

**SELECT BOARD  
MINUTES WELLS TOWN  
OFFICE**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

PRESENT:           Select Board: Paul Woodruff Jr., Ron Bremer  
                  Also: Cherry Hopson, Sue Burke, Carole Duquette, Mary Cohen, Lyle  
                  Jepson, Felix Reed, Alex Brewster, Todd Fenton, Jim Schubert, Dave Ricard,  
                  Laura Burch

- 1 Meeting was called to order by Chairmain, Paul Woodruff Jr. at 7:00PM.
- 2 Minutes were read and approved.
- 3 Bills were studied and discussed and orders were signed.
- 4 The hearing on the Town Plan was convened at 7:03 PM. Jim Schubert asked about the future of the Town Garage. He wanted a committee to study the situation and he suggested some possibilities. Sue Burke wanted a copy of the Town Plan and one was provided. Felix Reed said he did not believe any changes to the Town Plan were necessary. Todd Fenton suggested getting information from Rupert about their town garage. Dave Ricard said they have information about Rupert. Sue Burke asked about the village designation. Ron explained what it means. There was also a discussion of hiking trails on the Delaney property. Alex Brewster commended those who worked on the Town Plan. Ron Bremer made a motion to accept the Town Plan as written. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously. Ron also thanked the Planning Commission for their work. The approved plan will be sent to the appropriate places. The hearing was adjourned at 7:25 PM and the regular meeting resumed.
- 5 Lyle Johnson from Castleton University and Mary Cohen gave a power point presentation on a plan to grow the economy of Rutland County and reverse population declines. The plan to reverse the trend in population involves quality of life, workforce and tourism. Mr. Jepson wanted money for marketing efforts and a person who can discuss the quality of life in Wells.
- 6 Todd Fenton presented a Local Emergency Operations Plan. Board approved and signed the Plan.
7. Alex Brewster said the electrical work at the library has been completed.
8. Dave Ricard discussed salt bids. A decision will be made at a future meeting. The road crew will be cleaning ditches. Some guard rail work has been done and some culverts have been put in.
9. Green Up day will be this Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.
10. Research has been done on use of the transfer station.
11. Board was asked for the name of a street superintendent. The Board does that.

12. Paul made a motion to write a check to Pawlet for \$1500 to return their deposit on the sander. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron. Passed unanimously.
13. Fourth quarter taxes are due May 10<sup>th</sup>.
14. Ron made a motion to allow people with Transfer Station cards to use them up to their entirety at the 2017 rates. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously.
15. Ron made a motion to keep the transfer station open at its regular weekly hours and revisit the matter in the fall. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul, passed unanimously.
16. Emergency lights at both the town garage and town office will be checked to be sure they are working properly.
17. Nora will look into the Comcast renewal.
18. Ron made a motion to use transfer station cards as previously discussed with a \$40 price for 20 punches. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously.
19. Ron made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 PM. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously.

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Paul Woodruff Jr.

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Tammy Holcomb

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Ron Bremer