

SELECT BOARD MINUTES
WELLS TOWN OFFICE
February 25, 2025

PRESENT: Select Board: Don Preuss, Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb
Also: Sherry Newton, Duane Dunbar, Walton Anderson, Richard H. Holcomb, Todd Fenton,
Maggie O'Brien, David Ricard Sr.

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. Maggie O'Brien from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission talked about the Emergency Management Plan. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is needed for FEMA funding. The Select Board will be working on the plan.
5. Walton Anderson asked about the East Wells Road slide. Don explained the problem there started then flood Irene came through a few years ago. Don said a structures grant will help with some of the cost of the road slide repair.
6. Paul made a motion to approve overweight permits for Proctor Gas, Inc. and Markowski Excavating, Inc. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously.
7. Don discussed an email from Merrill Bent concerning the Camara slate quarry appraisal. Nora would like to contact the NEMRC owner to see if he can help with the process.
8. Tammy talked about a matching grant program that the MWA offers. Tammy will submit the application for the town for the \$5000.00 grant.
9. Don discussed the building of a salt shed. Don stated the blocks for the foundation have already been purchased with ARPA money.
10. Don said the dump body for the new town truck has still not been received. The estimated time for delivery is the middle of March. Don and Dave will go over specs for ordering another truck that would be delivered in 2028.
11. Don and Paul went with Hillary Solomon from the Poultney Mettowee Conservation District to look at culverts that could be worked on and covered by grants in aid money.
12. Dave talked about where the road mesh rolls are going to be used on the dirt roads this year. Tammy asked for a plan from Dave for the road crew for spring and summer.
13. Tammy made a motion to hire an administrative assistant for the Select Board for eight hours a week at an hourly rate. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
14. The Select Board talked about speakers for the annual town meeting.

15. Rich Holcomb talked about salt use in the state of Vermont.
16. Tammy thanked the road crew for all their hard work this winter. Dave said John Bates is the one who has put in the hard work and thanked him for it.
17. Tammy made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 P.M. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.

Don Preuss

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb