

## ***SELECTMEN'S MEETING –TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016***

Present: Vice Chairman Tim Roche, Selectmen Daniel Hobbs and John Howarth, Town Manager Jon Carter.

Excused: Chairman Karl Ekstedt, Selectman Kathy Chase

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

#### ***1. Public hearing on amending the Town of Wells Code Chapter 86 (Beaches) for the purpose of prohibiting Smoking on Wells Beaches.***

There were several speakers in favor of amending the Beach Ordinance to ban smoking materials and chewing tobacco on the beaches. If the marijuana referendum question passes on the state-wide ballot this November, this amendment would prohibit its use on our beaches.

Motion by Mr. Howarth, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, to close the public hearing and approve the amendment to Chapter 86.5 (Beaches) of the Code of the Town of Wells. Passed unanimously.

#### ***2. Good News***

~The Selectmen just passed a very important ordinance which will help with public health and safety and cleanliness on our beaches.

~The auction of surplus Town Equipment was held on Saturday. We raised just over \$12,000.

#### ***3. Open to the Public***

Chief Putnam reminded everyone that the Drug Take Back Day will be held this Saturday from 10 AM-2PM at Wells ERgent Care. If those hours aren't convenient, people can drop off drugs in advance at the Police Station.

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

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

There is a Warrant dated October 18, 2016 with expenses of \$2,234,286.89, school payment of \$1,564,966.84, net payroll for the week ending 10/6/16 in the amount of \$72,867.33, net payroll for the week ending 10/13/16 in the amount of \$74,417.55, and state and federal withholding taxes, plus FICA, Medicare and federal taxes filed electronically in the amount of \$66,022.14 for total expenses of \$4,012,560.75.

Motion by Mr. Howarth, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, to approve and sign the Warrant dated October 18, 2016 in the amount of \$4,012, 560.75. Passed unanimously.

There is a General Assistance Warrant dated October 18, 2016 in the amount of \$524.27 with \$24.47 for General Assistance and \$499.80 from the Special Fuel Fund. The Fund balance is \$42,007.76.

Motion by Mr. Howarth, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, to approve and sign the General Assistance Warrant dated October 18, 2016 in the amount of \$524.27. Passed unanimously.

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

**a. Discussion and action on scheduling a public hearing on November 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM to declare that a mobile home located at 1765 Sanford Road in the Town of Wells (and more particularly described as Tax Map 54, Lot 8) has been abandoned and to order corrective action, including demolition and removal of said structure, pursuant to the Board of Selectman's authority under 30-A M.R.S. §3106-A.**

The Town Attorney has held a workshop with the Selectmen and Code Enforcement Officer to discuss the available options. This is an abandoned trailer and the Bank of America has foreclosed on the mortgagee, Julie Libby. Mr. Howarth attended a class on this recently and concurred with the Attorney's recommendation.

Motion by Mr. Howarth, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, to schedule a public hearing for 7 PM on November 15, 2016 to declare the mobile home abandoned and to order corrective action. Passed unanimously.

**b. Discussion and action on scheduling a special meeting and workshops of the Board of Selectmen for October 25, 2016 to discuss several items in detail such as Public Safety Facilities and upcoming FY'18 Budget Guidance .**

Motion by Mr. Howarth, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, to schedule a special meeting and workshops for 5:30 PM on October 25, 2016. Passed unanimously. The Town Attorney may be present at 5 PM for an Executive Session.

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

**i. Selectmen:**

a. Motion by Mr. Howarth, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, to appoint Wayne Vetre as Fire Chief, effective November 1, 2016. Passed unanimously.

b. Motion by Mr. Howarth, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, to appoint Wayne Vetre as Emergency Management Director, effective November 1, 2016. Passed unanimously.

c. Motion by Mr. Howarth, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, to appoint Wayne Vetre as Fire Inspector, effective November 1, 2016. Passed unanimously.

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

**a. \$25.00 from Various Library Users to the Wells Public Library.**

Motion by Mr. Howarth, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, to accept the generous donation. Passed unanimously.

**e. Discussion and action on approving the minutes of the September 20, 2016 Selectmen's meeting.**

Motion by Mr. Howarth, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, to accept the minutes as written. Passed unanimously.

**f. Discussion and action on approving the minutes of the October 4, 2016 Selectmen’s meeting.**

Motion by Mr. Howarth, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, to accept the minutes as written. Passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Open to the Public**

~Mr. Roche reported that the high school is completely open now, including the music rooms and auditorium. Some special drama and music presentations are planned for this winter. An open house will be held for the public to see the new addition.

**2. Town Manager’s Report**

~The Haunted Hayride will be held this Saturday, October 22 from 4:30-8:30 at the Recreation Center.

~Election Day is November 8. On our web site and the State’s web site, there is a 60 page citizen’s guide to the referendum questions and background information on the candidates. The fluoride question is a local issue for towns served by KKWWD and apparently there is no web site that explains both sides.

~At the October 8 Hazardous Waste collection, 298 vehicles brought materials for disposal including 63 from Wells.

**3. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. Howarth, to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by,

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Cinndi Davidson,  
Meeting Recorder

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