

**SELECT BOARD MINUTES**  
**WELLS TOWN OFFICE**  
**July 29, 2025**

PRESENT: Select Board: Don Preuss, Paul Woodruff Jr., Tammy Holcomb  
Also: Sherry Newton, Michelle Bates, Fran Gilman, Ann Constantinos, Donna Lamb, Richard Pauquette Jr., Susan Wonderly, Eric Montbriand

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. Michelle Bates said seven people applied for the librarian position, four were interviewed. Julie Cannata was hired for fourteen hours per week per recommendation of the library trustees. Tammy made a motion to approve hiring Julie Cannata for fourteen hours per week at \$18.00 per hour and paying her back pay for the days she trained this week with Gina. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Passed unanimously.
5. Rich Pauquette wanted to thank the highway crew for the clean up done by his house. He also said he is thankful for the new cell tower going up on Lake Hill.
6. Donna Lamb talked about the intersection at the center of town and how dangerous it is. The road crew has painted lines and cut brush near the intersection.
7. Rich Pauquette talked about a derogatory message that has been screwed to a telephone pole near the post office. Don will investigate it and notify the sheriff department.
8. Donna Lamb talked about a large hole that is filled with water on St. Catherine Court. She is concerned with the West Nile virus and children and older people in the area. Donna said the hole is a reoccurring problem and would like to see the area paved. Don said he would look at it tomorrow.
9. Eric Montbriand talked about Act 73 concerning school redistricting. He is interested in how the Select Board feels about the matter. He would like the Select Board to stand up for small schools across the state. He said we now have a supervisory union, but with the changes it could become a supervisory district which would make it much bigger and towns would have less control on the local level.
10. The East Wells Road slide project will be going to bid soon.
11. The Channel Drive septic issue should be taken care of in or near the first week in August.
12. Casella Waste is picking up the compost at the Transfer Station now.
13. The new town truck has been ordered.

14. Don talked about ordering crushed stone instead of sand for the back roads this winter. He is waiting to hear back from Dave Ricard on how much needs to be ordered.
15. Tammy will advertise the old town truck for bid.
16. Tammy has met with Gina Ellis about making a new website for the Town of Wells. The Select Board would like Gina to give them an estimate on the cost for her service for producing the website.
17. Tammy made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 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