

SELECT BOARD
MINUTES WELLS TOWN OFFICE
July 23, 2019

PRESENT: Select Board: Ron Bremer, Paul Woodruff Jr., Don Preuss
Also: Cherry Hopson, Felix Reed, Dave Emmons, Janet Emmons, Michelle Bates, Jonas Rosenthal, Tracee Oakman Rupe, Robin Barley, Dave Ricard

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Bremer at 7:00 PM
2. Minutes of the July 15 special meeting and July 19 regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Bills were studied and discussed and orders were signed.
4. Dave Emmons from the LSCCF spoke about the state of the Little Lake and the aeration project. He said a lot of misinformation has been posted and there was an issue about classifying the Little Lake as a wetland. The Public Trust Doctrine says the state has a duty to preserve lakes for use by the people to hunt, fish, swim, boat, etc. Dave discussed the history of the lake and he said the Agency of Natural Resources considers the deep sediment to be a natural process and they are reluctant to interfere with it, even though swimming and boating are no longer possible. Dave said the DEC and the LSCCF are at odds and he would like the board to write a letter supporting the position of the LSCCF and the aeration. He pointed out that the deterioration of the Little Lake would have a major effect on the tax base. He discussed the work the LSCCF has done to try to get approved for aeration and he said they will continue. He said the board's letter should be addressed to Emily Bodecker and copied to a list of people. Dave said Robin Chestnut-Tangerman has been helpful and he will be talking to Brean Collamore. Don said he will try to contact Governor Scott. Dave said he hoped Governor Scott could come to their meeting on August 6. Board agreed to write a letter regarding the financial impact of the deterioration of the Little Lake. Janet Emmons said the state's position seemed to be opposition to any interference with nature rather than concern for residents.
5. Michelle Bates had a complaint about speeding on Route 30 by her farm. Ron said the constable has been notified.
6. Michelle said the book sale was very successful. Edgar Corey is looking for a way to disguise the portable rest room at the library, which will be kept locked. They are looking at lattice work. Paul made a motion to allow the library to put the portapotty on a decking on the north side of the building and use lattice work to camouflage it. 2nd by Don. Passed unanimously.
7. Tracee Oakman Rupe said she dropped off the application for a grant for the pavilion at Lakeside Park. Jonas Rosenthal said the permits are in place. Paul made a motion to send checks to the Dept. of Public Safety for \$498.29 and to Taylor Davidson for \$600.00. 2nd by Don. Passed unanimously. Board signed the grant application and the Public Building Permit.

8. Felix Reed asked about the minutes of the last meeting of the Delaney Committee. He suggested some changes, including that he and Fran Gilman were the ones who put in the dock.
9. Dave Ricard said the culvert on the Brook Road is installed. There was discussion of the Better Roads grant application. Dave spoke about paving and possible locations. Board decided to do paving on Sawmill Hill Road. Work is being done on Mill Pond Road.
10. Don said several people had expressed concerns about the intersection of West Lake and North Street. The location of a power pole makes changes complicated.
11. The 2019 Emergency Management Plan for Wells appears to be overdue. Board will speak to Todd Fenton.
12. John Thrasher still has the dog ordinance. Board will try again to contact him.
13. Board studied an annual contract for the head librarian.
14. All timesheets need to be submitted on time or they will not be paid until next pay period.
15. Don made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 PM. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.

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