

**SELECT BOARD**  
**MINUTES WELLS TOWN OFFICE**  
**December 07, 2021**

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

Also: Sherry Newton, Nora Sargent, Eleanor Jones, Cathy Walker, Hilary Solomon, David Ricard

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. Eleanor Jones spoke about the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. She is planning on attending the meetings via zoom. She asked about where EV chargers might be placed in town if they become available for use for charging electric cars.
5. Hilary Solomon spoke about an Operations and Maintenance Plan for the Lakeside Park. This plan is a fifteen year contract for the Town to partner with the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District. Fran made a motion to sign the Operations and Maintenance agreement with the PMNRCD. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously. Hilary discussed the South Lake Clean Water Service Provider plan that has to do with the Clean Water Service Delivery Act.
6. Don spoke about the ARPA grant and what some of these funds might be able to be used for. The ARPA grant has strict rules as to how the money is to be spent, not everything qualifies. Nora talked about the Lakeside Park and how perhaps some ARPA money may be used to recoup some of the costs incurred for the pavilion project. The Select Board and Nora will discuss what can be covered and how much of this will be used for the Delaney Project. Cathy discussed what she would like to see at the park and how some of the ARPA funds might be used there. Cathy suggested anything that might be added to the park needs to be built behind the pavilion and leave the area to the lake open.
7. The budget was voted on earlier in the day and approved for \$975,450.02 without the appropriations portion included at this point.
8. East Wells Road project needs to move forward. Don will look into details and move forward.
9. Better Back Roads Grant application needs to be completed by 12/17/2021.
10. Fran spoke to Bill Alexander from Slate Valley Trails about bicycling in the Delaney Park during hunting season. Bill said he would be agreeable with putting up a sign stating when deer season is and closing the trails to bicyclists during the hunting season.
11. Don would like to thank Nora Sargent, the Wells Fire Department, the Select Board, the Library and it's trustees, the Beautification Committee and everyone else who volunteered their time to make this years light display beautiful for the Town of Wells.
12. Fran made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously.

Don Preuss

---

Paul Woodruff Jr.

---

Francis Gilman Jr.

---