

**SELECT BOARD
MINUTES WELLS TOWN
OFFICE**

September 19, 2017

PRESENT: Select Board: Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb, Ron Bremer
Also: Cherry Hopson, Charles Holcomb, Joel Pliner, Carole Duquette, Ellen Malona, Stanley Martelle Jr., Susan Holcomb, Dave Ricard, Nicole Graves, Gary Chapin, Cathy Walker, Mark Eaton, Richard Holcomb

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Paul Woodruff Jr. at 7:00PM.
2. Minutes were read and approved.
3. Bills were studied and discussed and orders were signed.
4. Joel Pliner presented an estimate for access to the milk house road on the Delaney Property to study the situation regarding an access for weed harvesting. He said this part does not require a permit. The plan requires removal of a few trees. The town will have to apply for the permit for the rest of the project. Joel said it is not known whether a road will need to be built, and the 50-foot access will help them find out about feasibility. Stanley Martelle said he believed a road would probably have to be built. Richard Holcomb said all the trees around the milk house should be removed, anyway. Tammy made a motion to approve Stanley Martelle's estimate of \$500 to build a 50-foot by 12-foot access road with a slate base and gravel topping and remove two trees. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
5. Nicole Graves spoke about the old dam at the lake. She has serious concerns about it's removal and she feels the issue has not been properly studied. She is worried about the impact on the current dam water flow and possible flooding. She believes the issue has not been properly publicized and public input has not been sought. She also said the old dam could hold back water if work was done on the current dam. She would like the removal postponed pending further studies. She said all concerned landowners were not notified. Board advised her to write to the state and to FEMA. There is no time line for the removal. Nicole agreed to write the letters.
6. Mark Eaton spoke about the culvert on the West lake Road by his property. He is anxious to get the work done. Ron said he hoped it could be done by the end of October. He said the culvert needs to be replaced, anyways. Dave Ricard said the Town would do that job independent of his workmen.
7. Dave Ricard is working with FEMA regarding the July 1 storm damage. He is currently doing ditching and grading. Ron suggested that Dave be paid for overtime to work with Nora on the FEMA paperwork. Paul agreed. Paving on North Street should be done soon. Salt will be obtained from Cargill.
8. Gary Chapin expressed concern about a situation on Ballard Farm Road with trash and cars in the road and a safety situation regarding children. Ron said Gary Stomski should be notified. Mr. Chapin contacted the state but he said nothing was done. He said he will make more calls, and the board will see what can be done.

9. Board opened sand bids. Charles Holcomb bid \$5.25 per yard loaded in a town truck and \$10.50 per yard delivered. Stanley Martelle Jr. bid \$9.00 per yard loaded and \$11.25 per yard delivered. Ron made a motion to go into executive session at 8:05 PM with Dave Ricard to discuss the bids. 2nd by Tammy, passed unanimously. Board came out of executive session at 8:22 PM and the regular session resumed. Ron made a motion to accept Stanley's bid of \$11.25 delivered during regular work hours. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously. Ron said the board decided it was necessary to have the sand delivered this year due to being behind on other projects and Paul said they liked the quality of Stanley's sand better than the other one that was brought in.
10. Bill Alexander sent a letter asking that the parking area at the Delaney Woods be added to the town's mowing and weed cutting areas and that roadside cutting be done on the Delaney Cross Road. Board will consider this when budgeting in the future. Dave Ricard said roadside cutting of a Class 4 road was not feasible.
11. Blue Cross Blue Shield sent a notice of a breakfast on October 18.
12. Board signed a Toron Forest Recreation Planning Community Assistance plan.
13. Auditor bids were received from RHR Smith & Co. (\$8495.00), Graham & Graham (\$14,000) and Sullivan & Powers (\$22000). Tammy made a motion to accept the bid of RHR Smith from Buxton Maine. This is the same auditors that the local schools are using. 2nd by Ron, passed unanimously.
14. Board decided there will not be any weed harvesting activities at the Lakeside Park.
15. Ryan sent a quote of \$2900.00 to do the Town Report. Tammy made a motion to hire her to do the report. 2nd by Paul, passed unanimously. A cover picture will be chosen on the October 17 meeting and a dedication will also be determined. Tammy made a motion to accept Repo Graphics two year quote. 2nd by Ron, passed unanimously.
16. The site for the pavilion at Lakeside Park has been chosen. Tammy made a motion to approve the site. 2nd by Ron, passed unanimously.
17. Tammy gave a financial report. The budget process will be started soon and budgets from various groups must be in by October 31st.
18. Carole Duquette said the Planning Commission is trying to find something to do. Cherry Hopson said she didn't believe there was anything that the Commission needed to do and it would not be productive to try to find busy work. Richard Holcomb said there should be some sort of ordinance regarding garbage.
19. Ron made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.

Tammy Holcomb

Ron Bremer