

**SELECT BOARD MINUTES**  
**WELLS TOWN OFFICE**  
**October 8, 2024**

PRESENT: Select Board: Don Preuss, Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb  
Also: Sherry Newton, Duane Dunbar, Michelle Bates, Tom Bates, David Ricard Sr.

1. Meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair Don Preuss at 7:01 P.M.
2. Minutes were read and approved.
3. Bills were studied and discussed and orders were signed.
4. Duane Dunbar asked if the roads will be graded again. Don replied they have started the grading on some roads and will get to the others, weather permitting of course. Duane said there is a culvert that seems to empty on to Chris Loomis' lawn, Chris asked if something could be done to change this. Don said he will discuss with Dave to look into.
5. Michelle Bates asked if a remembrance bench could be installed at the library. She said plaques could be added when someone passes away. The Select Board thinks this is a great idea. Michelle inquired about the library ramp. The library has gotten a quote to have it painted and fixed. The Select Board stated the ramp would need to be stained as that is what it is now. The Select Board suggested putting outside carpet down or other options on the ramp for this winter. The board will look into doing something.
6. Michelle is concerned about an individual who has been hanging around the library porta potty. Michelle would like to have a no trespass put in place for the library concerning this individual. This person has had felony counts against him in New York state. There have been many complaints made about him in numerous towns nearby. He seems to be escalating and Michelle is afraid something bad could happen. The Select Board said the librarians could put a no trespass against this person, but because the library is a public building the town can not put a no trespass on the building unless the person has actually committed a crime.
7. Dave Ricard said the road grants have been done. He said he has not heard from the people who paint the road lines yet. Dave said the winter sand has been trucked to the town garage. Tammy suggested revisiting the plans of developing a salt shed soon. Dave and the Select Board discussed ordering another town truck. Dave said the road crew will be doing more grading. Dave discussed the culvert by Chris Loomis' house and offered some ideas to help with the water problem. Dave will talk with Chris. Dave asked the Select Board about driveway culverts. The Select Board said they do not have a problem with Dave replacing culverts that cause an issue.
8. Tammy asked about Stanley Martelle helping when a road crew member is out with an upcoming surgery. Dave said Stan would use his own truck and be a subcontractor.
9. Don said the cell tower is moving forward on Lake Hill.
10. Don discussed the intersection of South Street and Route 30. He received information on what the town can do to change the intersection and narrow the road there.

11. All the paperwork is in on the South Street bridge accident,
12. Don sent letters of support for grant applications for the Lake St. Catherine Conservation Fund and the Lake St. Catherine Association.
13. Tammy asked if the town has received any funds from the Sheriff's Department or heard back from them on why we were not receiving funds in the past as they were going to look into it after their visit with the board. Don said he would check into it.
14. Tammy would like the Select Board, Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk to get together to go over the website. She said a list should be put together with issues that need to be corrected. She would like to do a zoom meeting with the website designer. Tammy will coordinate the meeting.
15. Don talked about the holiday lights.
16. The Select Board discussed the ARPA funds. Tammy made a motion to use the remaining ARPA funds toward the new town truck. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously.
17. The Select Board is moving the November 5<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting to 6:00 P.M. because of elections. This is a pay bills, payroll and approve minutes only meeting. Also, the December 31<sup>st</sup> meeting will be moved to Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> because of New Year's Eve.
18. Tammy made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 P.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously.

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Don Preuss

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Paul Woodruff Jr.

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Tammy Holcomb