

SELECT BOARD
MINUTES WELLS TOWN OFFICE
September 18th 2018

PRESENT: Select Board: Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb
Also: Cherry Hopson, Alex Brewster, Bill Steinmetz, Dave Ricard, Todd Fenton

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Paul Woodruff Jr. at 7:00 PM.
2. Minutes of the Sept 4 regular meeting and Sept 7 special meeting were read and approved.
3. Bills were studied and discussed and orders were signed. An overage of a tax payment was reimbursed.
4. Alex Brewster discussed the assistant librarian position. Interviews were conducted and the trustees recommended hiring Beth Moser-Duquette. The second choice was Dennis Kimmel who has offered to do volunteer work at the library. Board studied resumes and references. Tammy made a motion to hire Beth Moser-Duquette as assistant librarian as the trustees recommended. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
5. Bill Steinmetz invited the board to a seminar on lake health at 9:30 A. M. on October 13 at the town office. The future of the aeration program is uncertain and experts will state their positions. The seminar will probably be taped.
6. Dave Ricard spoke about a culvert on Clayton Tract which appears to be plugged. Paul said the property owners should agree on replacing the culvert. If so, he has no objection. Dave also mentioned mowing and brush cutting on the Delaney Cross Road. There may be land trust and wetland issues to be considered. Board said the Delaney committee should discuss the matter. Dave has contracted VTrans about salt but they were uncertain about it. He has also spoken to Cargill and others. Blades and tire chains will need to be ordered soon. FEMA has signed off on all the paperwork and the town is now finished with FEMA. Everything that is remaining involves the state. There is no update on the grader.
7. Information on the vehicles to be sold will be published. All bids must be received by October 30. The ad is ready to be sent to Manchester Newspapers.
8. Kevin Moffit sent a letter saying that the approach to his mailbox needs fill. Paul said that may already have been done.
9. Todd Fenton said he attended and Emergency Management Conference and went to 12 classes. He also attended an eight-hour training session. He said the law refers to emergency management personnel as employees and he suggested that the town attorney be asked how this applies to Wells. He said FEMA wants contracts with people used regularly to prevent price gouging in case of an emergency. He had paperwork and information about grants. Todd requested a partial reimbursement for the room costs for the conference. Tammy made a motion to reimburse Todd Fenton for his room in the amount of \$194.48 for attending the VT Emergency Management Conference as the town's Emergency Management Director. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously. Todd said RRPC has large maps of Wells and he would like on the wall of the EOC room at the town

office. He added that FEMA would like the town to have two cameras for GPS coordinates and documentation. Board wondered if apps would serve the same purpose. Todd said 35 more cell phone towers are being planned and Vermont is partnering with AT&T. He discussed required emergency plans and river corridors and requirements for certified Emergency Management Directors. Board signed a Delegation of Authority to Todd as Emergency Management Director. A legal opinion will be sought regarding emergency management employees and other relevant laws.

10. Don Preuss sent a letter of resignation from his position as assistant to the assessor. Tammy made a motion to accept his resignation with regret and thanked him for his service. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
11. Tammy made a motion for Nora to pay payroll and all necessary bills for the October 16th meeting. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
12. Paul made a motion to hire KT Construction to do the concrete and railing in front of the town office at a cost of \$3416.00. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously.
13. 13. Tammy made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb

Ron Bremer