

SELECT BOARD MINUTES
WELLS TOWN OFFICE
May 20, 2025

PRESENT: Select Board: Don Preuss, Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb
Also: Sherry Newton, Nora Sargent, Heather Thomas, Fran Gilman, Ann Constantinos, Rachel Hoff, Mary Beth Harrison, William Harrison, Sarah Sabotka, Ann O'Brien, Steve Miller, Jill Hassebroek, Todd Fenton

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. Mary Beth Harrison asked why the Declaration of Inclusion was not passed. She stated the survey poll results approved the declaration, but the motion by the Select Board was not approved. Don said there has never been an issue of inclusion in Wells. Tammy stated the verbiage on the declaration kept changing and she didn't feel comfortable approving it. The declaration had been not approved and tabled by the Select Board at that time. Bill Harrison asked if there has been a survey that has gone to a poll in the past and is in favor by the voters, that the Select Board has refused the motion. Rachel Hoff had concerns why 70plus percent of the voters approved the declaration and the Select Board didn't approve the motion. Tammy explained again, there were too many changes to the original declaration to approve the motion. Fran Gilman suggested holding a public meeting with the inclusion committee to discuss the declaration. Tammy suggested that there could be a petition done to have it added to the next vote in town.
5. The Select Board received a fireworks permit application from Kevin Mosmen for the July 4th fireworks display on the lake. Tammy made a motion to approve the fireworks application. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously. Todd Fenton signed the permit application also.
6. The Select Board received a letter from a citizen on Route 30 about the traffic and speed limit near her residence. She feels traffic has increased because of the Route 31 detour. Don will contact the state police to advise them of the situation.
7. Don talked about getting ready to go to bid on the East Wells Road project. The property owner has concerns that the Select Board and engineers are trying to negotiate to help move the project forward.
8. The Select Board received a new contract from the Sheriff's Dept. Paul made a motion to accept the Rutland County Sheriff's Dept. contract. 2nd by Tammy. Passed unanimously.
9. Tammy made a motion to approve the MWA parade for 8/2/2025. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.
10. Tammy will be ordering a new sign for the town office.
11. Tammy talked about the new Xfinity installations.

12. The Select Board discussed the town website. The Select Board is not happy with the website. Tammy is going to discuss the website with Gina Ellis and decide what the Select Board would like to do.
13. Don talked about selling the old town truck. Don suggested putting an ad for bid in the newspaper to sell the truck.
14. LHMP needs to go to bid. The Select Board will move forward with the bid process.
15. The Planning Commission has had some issues that need to be resolved. The agenda needs to be posted in 48 hours before a meeting. The minutes need to be posted 5 days after a meeting. Special meetings need to be posted, a scheduled regular meeting does not need to be posted. The Select Board would like to have the meetings recorded to be able to post on the website. Tammy explained how she helped with posting the minutes and agenda. Steve Miller stated he needs to be kept in the loop with the agenda and minutes. Tammy stated she didn't feel it was up to her to contact Steve, she feels this is the secretary's job. Heather Thomas commented on some of the issues also. Tammy is not comfortable with the town's representative for the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. She would like the Planning Commission to reconsider their representative choice. Fran said the previous representative did not communicate well with the rest of the Planning Commission with information she received from the RRPC. Tammy suggested discussing what is expected of those that wish to be the representative of the RRPC for the Town to make sure they agree to them before asking for nominations and a vote.
16. Don thanked Ann O'Brien and others for placing the flags on the veteran's graves.
17. Don has talked with Brian Sanderson about a speed limit study being done on West Lake Road. Don said new signage and speed bumps will be installed on West Lake Road for the summer and removed for winter plowing.
18. Tammy made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 P.M. 2nd by Paul. Passed unanimously.

Don Preuss

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb