

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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Minutes Board of Selectmen July 2, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Board Attendance: Eric Gagnon (Chair), Paul E 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 6:05pm

Approval of minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 18, 2024 by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-1 (Paul E. abstained as he was not Selectmen at that time.)

Elections/Appointments:

- Nomination for Eric Gagnon for Chair by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Motion to appoint Randy Greenwood as General Assistance Director by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Approved 3-0-0
- Motion to appoint Scott Dimmick as Rescue Chief with term ending June 30, 2026 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
 - Motion to appoint the following as Deputy Fire Wardens: Michael Allen, Tony Galipeau, Lars Deforge, Garrett Gile, & Kasey Austin, by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Motion to appoint Sharon Siegel as Public Access Officer by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Motion to appoint Kasey Austin as Deputy Treasurer by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Motion to appoint Jonathan D Anderson & Gary Sokoloski as Sabattus Lake Dam Commission representatives by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Public Comment:

- None.

Fire Department:

- The UTV and all of its accessories have been purchased with the gift from the solar company.
- The Chief and officers are going to meet with the Pierce dealer to spec a truck for price comparison to Ferrara.
- The Fire Chief should be considered for a full-time position in the future.
 - Scott is working on forming a committee to look at this position and the possible rules that may be coming.
- Hose testing will be Monday July 8th.

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First Responders:

- Scott needs to contact Adams Emergency for lights & sirens since he is dragging his feet on scheduling us.
- The Narcan Leave Behind Program training is complete for our members.

Public Works:

- Bill is going to take the reclaimed pavement to Pat Cyr's pit so he doesn't have to pay to dump it.
- The "green" area in the cemetery is almost finished.
- Roadside mowing is postponed until the 1st week in August due to the rental equipment availability.
- Turtle Bridge Project:
 - They need a Memorandum of Agreement to transfer the contract to Gendron since they bought St. Laurent.
 - Motion to authorize Bill Austin, PW Director to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Gendron for their assumption of the St Laurent contract to complete the Turtle Bridge Project that was signed in November 2023 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
 - They have delayed the start of the project to August 1st. Bill is working with them to get some more definitive dates so we can notify all of the interested parties that East Road will be closed and the estimated dates they will be closed.
- The siding project phase 1 is almost complete. The sign will be installed soon.
 - Phase 2 is underway.
 - We are waiting for the windows to be delivered.
- CAG Excavation replaced 4 culverts for us and did a very good job.

General:

- Maine Waste to Energy was able to obtain insurance.
- Review and sign check number log.
- Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405.6.a – Personnel Matters by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
 - Entered into Executive Session at 7:38pm.
 - Exited Executive Session at 8:11pm
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY25-01PR:** Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY25-01PR for \$9,908.87 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY25-01AP:** Motion to approve AP Warrant FY25-01AP for \$258,667.64 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$21,081.14.

Unfinished Business:

- Process for changing our form of government.
- Review policies/handbooks
- FD 50th anniversary committee

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.