

# TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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## MINUTES Board of Selectmen July 18, 2023 @ 6:00pm

**Board Attendance:** Eric Gagnon, Paul Burgess, Randy Greenwood

**Staff Attendance:** Sharon Siegel, Tr/TC; Scott Dimmick, FD/FR

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

**Approval of minutes:**

- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 3, 2023 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul.  
Vote: 3-0-0

**Public Comment:**

- None.

**Fire Department:**

- There is a problem with the new turnout gear.
  - They were ordered with an extra 2" in length on the jackets but they are still too short.
  - The Representative from the company is coming on July 20<sup>th</sup> to investigate the situation.
- We received the flammable cabinet from the MMA Spring Safety Grant.
- Fleet Service came to do the inspections and they took Forestry 35 back to their shop to fix the brakes.
- E32 & T33 passed and have new inspection stickers.
- E31 did not pass due to the rear lights not working.
  - Greenwood Emergency came on Monday and checked it out and discovered a bad module in the computer brain. The part has been ordered.
- They had a full day training on Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> on UTV36 with the Chief from North Yarmouth.
  - UTV36 needs some repairs. Shocks. Fire Extinguisher & mount. Brake work.
  - The trailer is very heavy and the electric brakes are not hooked up.
  - Scott is looking at replacing the trailer with a new one and selling the old one due to the repairs necessary.
  - Motion to allow Fire Chief Scott Dimmick to purchase a new trailer for \$4050 and allow the Treasurer to cut a check and present the invoice at the next meeting by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Scott responded to an unpermitted burn on Oak Hill Road across from Morin Drive.
  - It was unpermitted and unattended. The property owner was contacted by the Forest Service and warned.

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## **First Responders:**

- Rescue 71 had an issue with the idle tensioner so Fleet Service fixed it. The parking brake was also repaired. The AC isn't working well but Scott doesn't want to fix that right now due to the pending purchase of a new truck.
- Scott is communicating with O'Connor's regarding a new truck but they are still waiting to hear from GM regarding their allotment of fleet vehicles.
  - If there is no progress soon Scott may need to seek a different dealer.

## **Public Works:**

- PW Director is absent due to illness.
- PW is working on driveways and shoulders.
- The bushes on 132 looking left from Woods Road need to be cut back for safety.

## **General:**

- Appointment of Alternate to the Planning Board, Brian Raymond
  - Motion to appoint Brian Raymond as Alternate to the Planning Board by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Motion to vote for Vice President of MMA Executive Board & 3 Executive Committee members and have Chair, Eric Gagnon sign the paperwork by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Motion to approve and sign the Warrant and Notice of Election for the RSU#4 Budget Validation Referendum Election to be held on August 15, 2023 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- We received our Forestry Grant reimbursement for \$1843.16.
- Motion to accept the donation money from cashing in donated bottles for the Fire Department and allow them to expend the money for fire prevention materials by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY24-02PR:** Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY24-02PR for \$8,374.12 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY24-02AP:** Motion to approve AP Warrant FY24-02AP for \$46,641.54 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8:10pm