

**SELECT BOARD
MINUTES WELLS TOWN
OFFICE**

November 29, 2016

PRESENT: Select Board: Tim Makepeace, Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb
Also: Cherry Hopson, Kevin Moffit, Nora Sargent, Gary Stomski, Ron Dreher, Fran Gilman, Jim Schubert, Joel Pliner

- 1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tim Makepeace at 7:00 PM.
- 2 Minutes of the three meetings on November 15th and 21st were read and approved.
- 3 Bills were studied and discussed and orders were signed.
- 4 Ron Dreher asked permission to ask Rich Larson to appraise the town property on the Bullfrog Hollow Road. How the town acquired the property is unknown, and there was a question as to whether it was a tax sale. Ron would like to sell that property and buy a property on the Route 30 by the Library and the Historical Society. Tim said there must be input from the voters before the matter goes any further. Paul made a motion to allow Ron Dreher to ask Rich Larson to appraise the town property on the Bullfrog Hollow Road and Geer road free of charge. 2nd by Tim. Passed unanimously.
- 5 Jim Schubert spoke about the library furnace and the office boiler on which he has done some work. He also asked about air conditioning in the library. No decision has been made about that.
- 6 Mike Perry sent a letter about a sign attached to a utility pole on the Bert's Nest Lane stating the name was "Beach Lane." The Town will be putting up a legal road sign with the name "Bert's Nest Lane" which is the proper name of the road very soon.
- 7 Rutland County sent a copy of their annual report.
- 8 Board discussed the transfer station and possible changes. Some containers might be eliminated. It was decided to remove a spare open-top roll-off. Bulky wastes were discussed and charges for their disposal. It may be necessary to raise the prices. There was also discussion about selling cards and how this can best be done. Decisions will be made at a further meeting.
- 9 The Town of Pawlet will be contacted about a sander that they borrowed from Wells. Board authorized Paul to speak to a Pawlet Select Board member about the matter.
- 10 Dan Williams donated his time to put in the snow pipes at the town office. A thank-you note will be sent to him. Board expressed gratitude for his generosity.
- 11 There was discussion about the Town Report and progress that is being made.
- 12 Tammy mentioned unresolved issues in the budget which can be decided at the next

meeting.

- 13 Tim will speak to Charles Holcomb about pruning some branches at the cemetery and fill that needs to be added in spots.
- 14 Fran Gilman and Joel Pliner attended the meeting on behalf of the LSCCF. They would like a line in the budget for weed harvesting. Paul suggested that a request for an appropriation might be a better way to proceed. Tammy said the LSCCF proposal would involve the town taking on a lot of new responsibilities. Joel said without harvesting the Little Lake might become a wetland. Tim said pressure should be put on the state to get them to do more. There will be a meeting Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 10:30 AM to discuss lake issues. Joel asked if there were other ways to get the problem solved. He said his group had reviewed the budget he submitted. Tammy said the weed harvesting should be a separate ballot article.
- 15 Tammy made a motion to adjourn at 9:17 PM. 2nd by Tim. Passed unanimously.

Tim Makepeace

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb

