

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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Agenda Board of Selectmen October 8, 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

Public Hearing:

- Opened public hearing on GA Ordinance & Maximums @ 6:00pm
- Public Comment - None
- Closed public hearing on GA Ordinance & Maximums @ 6:02pm
- Motion to approve and sign the General Assistance Ordinance & Appendices A-H outlining the 2024-2025 maximums by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Approval of minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 23, 2024 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Public Comment:

- None

Fire Department:

- Scott distributed his work log.
- There have been a number of difficult accident calls lately.
- T33 is back after service, inspection, and exhaust sensor repairs.

First Responders:

- Scott distributed his work log.
- Trunk or Treat is October 19th 3pm-6pm

Public Works:

- Bill discussed another bridge replacement option for the Hallatt Bridge on East Road.
 - He spoke with the Town of Waterford and they are using portable one-lane bridges.
 - It is a less expensive option
- Bill asked Pike for a price to put shoulders on Oak Hill Road when they are done paving.
 - \$24000
- Bill drafted a letter to send to residents with non-compliant or dangerous mailboxes.
- The Turtle Bridge Project on East Road is complete pending some added gravel at the end of the guardrails.
- They are working on driveways on Oak Hill Road as the construction project continues.

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General:

- We received payment from DEP for \$150,000 for the stream crossing grant for the Turtle Bridge Project.
- 2024 tax commitment:
 - Motion to set the mil rate at 11.3 for the 2024/2025 tax year by Eric, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0 (Board of Assessors: Eric Gagnon, Paul E Burgess, Bill Austin)
- Appointment of Election Clerks
 - Motion to appoint the following as Election Clerks: Lynn Austin, William Austin, Kasey Austin, Sharon Siegel, Christopher Siegel, Stephanie Parker, Roger Plante, Roger Gervais, Samantha Dimmick, by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
 - Motion to appoint Kasey Austin as Election Warden by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Proposed 2025 State Valuation \$221,850,000 can be appealed to Maine Revenue Services until November 15, 2024.
- NIMS 402 training will be held on December 2, 2024 at Androscoggin County Emergency Management Agency office. Newly elected officials should attend.
- Review and sign the check log.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY25-08PR:** Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY25-08PR for \$10,000.47 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY25-08AP:** Motion to approve AP Warrant FY25-08AP for \$233,308.32 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$5,982.24.

Executive Session:

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Unfinished Business:

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

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm