

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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MINUTES Board of Selectmen August 14, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Board Attendance: Eric Gagnon, 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 August 1, 2023 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Public Comment:

- None.

Fire Department:

- E31 is still out of service. There are more problems. Now they feel that there is a bad communication cable but they have to take apart the whole truck to replace the cable. It will have to go to Greenwood Emergency for that repair.
- UTV36 is having an overhaul of brakes, shocks, mirrors, and many other things.
- The repeater cabinet wiring has been done. RCM will be out next week to finish the install.
- The AD reached out and Scott spoke with the State Fire Marshall's office. Marc Veilleux said that the RSU has to request an inspection. Scott will check with the AD to see if he wants an inspection.
- The mold issue on the gear is an ongoing issue and is also on stuff in the trucks.
 - We will get some fans to help with air movement.
- Hose testing will happen on August 22nd in the morning.
- The area chiefs meeting was last night. Manpower is a huge problem for all area departments.

First Responders:

- Scott traveled around the state to a bunch of dealers and found a truck at Jack Chevrolet in Saco. Scott signed the paperwork and Sharon sent the tax exemption paperwork today with an agreed upon price of \$54,908. Scott is requesting to withdraw that amount from the Rescue Capital Equipment Reserve.
 - Motion to withdraw \$54908 from the Rescue Capital Equipment Reserve for the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD from Jack Chevrolet by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Public Works:

- The truck is scheduled for the recall fix.
- There is an issue with illegal burials in the cemetery. Bill has resolved it with the parties involved.

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- The siding project has been awarded to PicNic, Nick Johnston.
 - We haven't gotten an answer regarding quantity pricing for the siding.
- We hope to start on shoulders on the School Road tomorrow but AW Bachelder is having a manpower issue.

*** Meeting recessed at 6:30pm to hold joint meeting with Sabattus Pond Dam Commission, Greene Board of Selectmen, Sabattus Board of Selectmen, & Wales Board of Selectmen.

*** Meeting resumed at 7:34pm

General:

- Motion to appoint the following people as Election Clerks for the term ending 4/30/2024: Patty Auge, Kasey Austin, Paul Burgess, William Austin, & Sharon Siegel to be selected and sworn in at each election by the Clerk by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-1.
- We received the Spring Safety Grant reimbursement for the fireproof cabinet.
- Motion to recess the Selectmen's regular meeting and enter into workshop with Greene, Sabattus, & the Sabattus Pond Dam Commission by Eric, 2nd by Randy. Vote: Approved 3-0-0. Recessed at 6:28pm.
 - Session resumed at 7:37pm.
- We received a thank you letter from Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice for our annual donation.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY24-03PR:** Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY24-04PR for \$8,445.67 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY24-03AP:** Motion to approve AP Warrant FY24-03AP for \$171,184.38 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 8:38pm