

## ***SELECTMEN'S MEETING –TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016***

Present: Chairman Karl Ekstedt, Selectmen Kathy Chase, Tim Roche, Daniel Hobbs and John Howarth, Town Manager Jon Carter.

### ***MUNICIPAL OFFICERS BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS***

#### ***1. Good News***

~The Boy Scouts are doing projects in Town to earn their Eagle Scout award. One of the recent projects was the construction of Lost & Found bins at the beaches and the repair of some of the kiosks. The scouts will be holding their jamboree at the Recreation Department field.

~The Wells Warriors are 5-0. The team visits Lake Region on October 7. The team's final home game of the season will be October 21 against Cape Elizabeth.

#### ***2. Open to the Public***

~Chief Putnam gave an update on the recent statewide Amber Alert. The child has been found safe and the alert was cancelled.

~Mr. Ekstedt thanked Superintendent of Schools Jim Daly for improving communication between the School Department and the Board of Selectmen.

~Mr. Howarth reported that Maine Street Ogunquit donated 50 bags of cans to the high school through Clynk. The school received \$400.

### ***CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS***

#### ***1. Review and action on Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants***

There is a Warrant dated October 4, 2016 with expenses of \$662,948.98, no school payment, net payroll for the week ending 9/22/16 in the amount of \$77,214.37, net payroll for the week ending 9/29/16 in the amount of \$73,916.99 and state and federal withholding taxes, plus FICA, Medicare and federal taxes filed electronically in the amount of \$68,673.08 for total expenses of \$882,753.42.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve and sign the Warrant dated October 4, 2016 in the amount of \$882,753.42. Passed unanimously.

There is a General Assistance Warrant dated October 4, 2016 in the amount of \$1,900.00.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve and sign the General Assistance Warrant dated October 4, 2016 in the amount of \$1,900.00. Passed unanimously.

#### ***2. Update, discussion and action on Committees, Projects, Issues, Purchases and Personnel:***

##### ***a. Discussion and action to schedule a public hearing on amending Town of Wells Code Chapter 86 Beaches for the purpose of prohibiting smoking on Wells beaches.***

This amendment would include smoking and chewing tobacco products and e-cigarettes.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to schedule a public hearing for 7 PM on October 18, 2016 to amend Chapter 86 Beaches Ordinance for the purpose of prohibiting smoking on beaches. Passed unanimously.

***b. Discussion and action on proceeding with declaring the residential building located at 1765 Sanford Road a dangerous building.***

In an earlier workshop the Town Attorney explained the process for declaring a dangerous building. Two state statutes are involved and she recommends following the mobile home statute. There are two mobile homes on the property, and this action deals with the front parcel.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to proceed with the recommendation of the Town Attorney regarding the dangerous building located at 1765 Sanford Road using the Mobile Home Statute §30-A M.R.S.A. subsection 3106. Passed unanimously.

***c. Discussion and action on award of the propane bid.***

Two bids were received, Estes Oil & Propane at \$1.24 per gallon and Champagne's Energy Inc. at \$1.399 per gallon. For FY'16 we have been paying \$1.89 per gallon to Suburban Propane. Suburban put in the tanks and Estes is aware that they may have to buy the tanks from Suburban.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to award the 2016-17 bid to Estes Oil & Propane for the fixed price of \$1.24 per gallon. Passed unanimously.

***d. Discussion and action on confirming the tax rate set by the Assessor for FY'17.***

No action tonight. The rate will be announced later this week.

***e. Discussion and action on charging a Notary Charge for documents requested by the public of the Town Clerk or other departments with Notaries at a rate of \$5 per signature with a cap of \$20.***

The Town Clerk's Office spends considerable time donating this service to members of the public. Several surrounding communities have had to discontinue this service and the banks often charge for it. The fee would become effective January 1, 2017 and the money would go into the General Fund in a sub-account for Notary Services.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to add the fee for notary services in the amount of \$5 per signature with a cap of \$20, effective January 1, 2017. Passed unanimously.

***f. Discussion and action on accepting FY 2014 and FY 2015 Edward Byrne-JAG grants for the purchase of law enforcement equipment for the Police Department.***

The grants will allow the Department to upgrade their security camera system.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the Edward Byrne-JAG grants for Fiscal Year 2014 and Fiscal Year 2015 for \$1,895 Federal share and \$605 Police Department share for the purchase of law enforcement equipment for the Police Department. Passed unanimously.

***g. Discussion and action on Personnel and Committee Assignments, Resignations and Issues:***

***i. Selectmen:***

1. Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to appoint Jessica Keyes as Warden for the Presidential and State Election on November 8, 2016. Passed unanimously.
2. Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to appoint Kerri Van Schaack as Deputy Warden for the Presidential and State Election on November 8, 2016. Passed unanimously.

***h. Discussion and action to accept donations and bequests:***

***1. \$50.00 from Brenda and Vincent Cloutier to the Wells Police Department.***

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the generous donation and send the donors a letter of thanks. Passed unanimously.

***2. \$25.00 from Kathy Dendor to the Wells Public Library for services provided during her summer vacation.***

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the generous donation and send the donor a letter of thanks. Passed unanimously.

***3. Donation from Sue Kennedy of a painting of Laudholm Farm by Gordon Robinson valued at \$2,000 to the Wells Public Library.***

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the generous donation and send the donor a letter of thanks. Passed unanimously.

***NEW BUSINESS***

***1. Open to the Public***

~There was a question about the old Cumberland Farms building. Why is it being painted if it is scheduled to be torn down?

The owner is required to mothball the facility and make it clean before we take possession. The sale contract includes environmental conditions to protect the Town.

***2. Town Manager's Report***

~Update on the marijuana citizen initiative on the November ballot: the law would allow towns to regulate and prohibit possession and use within their borders.

There are 6 referendum questions on the ballot, and the Secretary of State's Office has published a 60 page citizens' guide. There is a link on our web site from the Town Clerk's page to the Secretary of State's page. The Library will print a copy.

~Household Hazardous Waste Day is this Saturday at the Kennebunk Transfer Station (Sea Road) from 8 AM-1 PM. A list of the items that will be accepted is on our web site.

Casella is paying half of the cost.

~Route 109 is being repaired from Chapel Road to the elementary school where Unitil installed the gas line. The work should be completed this week.

~The surplus equipment auction will be held at 9 AM on Saturday, October 15 at the Town garage.

~A tropical storm is heading toward New England this weekend. Our public safety departments are monitoring the situation. We need the rain, but people are being urged to use caution.

~ The Downeaster tracks are being repaired and train service is interrupted. People can take the train from Brunswick to Portland, then are bussed to Wells to pick up the train again.

**3. *Adjournment***

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by,

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Cinndi Davidson,  
Meeting Recorder

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