

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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MINUTES Board of Selectmen July 03, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Board Attendance: Eric Gagnon, Paul Burgess, Randy Greenwood

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

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:01pm by Sharon Siegel

Election of Chair:

- Nominations for Chair of the Board
 - Nomination for Eric Gagnon by Randy Greenwood
 - Vote: 3-0-0 for Eric Gagnon
 - Eric Gagnon declared the Chair of the Board and was given control of the meeting.

Approval of minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting on June 9, 2023, by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: 2-0-1 (Paul abstains due to absence.)
- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on June 20, 2023 & June 27, 2023, by Paul, 2nd by Eric. Vote: 2-0-1 (Randy abstains due to absence.)

Public Comment:

- None.

Fire Department:

- With the end of year budget balance we bought an SCBA bottle rack, new tires & rims for UTV36 cost shared 50/50 with Rescue.
- New gear just came in for new budget year.
- The repeater cabinet came in, was placed, and is waiting for an electrician to come wire it.
- Truck inspections will be done by Fleet onsite on July 12th. If repairs are needed they will transport the truck to their location in Gardiner.
- The middle bay door is still having issues with getting stuck open.
- Scott & Bill went to the introductory meeting for the 5 year Hazard Mitigation plan update.
 - July 20th is the next meeting at Poland Fire Station.
 - August 1st we have to have our written draft completed.
 - August 2, 9, 16, & 23 will be workshops for finalization.
 - September 1st is the final draft due date.
 - September 15th is the due date for completed plans.
 - We have to involve the public in the survey process.

First Responders:

- Scott went to O'Connor to speak with the dealer about a replacement vehicle for Rescue 71.
- Motion to allow Rescue Chief Scott Dimmick to sign a "contract to purchase" paperwork with a dealer to order a truck up to \$60,000 by Eric, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

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- Scott ordered the mobile radios for the R71 replacement vehicle.

Public Works:

- The generator had a bad circuit board that has been replaced.
- Hammond Lumber came out to meet with Bill to look at the siding and windows.
- The bid process has started and been advertised. About 7 packets have been requested.
- Bill is seeking a company that can fit a shoulder box on the truck. Allied does not have any that fit.
- The small tractor is being repaired for a leaky front knuckle.
- The roadside mowers are scheduled for the last week of July. July 24-28 & July 31-August 4

General:

- Appointment of Fire Chief, Rescue Chief, EMA Director, Fire Warden, Deputy Fire Wardens, Public Access Officer, General Assistance Administrator
 - Motion to appoint the following by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
 - Randy Greenwood – General Assistance Director term exp. 6/30/2026
 - Sharon Siegel – Public Access Officer term exp. 06/30/2024
 - Jonathan Anderson – Sabattus Pond Dam Commission term exp. 06/30/2024
 - Gary Sokoloski – Sabattus Pond Dam Commission term exp. 06/30/2024
 - Scott Dimmick – Fire Chief term exp. 06/30/2025
 - Scott Dimmick – Fire Warden term exp. 06/30/2025
 - Scott Dimmick – Director of Emergency Management term exp. 06/30/2025
 - Michael Allen – Deputy Fire Warden term exp. 6/30/2024
 - Tony Galipeau – Deputy Fire Warden term exp. 06/30/2024
 - Garrett Gile – Deputy Fire Warden term exp. 06/30/2024
 - Lars Deforge – Deputy Fire Warden term exp. 06/30/2024
- Motion to approve and sign the Policy on Treasurer’s Disbursement Warrants for State Fees by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Approved: 3-0-0
- Motion to approve and sign the minutes from the Annual Town Meeting on June 10, 2023 as printed by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Approved: 3-0-0
- Schedule workshop for review of policies and handbook.
 - August 14th we’ll review
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY24-01PR:** Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY24-01PR for \$9503.90 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY24-01AP:** Motion to approve AP Warrant FY24-01AP for \$308,576.14 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: 3-0-0

Unfinished Business:

- Process for changing our form of government.
- Cable Franchise Agreement renewal
- Review policies/handbooks

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.