

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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MINUTES Board of Selectmen October 24, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Board Attendance: Eric Gagnon, Randy Greenwood

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

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:08pm

Approval of minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 10, 2023 by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-0

Public Comment:

- Bert Turcotte, resident on Richmond Road in Litchfield, owns property that overlaps into Wales on R01-067. Paul Binette, Assessor, would like to meet with him to go over his documentation. Sharon will call Mr. Turcotte & his daughter Renee when Paul is scheduled to be here in December so they can meet.

Fire Department:

- The Trunk-or-Treat event went well considering the pouring rain.
 - Thanks to Kasey Austin for doing the lion's share of the work.
- They are still working on setting a date to go to Karyn Ashton's daycare.
- Dirigo radio & Homeland Security Grant situation: Dirigo had Motorola set up an account in our name and bill us directly. Scott is working with Doug from Dirigo to deal with this situation.
- E31 is finally fixed. The cable was replaced and all lights are now working. It can go to Gardiner for inspection now.
- Scott is going to speak with the owner of 11 Wheeler Hill Road about reinstating the fire pond on their property.
- Fire Tech is having a sale on SCBA bottles. Scott will be purchasing 2 or 3 at \$1050 reduced from \$1600.

First Responders:

- EMA is asking for an inventory of deployable assets from each town as well as the NIMS training for all officials.
- It looks like the time frame for Rescue 71's cap is December, and the lights will be right after.
- FF Justin Bragdon who is a Paramedic expressed interest in conducting an EMT class.

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Public Works:

- Bill spoke with Nate Martin regarding surveying the road pin at Southern Terrace and he gave him a cost of \$1200-\$1500.
- The pre-bid meeting for the Turtle Bridge project had at least 5 contractors present.
- The car accident at the East Wales Cemetery today destroyed 2 driveway posts and damaged the culvert pipe.

General:

- We received the completed 2023 Municipal Valuation Return.
- Our assessor, Paul Binette, received a request for abatement of property taxes from Tony Fortin for 42 Oak Hill Road, R01-042, & 24 Litchfield Road (GKAT LLC) R01-042-A.
 - Paul will review the materials provided and advise the board of his decision.
- The Board needs to complete the Self Evaluation for the Community Resilience Grant. The public meeting will be November 20th.
- Motion to sign the Warrant and Notice of Election for the RSU#4 Budget Validation Referendum to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-0
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY24-09PR:** Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY24-09PR for \$8,878.49 by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved
- **Review AP Warrant FY24-09AP:** Motion to approve AP Warrant FY24-09AP for \$252,314.60 by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-0

Unfinished Business:

- Process for changing our form of government.
- Review policies/handbooks

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm.