

SELECT BOARD
MINUTES WELLS TOWN OFFICE
July 24th, 2018

PRESENT: Select Board: Paul Woodruff Jr., Ron Bremer, Tammy Holcomb
Also: Cherry Hopson, Todd Fenton, Cathy Walker, Tracee Oakman Rupe, John Thrasher.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Paul Woodruff Jr. at 7:00 PM.
2. Minutes of the July 10th regular meeting and special meeting on July 23rd were read and approved.
3. Bills were studied and discussed and orders were signed.
4. Tammy said she would like time cards to note which roads were worked on. Paul agreed.
5. Cathy Walker presented figures for the pavilion at Lakeside Park. She said the entire project should cost approximately \$48,000. The committee is working on permits and a grant application. Tammy made a motion to approve the application for state of VT Recreational Facilities grant for the building of the pavilion at Lakeside Park with a potential matching grant of up to \$25,000. 2nd by Ron. Passed unanimously. Tammy made a motion to submit a letter of support for the grant. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously. Board signed the letter.
6. Board received an agreement for the audit and information on what will be done. Tammy made a motion to approve the management letter from RHR Smith and Company. 2nd by Ron. Passed unanimously.
7. John Thrasher said he studied the deeds of the school and the Wells Springs district is looking at ten acres. Board said the school has never owned the MWA carnival lot and therefore they are not entitled to that. John Thrasher agreed that only the school's 1.6 acres should be conveyed to the new district. Board will meet with school and MWA representatives on August 8th or 9 at 7:00 PM to discuss the matter. Mr. Thrasher said the board does not have the authority to deed over the 10 acres.
8. Board received a quote on gates for the transfer station. They will get more information on what is needed from Dave. They will also ask Dave to look into buying an outside fan for the transfer station.
9. NEMRC sent a letter regarding duties and responsibilities of the assistant to the assessor.
10. Consolidated Communications sent a quote on phone and DSL services. Tammy made a motion to change the telephone lines from Comcast to Consolidated Communications for town buildings. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
11. Holly LaPointe submitted a resignation letter effective August 18th, 2018. Tammy made a motion to accept her resignation with regret. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.

12. Tammy made a motion to hire Richard Wade as a substitute at the transfer station effective immediately. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
13. VT Agency of National Resources sent material on storm water runoff. Ron said the town is not budgeted to meet the stated requirements. Ron made a motion to table the matter and get more information. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
14. Truck bids will be advertised.
15. Tammy asked why the use of the excavator at a fire shouldn't have been a board decision. Ron said such decisions that are of grave emergency should be dealt with that way. Tammy was told by the chief of the Wells fire department that it was not an emergency situation and that he thought someone else had been called. Due to Dave being at the fire, Dave felt it was more convenient to use the towns due to timing. Tammy expressed concern about liability issues and expressed that we need to be careful with situations where Dave is wearing two different hats. Paul said he thought a recent decision to use the excavator was made in good faith. Tammy said she just wanted her position on the situation noted.
16. Tammy said we need to start keeping a detailed log regarding road maintenance and which roads were worked on. She would like some sort of spread sheet. Paul said the information should be provided on time cards. Ron agreed. Tammy made a motion to establish a maintenance log and will discuss with Nora about completing one. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
17. Ron made a motion to accept the tax rate calculations for 2018-2019 as follows:
Residential rate: 1.6926 Non-Residential rate: 1.9292. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously.
18. Ron made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb

Ron Bremer