

**SELECT BOARD
MINUTES WELLS TOWN
OFFICE**

December 27th, 2016

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

Also: Cherry Hopson, Kevin Moffit, Frank Callahan, Stanley Martelle, Jr.

- 1 Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tim Makepeace at 7:00 PM.
- 2 Minutes of the meetings on December 13th and December 14th were read and approved. The December 14th meeting was an emergency meeting to address a boundary line. Another special meeting was held on December 14th but the minutes were not available.
- 3 Bills were studied and discussed and orders were signed.
- 4 Kevin Moffit said there is a tree on the Bullfrog Hollow Road that needs to be removed and he would like to cut it for the wood. Board will look at the tree before making a decision.
- 5 Stanley Martelle Jr asked if one of the trucks was for sale, as he had heard and he expressed interest in buying it. Board said no trucks are for sale at this time but one may be in the future. Stanley said he would like to know when it is being sold.
- 6 Frank Callahan asked some questions about school issues and ACT 46. Board said he should go to a school board meeting or contact the principal or school board chair.
- 7 Board received a request for \$500 appropriation from Neighbor Works of Western Vermont. Board will get more information before deciding whether to put it on the ballot.
- 8 The LSCCF has applied for a weed harvester permit for the Little Lake. Board discussed the status of the weed harvesting program.
- 9 Board received an equalization study. The CLA for Wells is 104.33% and the COD is 9.5%.
- 10 Several people were concerned that the lights on the Christmas tree on the library lawn were not on. Wiring issues may need to be looked into or maybe the lights should be replaced.
- 11 The highway grant money has been received.
- 12 The Board has not heard from the Pawlet Select Board that they wish to lease the sander. The letter to them stated to let us know by Tuesday, December 27th otherwise the sander will need to be returned to our town garage by Friday, December 30, 2016. We expect that the sander will be returned from the Town of Pawlet this week.
- 13 The Town Report is progressing well. Cherry Hopson submitted the write up for the dedication for review.

14 Board inquired about the progress of the Town Plan. Cherry Hopson said the Planning Commission should be meeting tomorrow and hopefully a hearing can be schedule.

15 Board discussed the budget for FY 2017-2018. Tammy made a motion to ask the town to vote on a budget not to exceed \$789,482.00, plus appropriations, to defray the general expenses of the town and highways. 2nd by Paul, passed unanimously.

16 Paul made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM. 2nd by Tim, passed unanimously.

Tim Makepeace

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb

