meet with the Board of Assessors at 2:00pm to finalize property value schedules and the results of the

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reevaluation.

- Review Conditions of Approval for Gardiner Road Solar
 - Novel Energy/Gardiner Road Solar LLC met with the Planning Board and Fire Chief on May 8, 2024 to get approval on their modified plan (original approval was in 2021).
 - The following conditions were stipulated for approval:
 - Knox box installed
 - Safety class with Fire Department upon completion of the project.
 - 100 ft wide truck turn around at the end of the driveway for the fire trucks. They will also leave the temp laydown for the trucks to use to turn around.
 - 24 in. fire break made up of gravel around the inside of the fence of the array.
 - Make sure trees are planted to fill in any breaks in the existing trees on the abutter's property.
 - Install a dry hydrant on East Road (Hallatt Hydrant) for the Fire Department
 - Work hours are 7am-7pm Monday to Saturday and no work on Sundays.
 - The Conditions of approval are being added to the final plan and brought to the Planning Board on June 12, 2024 for signatures.
- Review and sign check number log.
- Review, approve, & sign Warrant for 2024 Annual Town Meeting
 - Motion to approve the Warrant for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting and sign the printed copies outside of a regular meeting by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY24-24PR:** Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY24-24PR for \$8,229.09 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY24-24AP:** Motion to approve AP Warrant FY24-24AP for \$105,912.61 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$4,699.20.

Unfinished Business:

- Review policies/handbooks.

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.