

SELECT BOARD
MINUTES WELLS TOWN OFFICE
October 15, 2019

PRESENT: Select Board: Ron Bremer, Don Preuss, Paul Woodruff Jr.
Also: Cherry Hopson, Tim Oliver, Michelle Bates, Angela French, Annie Constantinos, Harry Constantinos Fran Gilman, Bill Alexander, Valerie Vitale, Lisa Mattison

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Bremer at 7:00 P.M.
2. Minutes were read and approved.
3. Bills were studied and discussed and orders were signed.
4. Tim Oliver asked about maintenance of Forest House Lane on the right side. He would like it to be plowed but Ron said it could not be plowed because it is a private road. Board suggested he make private arrangements.
5. The library trustees presented their budget for 2020-2021. Lisa Mattison expressed appreciation for work done at the library and discussed some lines of the budget. Angela French said she delivers books to three homebound individuals. Ron said their budget was somewhat high and cuts might be necessary.
6. Valerie Vitale, the town health officer, came to introduce herself.
7. Bill Alexander, representing Slate Valley Trails, spoke about trails in the Delaney Woods, which are being constructed and the work of his group. He asked the board to approve their projects in Wells. Mr. Alexander said no stone was dumped on the Delaney land. Don said he should check the paperwork of the Delaney Committee and the Land Trust to see what is permitted on the property. Ron said he should also check with DEC and Wetlands. Mr. Alexander would like the parking area mowed. Board approved putting up and “Endless Brook Trailhead” sign on the street sign post where the Delaney Crossroad meets North Street. Board told Mr. Alexander to go ahead with preliminary applications for a grant for recreational trails in the Delaney Woods. He agreed to find out if any permits will be needed.
8. Board chose a picture for the cover of the Town Report showing a string of fish.
9. VNA sent a thank you for the town’s support of a vaccination clinic.
10. Tracee Rupe sent a letter about the Delaney Committee budget and report. Don said he wished committee members would come to a meeting to answer questions and provide more information.
11. Board discussed the Blue Cross Blue Shield policy. More information is needed.
12. Mr. Pearce wants to buy the roadside mower. Don made a motion to sell it to him for \$100.00. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
13. Paul made a motion to accept the procurement policy. 2nd by Don. Passed unanimously.

14. Don expressed concern about cars from Thomas' garage cutting across the grass to Fawn Road. Board will wait and see if there are problems that require action.
15. Wells Local Hazard Mitigation Plan needs updating. Nora, Dave, and Paul will meet with Steffanie Bourque at a time to be determined.
16. Don spoke about the office security system. He would like the names of people to be called updated. Don's name will be added to the list.
17. Ron said a shorter ladder is needed for the town office.
18. Don made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.

Ron Bremer

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