

**SELECT BOARD**  
**MINUTES WELLS TOWN OFFICE**  
**September 27, 2022**

PRESENT: Select Board: Don Preuss, Paul Woodruff Jr., Fran Gilman

Also: Sherry Newton, Pat Caiazza, Eleanor Jones, David Ricard, Eric Montbriand, Charles Holcomb, Judy Steinmetz, Brian Bishop

1. Meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair Don Preuss at 7:00 P.M.
2. Minutes were read and approved.
3. Bills were studied and discussed and orders were signed.
4. The Select Board received a letter asking about the progress on the pond repair project for the Fire Department hydrant. Ryan Davenport is supposed to start the project in October.
5. Fran made a motion to sign the Better Back Roads Grant. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously.
6. Fran made a motion to sign the Vt. Town Forest Fire Warden reapplication form. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously.
7. The Select Board discussed trying to get a grant for a new town salt shed. Don has talked to the highway foreman from the town of Rupert about the salt shed they have. The Select Board is going to gather more information to proceed.
8. Don talked about using the PACIF grant to purchase back view cameras for the town trucks.
9. Eleanor Jones said she is still working on the broadband project.
10. Don said he is waiting to receive more information on the flashing speed limit signs.
11. Dave Ricard said the paving on West Lake Road has been completed.
12. The Select Board discussed the East Wells Road culvert project.
13. The Select Board asked Dave Ricard to be the animal control officer for the Town of Wells. Dave said he would be willing to do the job. Dave is going to bring in a copy of the Town of Pawlet's dog ordinance for the Select Board to look over. The Select Board will discuss the compensation for the position and come to an agreement with Dave.
14. Fran asked Dave about moving the electronics recycling container at the transfer station. They also discussed the breaker tripping at the transfer station.
15. The Select Board discussed signs for Parks and Fifield Drive. This is a private drive and the Select Board is waiting for residents to figure out the right of ways that are involved in the area. The Select Board is waiting for a response from 911 also.

16. The Select Board discussed what is needed from them for the town report. They talked about the dedication and the cover photo also.
17. Fran is waiting to hear back from a painter by the end of this week about touch-up paint for the town office.
18. Fran has received permission from Laura Dlugolecki to take some trees down that are causing an issue with the Delaney milkhouse.
19. The Select Board is looking into purchasing a debris blower.
20. Fran has mowed a path around the Delaney Park to use as a walking trail. The docks at the Delaney Park will be removed after Columbus Day.
21. Eric Montbriand spoke about the back area of the Wells Cemetery. He said it needs to be cleared and leveled out and hopes the town would be willing to help with the project. The Select Board said they would be willing to help with the project. The Select Board said they would be willing to help when the highway department has some down time in between other projects.
22. Don asked Eric about contacting the Select Board and the highway department when the school will be closing for weather etc. Eric said the superintendent should be contacting the town with the school closing information.
23. Fran made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 P.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously.

Don Preuss

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Paul Woodruff Jr.

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