

SELECT BOARD MINUTES
WELLS TOWN OFFICE
August 27, 2024

PRESENT: Select Board: Don Preuss, Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb
Also: Sherry Newton, Fran Gilman, Gail Fallar, Kevin Eaton, Eric Buffum, Duane Dunbar

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. Kevin Eaton, Chairman of the Select Board from the Town of Tinmouth, asked about the Town of Wells taking care of the end of the Gulf Road and McCoy Road. This would be plowing and sanding in the winter. Kevin Eaton said they would be willing to pay for the service or swap equipment/labor use. The Wells Selectboard will discuss it with their road foreman and get back to Tinmouth.
5. Back road grant for \$9,184 has been approved.
6. Nora completed the Vermont Town Forest census.
7. The Select Board received the audit information from the Lake St. Catherine Conservation Fund.
8. The Select Board received a letter concerning picking up garbage on the side of the road. The Select Board appreciates the effort of the individuals taking care of this.
9. Rob Witt sent a price list for his company's oil and hydraulic hoses.
10. The new town truck cab and chassis should be at Allegiance in September. The Select Board is hoping to get the completed truck in January.
11. The Select Board received a resignation letter from Eleanor Jones of the Planning Commission. The Select Board accepted it with regrets. Paul made a motion to appoint Fran Gilman to the Planning Commission. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously.
12. Tammy asked Fran about the Delaney milkhouse. Fran said the milkhouse is going to be worked on before winter. Fran said the Rules Sign will be ordered for the Lakeside Park soon.
13. The ARPA Fund balance was discussed, the balance needs to be designated by Dec 31,2024. It was already decided at a previous meeting that the funds would be used toward the East Wells Road Slide but need to get together to confirm it.
14. Duane asked about training someone in case one of the highway crew should retire soon. The board stated that until they receive notice that one of their workers plans to retire, that another employee would not be hired. Duane suggested helping the Town of Pawlet with filling in the

potholes at the end of Bull Frog Hollow. Select Board stated this is Pawlet's responsibility and it should be taken to them.

15. There was an accident on South Street bridge that occurred on 8/16/2024. State Police were involved and the insurance company has been notified. Select Board is waiting for a quote on replacing guardrails on the bridge.
16. The Select Board will talk about sand bids at the next meeting.
17. The Select Board will begin work on the budget for the next year. Don suggested getting together with all the departments to go over projected costs.
18. Tammy made a motion to go into executive session for legal reasons. 2nd by Paul at 8:17 PM.
19. Adjourned regular meeting at 8:17pm
20. Tammy made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:26 P.M. No action required. Tammy made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 P.M. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.

Don Preuss

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb