

# TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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## Minutes Board of Selectmen November 17, 2024 @ 6:00pm

**Board Attendance:** Eric Gagnon (Chair), Randy Greenwood, Paul E Burgess

**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 November 4, 2024 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-1 (Paul abstains due to absence at that meeting.)

### **Public Comment:**

- Bert Turcotte came to discuss his tax bill.
  - We advised him to meet with Paul Binette on December 20<sup>th</sup> when he is here in the office.

### **Fire Department:**

- Pump testing has been completed.
- Hepatitis waivers have been printed for all employees and will be signed soon.
- E32 & E31 got their annual inspection sticker.
- The fire danger is very high right now and all burning is prohibited.
- There have been multiple brush fires at Oak Hill High School over the past weeks due to a neighbor dumping hot ashes.
- We are still having repeater issues.
- Scott turned in his work log for the past 2 weeks.
- Holiday dinner is December 1 at 6pm.

### **First Responders:**

- Rescue's service license has been renewed.

### **Public Works:**

- The cemetery will be closed this week.
- The Ridge Road property pins are unable to be located.
- The Oak Hill Road project is complete.
- The heating system is not working correctly. It is extremely hot in the office & the fire station.
- The PW Department delivered winter sand to the Senior Sand Program participants.

### **General:**

- Hannah Dieterich asked if the Backpack Program could have a bonfire event on 1/11/25.

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- No objections from the Board.
- We received a General Assistance reimbursement for \$250.33.
- Board of Assessors: (Eric Gagnon, Paul Burgess, Bill Austin)
  - Personal Property – BDC Construction Abatement request
  - The Board of Assessors agrees that the request for an abatement is denied.
    - Motion to deny the abatement request by BD&C Construction for Personal Property by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Review and sign the check log.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY25-11PR**: Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY25-10PR for \$15,624.89 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY25-11AP**: Motion to approve AP Warrant FY25-10AP for \$298,355.44 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$4,318.58.

## **Unfinished Business:**

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

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:34pm.