

SELECT BOARD MINUTES
WELLS TOWN OFFICE
June 18, 2024

PRESENT: Select Board: Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb, Don Preuss
Also: Nora Sargent, Judith Steinmetz, Bill Steinmetz, Andy Halett, Duane Dunbar, Fred Harvey, Eleanor Jones, Isacc O'Neil.

1. Meeting was called to order by Select Board Vice Chair Paul Woodruff Jr. at 7:00 P.M.
2. Minutes were read and approved.
3. Bills were studied and discussed and orders were signed.
4. Bill Steinmetz spoke about the large tree that fell into the lake by his property close to the dam. The tree was on state property and into state waters so Bill contacted Laura at the state, she acknowledged it was the state issue but the state has no money to remove the tree. Bill has gotten two estimates to remove the tree and waiting for three more. Bill will forward his email to the board with the response from the state. Don will reach out to the state as well and see if they can come to an agreement.
5. Eleanor Jones brought forms from the RRPC for the board to sign.
6. Andy Halett came to ask the board about his application for a first-class liquor license. He stated that he wants to be able to sell beer on his patio. Discussion ensued on this and the board will look into what steps would need to be taken to change the ordinance if they chose to.
7. Eleanor talked about one free wifi-broadband that is being offered for a location in town. The board discussed possibilities and suggested Eleanor find out the radius of the broadband and details on the installation and contact the school and/or MWA for a possible location.
8. Nora presented the new transfer station bag system and explained to the transfer station attendants and the Board on how to properly sell them and complete the paperwork. A schedule was made to cover the transfer station the next few weeks to make it easier for folks to purchase the bags. Nora will contact Casella to have the current bulk waste pulled on July 1 so we have a clean starting point with the new system.
9. Don talked about the East Wells Road slide contract with Fitzgerald environmental associates. Tammy made a motion to hire Fitzgerald environmental associates for an estimate of \$7,600 and use ARPA funds to pay them, second by Paul so passed.
10. Paul made a motion to accept and sign the contract from Rutland County Sheriffs Dept for July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Seconded by Tammy so passed.
11. Paul made a motion to accept and sign the contract for \$2,900 from Laurel Gilman for the completion of the Town report for the upcoming year, seconded by Tammy so passed.

12. Tammy made a motion to accept the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Policy, seconded by Paul so passed.
13. Don read a letter from Rising Tide Towers for the cell tower on Lake Hill.
14. Board filled out the form for RRPC. Eleanor Jones will be the Commissioner and Heather Thomas will be the alternate.
15. Tammy made a motion to accept the Emergency service grant for \$9,862.50, seconded by Paul so passed. Don will work with Todd Fenton on where to best utilize this grant.
16. Don discussed a concern about rocks being lined on side of Bull Frog Hollow Road. Don will go speak with the homeowners.
17. The new open meeting law was discussed. Tammy will work on the recoding part so that the board is in compliance by July 1.
18. Paul made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously.

Don Preuss

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb