

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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

Board Attendance: Eric L Gagnon (Chair), Randall A 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 6:04pm

Approval of minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 3, 2024 by Paul, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-1 (Randy abstains due to absence at the 12/3/24 meeting.)

Public Comment:

- None.

Fire Department:

- The tracks have been installed on UTV36.
- There is an event with the FD & Backpack Program on January 11th. Christmas Tree bonfire.
- They are starting budget discussions for the department.
 - The officers would like to see about a 1 day per diem per week firefighter.
- Capital Improvement Plan: updated with UTV replacement, need to invest in some struts
 - Getting another thermal imaging camera, middle grade
- The loaner repeater still has not experienced any interference since installed.

First Responders:

- Thank you to the PW crew for preparing the old rescue unit for sale.
- They are starting budget discussions for the department.
 - Looking at sharing per diem costs with the FD for coverage.
- Capital Improvement Plan: Light tower

Public Works:

- They will be putting up the ice rink on December 28th at 8am.
 - We will approach OHHS students for help.
- The boiler is not working. It keeps shutting off.
 - Shaun is working on a solution.
 - There are temperature sensors to monitor for dropping temps. There is a cost for a subscription for temperature drop notifications. The Board has advised Bill to pay for the subscription to help with monitoring.
- The alarm system had trouble with the phone line testing. It seems to have corrected itself.

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- Sharon will ask RSU4 Superintendent for contact information to explore a performance contract with Siemens for upgrading the furnace.
- Bill is talking with AW Bachelder about a proposal for a 3-year contract extension.

General:

- BOS were notified that the Board of Appeals would hear an application for a variance submitted by John & Dorothy Amendola at 36 Sunset Cove Road on Thursday, December 19, 2024 @ 6:30pm.
- Quitclaim Deed for William Brownell R03-013-B
 - Motion to sign the quitclaim deed for William Brownell R03-013-B, 300 Centre Road, by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Appointment of Registrar of Voters and Deputy Registrar of Voters
 - Motion to appoint Sharon Siegel as Registrar of Voters and Kasey Austin as Deputy Registrar of Voters with terms to end on December 31, 2026 per statute by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Meeting regarding the closure of Sabattus Primary School will be held at the RSU4 Superintendent's Office on Wednesday, December 18th at 5:30pm.
- The auction of surplus equipment is live and ends on December 30th @ 6:15pm.
- Review and sign the check log.
 - Randy reviewed and signed the check log.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY25-13PR**: Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY25-13PR for \$7,663.42 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY25-13AP**: Motion to approve AP Warrant FY25-13AP for \$16,882.69 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$4,097.24.

Executive Session:

- Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(a) – Personnel Matters by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
 - Entered into Executive Session at 8:01pm
 - Exited Executive Session at 8:24pm

Future Agenda Items:

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

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.