

SELECT BOARD MINUTES
WELLS TOWN OFFICE
February 11, 2025

PRESENT: Select Board: Don Preuss, Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb
Also: Sherry Newton, Duane Dunbar, Rachel Hoff

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 with additional checks being printed for the next meeting because of an error in amounts to be paid.
4. Don said the Lake St. Catherine Association and Delaney Park Committee member lost a long-time standing member in January of this year. He asked for a moment of silence for Frank Callahan who will be sincerely missed by all.
5. Rachel Hoff introduced herself as a new community member.
6. Duane Dunbar talked about the cost of a new salt shed. Duane said he feels money would be better spent on some of the dirt roads in town. Don said the dirt roads are much better than they use to be and improvements are always happening. Tammy said the resurfacing budget was increased this year. Also, sometimes mother nature dictates where priority lays with the roads. Don said a lot depends on whether the town receives grants for road work also.
7. Don talked about a report that Valerie Vitale, the town health officer, had the state forward to the town. The town of Wells has a higher level of arsenic than anywhere else in the state. Valerie would like to make everyone aware of how important it is to test your water. The town is in support of getting the information out to the town residents.
8. The Planning Commission is moving forward with the town plan. The new plan should be finished in the near future.
9. Tammy has prepared a survey for the Declaration of Inclusion Initiative for the town of Wells. The survey is to be handed out at elections for voter input on the matter.
10. KM Pyrotechnics has requested a fireworks permit for the 4th of July fireworks display on the lake. The permit is something they would apply to the state for.
11. The Select Board received a request for replacing a mailbox on Bull Frog Hollow Road that was hit by the town snow plow. An estimate was given to the Select Board for the cost of replacing the mailbox, post and the labor. The town will purchase the mailbox, post and numbers. The Select Board will fix the mailbox or the resident can hire someone at their own cost to do the work.
12. Don talked about a quote the Select Board has received for a new dump truck. The delivery date for this truck would be approximately three years.

13. Tammy talked about the MWA having a matching grant program that would be a total of \$5,000.00. She asked if the Select Board would be interested in applying for the grant to be used toward the salt shed. Tammy will submit a letter of interest to the MWA for the matching grant.
14. Don talked about using a canvas like material for the salt shed with a block foundation. The Select Board has received an estimate for a 65'X 120' structure. Tammy asked if the company had a payment plan or if you had to pay for it all at once.
15. Tammy talked about the ethics policy and how we need to have a procedure in place for complaints to be registered with the town. Nora and Tammy will work on it.
16. Tammy discussed the open meeting rules and that we are in compliance.
17. Tammy made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 P.M. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.

Don Preuss

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb