

SELECT BOARD
MINUTES WELLS TOWN OFFICE
January 16, 2024

PRESENT: Select Board: Don Preuss, Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb
Also: Sherry Newton, Fran Gilman, Laurel Gilman, Nic Stark, Eric Montbriand

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. Nic Stark from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission spoke about the future of the region and what the Planning Commission can help with for each towns vision for the next eight years. Nic brought a survey that can be taken to see what ideas people would like to see come into play for Rutland County.
5. Eric Montbriand asked about the timeline for the road crew to start the clean up expansion project for the cemetery. Don commented that the weather has not cooperated with us the last month but now that the area is marked off, when the road crew has some available down time, they will start working away at it. Dave is aware of this.
6. Tammy made a motion to approve overweight permits for Barrett Trucking Co. Inc. and Newport Sand & Gravel Co. Inc. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
7. Tammy made a motion to approve the credit/debit card policy. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
8. The Select Board received a letter from the state on the grant for the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations stating that they are still reviewing applications.
9. Tammy made a motion to add 3/10th of a mile to Highway #10 also known as Hilltop Road. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
10. Don will call Casella Waste to check on the credit balance status for the towns account. The invoice received in January did not look correct.
11. The board will look into posting the 2008 Chevy ton truck for sale on Facebook marketplace.
12. Don spoke with the Sheriff's Department on why our checks from tickets has been down. The sheriff stated that the new deputy did not have our own ordinance and therefore coded the tickets incorrectly resulting in our portion being much lower. Don said it has been corrected going forward but the town would not be able to get anything going back. Tammy questioned why we aren't able to be given back pay for the error because it seems it should have been the responsibility of the deputy and sheriff's department to make sure they knew the town's ordinance. Don said he wasn't going to question the decision of the sheriff.

13. The accident at the Delaney milkhouse was discussed. The insurance company has been contacted with the accident information.
14. Tammy made a motion to appoint Fran Gilman as the Town Moderator for the 2023/2024 year. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
15. Tammy has sent in all the paperwork for the Transfer Station grant. She is waiting to hear back on the outcome. She has ordered the new stickers and will order the bags soon.
16. Don has looked into the cost for solar stop signs for the intersection in the center of town with North and South Streets. The cost is around \$1800/sign. Discussion ensued about whether it is a good way to spend our money. Tammy feels strongly that maybe these signs would help prevent the accidents that have been happening at the intersection of driving through the stop sign. Tammy is going to ask the residents near the intersection what their feelings are on a lighted stop sign near their homes.
17. Paul made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 P.M. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously.

Don Preuss

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