

**SELECT BOARD MINUTES**  
**WELLS TOWN OFFICE**  
**March 25, 2025**

PRESENT: Select Board: Don Preuss, Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb  
Also: Sherry Newton, Fran Gilman, Steve Miller

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. Don and Paul went with two engineers to look at the East Wells Road slide. They talked about what permits are needed and discussed the project. The telephone company has removed the pole that was in the way of the project. Paul made a motion to sign the permit proposals for the project to go to bid. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy. Passed unanimously. Don signed all the necessary permits to move the project forward including the DEC Watershed Management permit, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit and the Town of Wells Flood Hazard Regulation application.
5. Paul made a motion to approve overweight permits for HOP Energy, LLC dba Keyser Energy, Fuller Sand & Gravel, Camp Precast Concrete Products, Inc., Barrett Trucking Co., Inc., and Steve Newton Forestry Inc. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy. Passed unanimously.
6. Paul made a motion to donate \$150.00 to the MWA's annual Easter Egg Hunt. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy. Passed unanimously.
7. The Select Board received a letter from PEGTV asking if they could be of assistance with recording and producing TV coverage of the towns Select Board meetings. Tammy said the meetings are voice recorded already and posted on the town website. The Select Board decided to table this request.
8. Don spoke with the towns insurance agent and went over the coverage on the town buildings and vehicles for the renewal.
9. The Select Board received an appointment form from the Rutland County Solid Waste District. Tammy made a motion to appoint Don as the town's representative. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously.
10. David Ricard Sr., the highway foreman, gave the Select Board a schedule, weather and funds permitting, for the upcoming spring and summer plan for the road crew.
11. The Select Board received a proposal from Fuller Sand & Gravel for paving a ¾ mile portion of East Wells Road. This quote will be used for our grant application.
12. Tammy discussed the Code of Ethics, Town of Wells Municipal Complaint Form. Paul made a motion to approve the complaint form. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy. Passed unanimously.
13. Fran talked about the Town Plan. He said there are some mistakes that need to be fixed. He also said there are things that need to be added to be in compliance. The Planning Commission

will get together with the Select Board and go over the details and bring the plan together. Fran will let the board know of a date and time that works for everyone.

14. Don asked the members of the Planning Commission if they could please work on getting their typed meeting minutes to the town office in a timely manner to be posted on the town website.
15. Don went over the process for approving the Town Plan once the Planning Commission has approved it and sent it to the Select Board.
16. Otter Creek Union Communications District asked if the town would like to send a representative to their meetings or if the town would like to resign from the OCUCD. Tammy made a motion to resign from the OCUCD since there are no current projects that are going to be worked on in the Town of Wells. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously.
17. The Select Board has gotten together with their executive assistant to go over upcoming projects.
18. The Select Board discussed phone coverage and a recent phone outage that occurred. Tammy will contact Xfinity to discuss what options are available for us to possibly switch over to them from Consolidated Communications.
19. The Select Board will work on a proposal for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
20. Tammy made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 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