

SELECT BOARD
MINUTES WELLS TOWN OFFICE
December 19, 2023

PRESENT: Select Board: Don Preuss, Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb
Also: Sherry Newton, Autumn Webb

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. Autumn Webb asked about paving Bull Frog Hollow Road. Don explained the cost of paving and the unlikelihood of this happening. Tammy said it would be great to be able to have the road paved, but the cost and time to do it are the issues. If the opportunity ever presents itself to do a little more work or paving on the road then we would definitely look into it.
5. Tammy made a motion to approve the annual report schedule from Repro Graphics. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
6. Tammy will review the credit card policy with Nora to add debit card information.
7. The Select Board received a draft from RHR Smith the town audit company. The Select Board signed off on the acceptance letter with no questions.
8. The Select Board discussed a MERP mini grant program from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.
9. The Select talked about the bag system for the Transfer Station. Tammy will check on ordering bags and stickers. Paul made a motion to buy the stickers and bags for the new program. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously.
10. Don talked to Jim Candors about herbicide use. They also talked about the Lake Bomoseen debate.
11. The Select Board talked about the trees and branches taken down by the storm. They also talked about the rain and water issues with some roads because of the storm.
12. The Select Board has chosen a cover for the town report.
13. The Select talked about and reviewed the budget. The Select Board will do a final review of the budget on their own and come back with a final decision at the January 2 meeting.
14. A merit increase will be put in place for pay period starting 12/17/2023 for the assistant town clerk and treasurer.
15. The highway crew have received their new uniforms from Millers.

16. The East Wells Road slide was talked about. Don and Paul met with some of the engineers at the site. The Select Board is hoping the project will go to bid in the next couple of months so that work can begin in the spring or early summer.
17. Tammy asked if the highway crew would have any time to help with the cemetery project. Tammy suggested the highway crew get together with Eric Montbriand and Stanley Martelle Jr. to go over details of what needs to be done.
18. The Select Board said the tree lighting at the library was a success. They also talked about some things that could be improved for next year.
19. Paul made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 P.M. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously,

Don Preuss

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb
