

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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MINUTES Board of Selectmen June 14, 2025 @ immediately following Annual Town Meeting

Board Attendance: Eric Gagnon (P), Randall A Greenwood (P), Paul E Burgess (A)

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

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 11:20am

Approval of minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 03, 2025 by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: 2-0-0

Public Comment:

- None.

Fire Department:

- FY26 budget was amended to include an additional 12 hrs per week for 3 8-hour days but to be adjusted at the Chief's discretion.
- Scott will work on the job description and expectations for the on-duty personnel.
- Motion to allow the Fire Chief to expend the remainder of the Fire Department anniversary party fund by Randy, 2nd Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-0

First Responders:

- We haven't heard back from the state grant for the Lucas device yet.

Public Works:

- The cemeteries were mowed yesterday and we'd like to pay the contractor before the next meeting.
 - Motion to authorize the treasurer to pay the mowing bill before the next meeting upon approval of the PW Director by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-0
- Bill contacted some of the paving contractors for references and time frame.
 - Spencer Paving is the lowest bidder and they assured him that they will be able to get it done before fall.
 - Motion to award the paving contract to Spencer Paving upon final approval of the PW Director's review of references and commitment to completion before October 15, 2025 by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-0

General:

- Sign new pay rate paperwork.
 - Authorize the Chair, Eric Gagnon, to sign the new payrate paperwork according to the budget passed at town meeting as follows by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-0

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- Sharon Siegel, Treasurer et. al. - \$1260/week
- William Austin, PW Director - \$31.00/hour
- Alan Plummer, CEO/LPI - \$285/week plus plumbing fees
- Wendell Strout, ACO - \$285/month
- FY26 Animal Shelter Contract.
 - Motion to authorize the Treasurer, Sharon Siegel, to sign the FY26 Animal Shelter contract with the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-0
- Maine Waste to Energy has a budget shortfall that they will be assessing to the member municipalities. We will not know what that amount is until a later date. It may be less than our contingency allowance or have a special town meeting before tax commitment to raise that amount.
- Randy reviewed and signed the check log.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY25-26PR**: Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY25-26PR for \$8,964.01 by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY25-26AP**: Motion to approve AP Warrant FY25-26AP for \$24,814.20 by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$2,762.59.

Future Agenda Items

- Process to change form of government
- Review policies & handbooks

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm.