

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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Minutes Board of Selectmen December 19, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Board Attendance: Eric Gagnon (Chair), 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 6:10pm

Approval of minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 5, 2023 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Public Comment:

- None.
- Randy Greenwood was contacted by Bill Tracy (77 Southern Terr) & David Clark (76 Southern Terr) regarding a private land dispute.
 - Mr. Clark & Mr. Tracy were intending to attend this meeting but were unable to do so.
 - Randy provided copies of the subdivision map sent to him by Mr. Tracy.
 - The town had the right-of-way pins for Southern Terrace set by Martin Surveying to establish the public right-of-way we are responsible for maintenance and plowing.
 - It is the Board's position that we have established the town's right-of-way and our business with that issue is done.
 - Any issues between the property owners and the snowmobile club should be handled privately.

Fire Department:

- E31 went into Northeast Emergency Apparatus today to get the SCBA brackets replaced.
 - The pump service could not be done due to lack of power so that will be done at a later date.
- The storm yesterday was rough. We did pretty well due to the diligent roadside trimming and maintenance of our PW department.
- There was a salvage call for water in the basement of a resident with a Tesla solar power bank. They were able to get some of the water off the floor away from the batteries. The battery bank was not elevated off the floor. The homeowner was advised to get someone to fix the drainage.
- Surrounding towns had a lot of issues so we were helping them.
- Sabattus lost their repeater again so they used ours.
- Bill gave Scott contact information for a company that will evaluate the bridge for weight capacity. However, the town should not pay for that.
 - Scott needs to contact Mr. Dyer and let him know that we need them to provide us with an inspection report from a qualified engineer and we will not drive a fire truck over it until we get that information.

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- The current plan is to go in with a POV or the UTV to evaluate the situation.

First Responders:

- Maine EMS created a blue ribbon board with grants available.
 - Grants are available to departments to help with EMS resources.
 - Scott is looking at putting in for a Lucas device for CPR. They cost about \$15000.

Public Works:

- There was some washout damage from the storm and some damage to the salt shed.
 - The side door was broken.
 - There was a leak coming through the roof somehow, perhaps through the vents.
 - There was water coming in through the back door of the business office.
 - Avenue Road/East Road intersection & Ridge Road near #300.

General:

- Community Resilience Partnership Resolution.
 - Motion to sign the Community Resilience Partnership Resolution by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Review and approve/decline auction bids on surplus equipment.
 - Motion to approve auction bids on surplus equipment by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- We received the check from RSU4 for \$450 for sports coverage.
- We received a check from the State of Maine for \$630 for administration of the Senior Tax Stabilization Program.
- Sharon found a Property Line Agreement regarding the Ridge Road sand pit in the ACRD Book 3429 Page 057 on June 6, 1995.
- Board of Assessors: (Eric Gagnon, Paul Burgess, & Bill Austin)
 - Motion to approve Open Space Penalty for Ryan & Linda Sherman R03-028 (5 acres to build home) by Bill, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
 - Motion to approve Farmland Program Withdrawal Penalty for Brian Johnson R03-042 (solar development) by Bill, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
 - Motion to approve Farmland Program Withdrawal Penalty for Brian Johnson R03-018 (lot sold) by Bill, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- The building permit for the Pond Road Solar development was issued on Friday. The permit fee was \$91,456.25.
- Eric attended Local Health Officer training.
- Eric attended a meeting with FEMA regarding digitizing and redrawing the flood maps.
- Review and sign check number log.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY24-13PR:** Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY24-13PR for \$6,652.84 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY24-13AP:** Motion to approve AP Warrant FY24-13AP for \$38,273.26 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$633.86.

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Unfinished Business:

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

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