

SELECT BOARD
MINUTES WELLS TOWN OFFICE
August 29, 2023

PRESENT: Select Board: Don Preuss, Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb
Also: Sherry Newton, Nora Sargent, Stanley Martelle Jr., Susan Holcomb, 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 with questions being answered from the last Select Board meeting dated August 15, 2023 referring to point #6.
3. Bills were studied and discussed and orders were signed.
4. In response to questions relating to Select Board minutes from 8/15/2023 #6. The town website has been modified to read: the town office may be closed due to weather, when the school is closed. This is to protect all, when the roads are a priority at that time and not the town office parking lot and sidewalk. We may be reached by emailing us at wellstownclerk@comcast.net. Sorry for any inconvenience. Fran Gilman had questioned whether Nora gets full pay while she works remotely. Nora and the Select Board discussed that yes, she does get paid because she is working remotely when not in the office. Programs have been installed so that she has complete access to all town systems. All town records are now online. Back-up plans are in place in case Sherry is unable to work.
5. The Select Board opened a sand bid for the 2023/2024 season from Stanley Martelle Jr. The bid was approved by Paul. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously.
6. Stanley inquired about the Wells Cemetery. Tammy said a timeline has been submitted by Eric Montbriand starting with having the back lot surveyed and trees cut.
7. Tammy made a motion to approve an overweight permit for M. Tatro Trucking LLC. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
8. The East Wells Road slide has not moved recently. A partial lane closure has been put in place in this area. The Select Board and the highway crew received a thank you note for they're hard work on this project.
9. There will be a meeting on Sept. 1 with the Lake St. Catherine Association and the Lake St. Catherine Conservation Fund and also the Poultney Mettowee National Resources Conservation District at the town office. Another meeting will occur on Sept. 9 with the LSCA and the LSCCF.
10. The Select Bord received information about the MERP program. Nora and Sherry have gathered three years' worth of information for fuel and kilowatt hours used at the town garage. The grant application has been submitted and we are hoping the town will receive some money for this energy conservation project.
11. The Village Designation Project is wrapped up and will be submitted tomorrow.
12. Tom Fuller is going to check on paving projects the town might be able to have completed.

13. The Tadmer Road project has only received one bid so far.
14. The Select Board will work on the cover for the town report and the dedication page.
15. Tammy made a motion to establish a part time volunteer position to help redo the accessor files and back up work. Nora will be in charge of finding the volunteer. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
16. Tammy received information from Mark Shea about the grant for the Transfer Station. Mark will let Tammy know when anything is approved for this.
17. The Select Board is posting a part time on call position for the Transfer Station.
18. David Ricard Sr. shared information he has gathered on a new town dump truck. He received quotes on a new International and a new Western Star. He also had information on the spec package for both. Paul made a motion to approve a lease to purchase agreement for a ten wheel International truck from Allegiance Trucks for \$236,000.00 plus/minus. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously.
19. The Select Board feels a new ton truck will be needed in the very near future. Don will look into truck options.
20. Tammy has drafted an updated personnel policy. She will change a few items and redraft the policy for review at a later date.
21. Tammy will work with Nora on policies the auditors would like to see put in place.
22. Paul made a motion to adjourn at 8:49 P.M. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously.

Don Preuss

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb
