

# TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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## Minutes Board of Selectmen December 30, 2024 @ 6:00pm

**Board Attendance:** Eric L Gagnon (Chair), Randall A Greenwood

**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 December 17, 2024 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

### **Public Comment:**

- None.

### **Fire Department:**

- Scott handed in his work log for the last 4 weeks.
- December 20<sup>th</sup> they took E32 to Northeast and they discovered some issues with the road to pump gear wasn't functioning properly. It needs to be rebuilt, cost estimate \$8000.
- Thanks to The PW Department: Bill, Ken, Kimberley & The Fire Department members Tony Galipeau, Kasey Austin, & Austin Thibault for helping put up the ice rink. They spent 7 hrs putting it up.
- Christmas Tree bonfire event is set for January 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **First Responders:**

- The storage cases and Milwaukee tools have been purchased and will be installed on the rescue 71.

### **Public Works:**

- MMA Loss Control Inspector Robert Priest will be visiting the property on January 22, 2025 at 9am to conduct the biannual insurance inspection.
- Bill went to look at a skid steer. Kubota new with parts and pieces <\$80,000
  - PW Director, Bill Austin is requesting up to \$80,000 from the PW Capital Equipment Reserve to purchase a skid steer and attachments.
  - Motion to authorize the PW Director, Bill Austin, to purchase the Kubota and attachments with PW Capital Equipment Reserve funds up to \$80,000 if it meets his criteria and the Treasurer, Sharon Siegel, to cut the check before the next meeting by Eric, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy. Vote: Approved 2-0-0
- Discussion on the next paving project
  - Ridge Road is on the schedule, does it need to be ground? This will be the discussion for the upcoming FY26 budget process.
- The heating system is working for now.

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- Sharon contacted Siemens regarding a performance contract. The person from Siemens would like to meet to discuss options in January.

## **General:**

- The Board of Appeals approved a variance submitted by John & Dorothy Amendola at 36 Sunset Cove Road on Thursday, December 19, 2024.
- Quitclaim Deed for William Brownell R03-013-B has been registered and a copy of the deed has been sent to Mr. Brownell.
- The Abatement Certification Worksheet and all supporting documentation was sent to BLS.
- BETE Reimbursement check received \$92,545.00
- MMA Risk Management was contacted and Jacob Waxler has determined that there is no rider needed on the P&C Policy for the Christmas Tree Bonfire event.
- Review Paul Binette's findings re: Bert Turcotte's acreage dispute R01-067
- Year-to-Date Budget vs Actual reports
- Review and sign the check log.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY25-14PR:** Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY25-14PR for \$8,767.79 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY25-14AP:** Motion to approve AP Warrant FY25-14AP for \$96,556.35 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$7,146.04.

## **Future Agenda Items**

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

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.