

SELECT BOARD MINUTES
WELLS TOWN OFFICE
December 3, 2024

PRESENT: Select Board: Don Preuss, Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb
Also: Sherry Newton, Walton Anderson, Duane Dunbar, Chris Pritchard

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. Walton Anderson asked about grading on St. Catherine Court. Don said the larger dirt roads have been done, but there are still a couple of smaller roads that need to be completed.
5. Duane Dunbar said mailboxes have been smashed on Mill Pond Road and Bull Frog Hollow Road twice.
6. Chris Pritchard is our new Rutland-Bennington state representative. Chris has left business cards at all five towns he represents. He wants to make sure he is easy to contact and available to everyone.
7. Tammy made a motion to appoint Heather Thomas as the Rutland Regional Planning Commission regular commissioner. Steve Miller as the alternate. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
8. On November 20th the Lake St. Catherine Association met with state representatives and others to discuss the use of herbicides in the lake. There is a thirty-day comment period to decide if herbicides will be used or not. The Select Board received a request from the LSCA for the towns support to draft a letter to the state on there behalf. Don feels the Select Board should stay neutral in the matter, Tammy and Paul agree.
9. The Select Board received a Class I liquor license application from the Wells Country Store. Don called the liquor inspector in Montpelier about the request. The inspector only knows of two places that sell beer and wine to go and serve alcohol at the same place. The town ordinance that is in place on this issue can not be overturned by a petition. The Select Board is denying the application.
10. The Select Board received a letter from the ethics commission saying they need to appoint an employee to be the liaison between the town and the commission. The board has someone in mind and will ask the person before appointing them.
11. The new town truck is in Williston having all the attachments and accessories installed.
12. A tax hearing will take place on Thursday, December 5, 2024.
13. The Select Board would like to look into changing phone and internet service. Tammy is going to check into this and get prices.

14. Don has checked into oil prices and is comparing to see if the town can purchase oil at a cheaper rate.
15. Don discussed check cashing fees for non-account holders at the town's bank (TD Bank).
16. Tammy asked if there were suggestions for the town report cover and the dedication. Tammy suggested Joe Capron for the dedication and a picture of the Loons for the cover. The board agreed with the suggestions. Tammy will work with Joe and work on getting a photo.
17. Tammy made a motion to approve holiday bonuses for employees to be the same rate as last year. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
18. Tammy made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 P.M. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.

Don Preuss

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb