

**SELECT BOARD
MINUTES WELLS TOWN
OFFICE**

May 16th, 2017

PRESENT: Select Board: Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb, Ron Bremer

Also: Cherry Hopson, Carole Duquette, Cathy Walker, Todd Fenton

- 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 John Bates has indicated that he knows someone interested in the town property on Bull Frog Hollow Road if the town chooses to sell it. Need to inquire to listers if the appraisal report was ever received from Larson for this property.
- 5 Long Trail Electrical sent quotes of \$730.00 and \$77.50 for emergency lights at the town office and the town barn. Board will try new batteries before making a decision. Ron made a motion to have Dave Ricard buy and try new batteries for the town barn and for one fixture at the town office to ensure the battery is the issue. 2nd by Paul, passed unanimously.
- 6 Cathy Walker came on behalf of the Delaney Committee to express concern about littering and about the mess caused by geese. She would like some ideas from the person who mows the lawn and from the Board. She would also like a cleanup before the school picnic. She is also applying for a grant to draw up a management plan for the Delaney Property. The Land Trust wants a detailed plan which requires letters of support. She would like a letter of support from the Board. Board asked the committee to draft the letter for approval by the board at the next meeting. The town will be expected to match the grant in money or service hours. Ron said he wished the state would show more support for the project and for water quality. Cathy said she would speak with the experts if the grant was approved. She also discussed the plans for a pavilion on the property. There was discussion of patrols by the constable to discourage vandalism. Cathy would also like a letter of support from the Planning Commission.
7. Board received a grant agreement from Rutland Regional Planning Commission for a sum not to exceed \$6196. The grant is for roads, bridges, and culverts. Board signed the agreement.
8. The Class 2 Highway Grant was denied due to cutbacks in funding.
9. The Aquatic Nuisance grant for \$17,960 was approved for the Little Lake.
10. Board decided to apply for a grant to deal with the washout on East Wells Road. Motion by Ron, 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.

11. Todd Fenton said the Emergency Operations Plan was not accepted by the State. The necessary additions will be made and it will be submitted. Dave Ricard was named as Debris Manager, pending his consent.
12. Todd also expressed concern about narrow places on the Bullfrog Hollow Road. Work is being done there.
13. The MWA sent a thank you for the donation to the Easter egg hunt.
14. Browns Quarried Slate produced an overweight permit. Board approved and signed.
15. VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits sent a letter regarding coverage of Dental Plans.
16. Tammy reviewed finances. She wondered about metal revenue at the transfer station. Electricity at the library has gone up significantly possibly due to increased hours of operation.
17. The final draft of the transfer station plan is done. Signs will be posted regarding use of unused 2016 punch cards after July 1st, at the 2017 rates. The signs will be at the transfer station and the town office.
18. The one-ton dump truck needs to be replaced. Board will seek quotes. Ron said a two ton or 2.5-ton truck might be a better choice. Board will discuss the matter with the road crew to get their ideas.
19. Tammy said Tim Makepeace is still getting health officer materials. The select board will do the health officers work. Nora will be asked to tell VLCT to send all materials to the select board and remove Tim's name.
20. Ron made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously.

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb

Ron Bremer