

# TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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## Minutes Board of Selectmen October 22, 2024 @ 6:00pm

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

**Staff Attendance:** Sharon Siegel, Tr/TC; Bill Austin, PW Director

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

### **Presentation of Awards:**

- Representative Randall A Greenwood presents Legislative Sentiments to the following:
  - Paul S Burgess – Retired from 48 years as Selectman
  - Hannah Dieterich – Spirit of America Award winner for 2024 for the Community Cares Backpack Program
  - Tony Galipeau – Recipient of the 2024 Fire Officer of the Year award for the Wales Volunteer Fire Department
  - Sharon Siegel – Recipient of the 2024 Fire Chief's Award

### **Approval of minutes:**

- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 8, 2024 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

### **Public Comment:**

- None.

### **Fire Department:**

- Fire Chief Absent.

### **First Responders:**

- Rescue Chief Absent.

### **Public Works:**

- The roofs have been inspected.
  - PW Garage Roof: some minor repairs were done.
  - Salt Shed: Some screws tightened.
  - Municipal Center: Inadequate membrane roof sealant repaired.
- Turtle Bridge is finished.
- Oak Hill Road paving is partially finished. The binder has been put on but the finish pavement may have to wait until spring.
  - Driveways are going to need a lot of work due to the extent of work on the road.
- Bill attended the Maine Cemetery Association meeting today and learned about the new law regarding composting human remains.

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## General:

- Sign corrected Commitment Papers
  - The mil rate does not change it just accounts for the Enhanced BETE reimbursement due to the increase BETE values due to the Solar developments. The only change is the BETE reimbursement and overlay.
  - Motion to sign the corrected commitment papers by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- We received our 2024 Tree Growth reimbursement from the State for \$2112.93
- There was a coding error on the Veterans Exemption deduction for account R390. This account was given the Disabled Veterans Exemption of \$50,000 but only qualifies for the regular Veterans Exemption of \$6000.
  - Do we want to supplementally bill for the difference?
  - Motion to issue a supplemental bill for Brian Bolduc by Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- William Brownell came in on Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> and signed his repurchase agreement for 300 Centre Rd.
- RSU4 Notice of Election
  - Motion to sign the RSU4 Notice of Election for the November 5, 2024 Budget Validation Referendum by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Review and sign the check log.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY25-09PR**: Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY25-09PR for \$9,707.54 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY25-09AP**: Motion to approve AP Warrant FY25-09AP for \$137,866.80 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$3,799.73.

## 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 8:04pm