

**SELECT BOARD
MINUTES WELLS TOWN
OFFICE
December 13th, 2016**

PRESENT: Select Board: Tim Makepeace, Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb

Also: Cherry Hopson, Kevin Moffit, Dave Ricard, Tracee Oakman Rupe

- 1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tim Makepeace at 7:00 PM.
- 2 Minutes of the meetings on November 29th and December 6th were read and approved.
- 3 Bills were studied and discussed and orders were signed.
- 4 Tracee Oakman Rupe came to the meeting to discuss property lines near the top of Saw Mill Hill. There is some disagreement about the location of lines, and the town right of way is involved. There is a six-foot strip on the west side of the road owned by a property owner on the east side, and this strip is dependent on the towns right of way. Therefore, the town was asked to approve the boundaries agreed upon by property owners. Tim suggested that the surveyor put in stakes to allow the town to see where the lines are. A decision will be made at the meeting tomorrow night.
- 5 Judy Dreher submitted a resignation as library trustee effected March 1, 2017. Board will decide how to deal with the resignation.
- 6 Board received requests for appropriations to be put on the Warning as follows: Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District- \$500.00; Green Up Vermont- No amount given; and Big Heavy World-\$250.00. Tim made a motion to not put the Big Heavy World appropriation on the Ballot. 2nd by Tammy, passed unanimously. Paul made a motion to approve the requests from Poultney Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District for \$500.00 and Green Up Vermont in the amount of \$100.00. 2nd by Tim. Passed unanimously.
- 7 No one from Pawlet came to the meeting to discuss the sander that they borrowed. Dave Ricard said they offered \$2000.00 to buy it or \$1000.00 a year to rent it. Board had asked for \$4000.00 or return the sander. Paul said he preferred a two-year rental agreement for \$1000.00 per year. Tammy suggested offering a \$1000.00 deposit and \$1000.00 per year in a written agreement and it must be returned in good condition. Tim said he was offended that no one would come to the meeting and he would like \$1500.00 per year and \$1000.00 refundable deposit. Tim made a motion to get a \$1000.00 refundable deposit and a lease of \$1500.00 per year and must be returned in good condition. 2nd by Tammy, passed unanimously. Board will attend Pawlet's meeting next Tuesday to discuss the issue.
- 8 Tim gave Dave Ricard instructions about the placement of a Bert's Nest Lane private road sign. Tim said Mr. Beach did not object to the location of the sign, which would be 18 inches from the utility pole.
- 9 New posts will be placed east of the town office to mark the boundary lines.

- 10 Tammy discussed the budget and some issues which had not yet been determined, including lighting at the Town Office, Listers salaries, library maintenance, transfer station and the highway building fund.
- 11 Brush and limbs in the East Wells Cemetery will need to be removed. The road crew will be told to take care of it when the weather permits and there is no snow.
- 12 There will be a special meeting tomorrow at 5:30 PM.
- 13 Tammy made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 PM. 2nd by Tim, passed unanimously.

Tim Makepeace

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb

