

SELECT BOARD MINUTES
WELLS TOWN OFFICE
July 15, 2025

PRESENT: Select Board: Don Preuss, Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb

Also: Nora Sargent, Iztoki & Adrienne Ferluga

1. Meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair Don Preuss at 7:02 P.M.
2. Minutes were read and approved.
3. Bills were studied and discussed and orders were signed.
4. Tammy made a motion to approve minutes, bills, and payroll. Seconded by Paul, so moved.
5. Don reviewed correspondence and said there was a letter pertaining to funding being approved for septic systems through Healthy Homes.
6. Merrill Bent and the new quarry appraiser will meet on Thursday at 10:00am to do site visits to the quarries that need to be appraised.
7. The engineers for East Wells road slide met on Monday to work on the letter for the homeowners. Merrill Bent was involved in this as well.
8. We had our annual transfer station inspection, and there is a tire sign that is needed and we need to clean up daily around the bins.
9. The quote came in for the new truck, board reviewed it and set aside until later in the meeting.
10. Don read a letter from Steve Miller as he is resigning from the planning commission. Board thanked Steve for his service to the planning commission and accepted his resignation with regrets.
11. Don and Wade from VLCT spoke about the speed bumps to be installed on West Lake Road and they talked about proper signage and installation and possibly dropping the speed limit to 25.
12. Don stated the Highway crew had put new signs up for horses by Mill Brook Farm and less than 24 hours later the signs and post were stolen. New procedures will be put in place when installing new signs.
13. Mr. Ferluga asked if he could paint his property line on trees, the board suggested he speak to his surveyor before doing so.
14. Don is looking into a new source for signs locally and is waiting on that contact information.
15. Don read a letter from Ryan Miller concerning the tower on North East Mountain.

16. Tammy made a motion to accept the proposal from RRPC for updating the local Hazzard Mitigation Plan 985508 with grant funds covering 75% of it. Seconded by Paul, so moved.
17. Nora presented the tax rates and the calculation behind these. Tammy made a motion to accept the Municipal tax rate of .4244 and combined with the state education rates of homestead at 1.1279 and non-homestead of 1.2881 that makes the homestead rate 1.5523 and the non-homestead rate 1.7125, seconded by Paul, so moved.
18. Don discussed a Fact sheet that Nora would like to put in the tax bills.
19. Transfer station was discussed as there is an issue with the stickers not being on vehicles and not displayed. Board discussed how this can be corrected and to make sure everyone has a new sticker and only blue bags are being used. Tammy asked Nora to give Capt. Jack a new updated copy of the stickers that have been purchased.
20. New truck was discussed and Tammy made a motion to accept the sales proposal HV515 SFA for the international dump truck for an amount of roughly \$285,000. Quote will be kept on file, seconded by Paul so moved.
21. Don asked Nora to please send the signed paper work to Allegiance truck on Wednesday to order the new truck.
22. Tammy made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 PM seconded by Paul so moved.
23. Don Made a motion to reopen the meeting at 8:18 PM as there was an oversight in something that needed to be voted on.
24. Tammy made a motion to accept the bid from Durable Home Goods of \$550 to provide and install gutters around Delaney Pavillion, seconded by Paul so moved.
25. Tammy made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM seconded by Paul, so moved.

Don Preuss

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Tammy Holcomb