

SELECT BOARD MINUTES
WELLS TOWN OFFICE
April 9, 2024

PRESENT: Select Board: Don Preuss, Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb
Also: Sherry Newton, Steve Miller, Kimberly Kapps, Michelle Bates, Ann Constantinos, 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. Kimberly Kapps stated she lives on Ballard Farm Road. She said the road has been impassable at different times. She stated she and her husband have been patient with dealing with the road conditions. She said the ruts are unbelievable and they have had to have a tow truck tow them out before. They would like to see repairs made and question why this has not happened before now. They feel the road has been neglected. They also feel many of their vehicle repairs have been caused by the road condition. Steve Miller spoke with Dave Ricard Sr. and Dave told him they will be making repairs on Ballard Farm Road and should be completed by the second week of June.
5. Michelle Bates said the library committee have interviewed five people for the six-month interim position at the library. The committee has chosen Karen Huerta for the position. Tammy made a motion to hire Karen Huerta for the interim position for six months as of 4/18/24. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously. Gina's last working day is April 16, 2024.
6. Tammy made a motion to approve overweight permits for Beacon Sales Acquisition and Structural Wood Corp. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
7. Paul made a motion to sign the Ricoh copier lease agreement. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously.
8. Don and Paul had a video meeting with the people involved with the East Wells Road slide project. Don asked what the cost will be for the repair. Don stressed the fact that the repair needs to be done as soon as possible.
9. The Select Board received a concern about burning on Bull Frog Hollow Road. The board will pass this concern on to the fire chief.
10. Tammy reached out to William Chmielewski about getting a Planning Commission meeting together for reorganization. William has been into the town office and plans to set up a date. The Select Board received one letter of interest for the Planning Commission opening. The Select Board will forward the letter to William Chmielewski, chairman of the Planning Commission.
11. Tammy will reach out to Wilson Flooring in Orwell who was referred by Danaher Flooring who is booked for the year about refinishing the library floors.

12. Don suggested having the Select Board and the road crew each write down what they envision for a new town garage and salt shed. Then the board and crew could get together and come up with a plan. Then a committee could be set up to move forward from there.
13. Paul made a motion to accept the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) plan. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously.
14. The Select Board discussed ARPA funds. The board still plans to use the remaining funds on the East Wells Road slide but will wait until closer to the submission date of 12/31/24 to finalize the plan on where the funds will be spent as more information will be available in the near future.
15. The Select Board reviewed the Conflicts of Interest and Ethical Conduct Policy draft. The board will review again at a later date.
16. Paul made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 P.M. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously.

Don Preuss

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb
