

**SELECT BOARD**  
**MINUTES WELLS TOWN OFFICE**  
**October 26, 2021**

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

Also: Sherry Newton, Nora Sargent, Gina Ellis, Michelle Bates

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman 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 Wells Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup> this year.
5. Nora talked about the ARPA grant and how it could be used to help the library. It could be used for a heat pump and also to update library records and the digitization of these records. Filtration systems would also be included with the heat pump installation. Gina discussed the air source heat pump system they would like to see installed and the reasoning behind it. Gina and Michelle talked about the library patronage and how this has increased in the last year. Fran made a motion to approve the heat pump installation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously. The digitization would help keep track of library material and would help patrons with knowing what is available and also online access. Fran made a motion to approve digitization up to a \$10,000.00 limit. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously. The limit may be revisited at a later date.
6. Nora talked about putting holiday lights on the library.
7. A new heat pump will be installed in the town office. Three new air purifying strips will be installed also. This project will be paid for by the ARPA grant. Fran made a motion to approve. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously.
8. The ARPA grant would cover a shed for the town office. The shed is needed for storage. The shed would be used for items that do not need climate control. Fran made a motion to look into details for a shed, including price, size, etc. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Passed unanimously.
9. Don would like to have two budget workshops. One to go over details of the budget. One to finalize the budget. Laurel Gilman has sent out appropriation letters. Nora is hoping these letters will come back in a timely manner. Nora is hoping the budget will be complete by December 7<sup>th</sup>.
10. Fran and Dave Ricard looked at a ditch debris blower in Wallingford. They feel the ditch debris blower would work best on the front of the Doosan loader. Paul made a motion to purchase a Cyclone ditch debris blower and fabricate the hook up for this. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fran. Passed unanimously. This will be paid for by the Grant in Aid Program.
11. The pavilion portion of the Select Board meeting has been tabled until 11/9/21.

12. The Select Board will discuss highway crew hours with the highway crew and come up with a plan for the future.
13. The Select Board discussed details about the meeting held at the Lakeside Park with the Poultney Mettowee Soil Conservation District.
14. Paul and Fran removed the dock at the Lakeside Park last week.
15. The Geer Road was discussed. The Select Board would like to talk to the slate companies on Geer Road and come up with a plan to improve the road or close part of it.
16. Fran made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 P.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously.

Don Preuss

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Paul Woodruff Jr.

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Francis Gilman Jr.

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