

## ***SELECTMEN'S MEETING –TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018***

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

### ***5:00 p.m. Workshops***

***1. Executive Session: Discussion on Public Works Director and HR Director Positions and Recruitment per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).***

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to go into Executive Session. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to come out of Executive Session. Passed unanimously.

***2. Discussion on including a warrant Article for additional School Resource Officers (SRO) for the WOCSD.***

The School Committee has requested two additional SRO's with the Town and WOCSD sharing the cost of the officers' salaries and benefits..

***3. Update on Storm Damage from Weekend Storm and preparations on the March 7-8 Storm: Fire Chief Wayne Vetre and Police Chief Jo-Ann Putnam.***

A 2 ½ -3 ft. storm surge is expected for the next storm. The moon is past full which should help reduce the effects of the tides, but the winds tend to be north-northeast. The roads along the beach have experienced flooding, damage to sea walls and fencing, and considerable debris in the roadways. The Code Office has been inspecting houses in the area. Wayne has asked the County EMA for the use of their drone, and Wells Reserve is working to get real-time imagery of the area. One of the problems was with propane tanks coming loose, and the Code Office is working with property owners to make sure the tanks are securely fastened. Geoff Aleva and Mike Livingston are working on damage estimates for FEMA and the insurance company. The only power outages from the latest storm were on Wire Road.

The problem with the next storm is that snow is predicted for tomorrow and again on the weekend. The Activity Center is ready as a warming center. The schools are planning to hold classes but the afternoon activities are cancelled. More traffic control barriers are needed to keep people from driving into dangerous areas.

***4. Discussion on a request to sell Girl Scout Cookies at the Transfer Station on Saturday, March 10, 2018.***

The consensus was to permit the sale. Transfer Station personnel will determine a safe area.

***5. Review of the Status of FY'16 Property Tax Foreclosure March 2, 2018.***

Jodie and Casey are continuing to work with the owners on payment plans.

**6. *Review of Maine DOT proposed Cooperative Projects Agreements for Route 109 Corridor.***

This involves a traffic light at 109 and 9A, and improvements to the intersection of 109 and 9.

**7. *Review of the Harbor repair projects and additional expenditures recommended by the Harbor Master and Harbor Advisory Committee (HAC) of \$43,808.05.***

The HAC has agreed with Chris Mayo's recommendations for additional pilings for the floats, replacement of the broken pilings on the launch ramp, and the purchase of an ice machine for the commercial fishermen. We are working on the insurance claim for the Blizzard damage.

**7:00 PM SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**Chairman's Update:** Mr. Ekstedt reviewed this evening's workshops. Workshops are open to the public and usually begin at 5 PM before the regular Selectmen's meetings.

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. *Public hearing for the release of up to \$300,000 from the Recreation Department Enterprise Fund for the repair of the Multipurpose Field.***

Brex was hired to assess the conditions at the field and the problems with drainage. The plan is to have a Warrant Article authorizing the transfer of funds from Town surplus. Capital improvement money in the Recreation Department's Enterprise Fund will reimburse the Town at \$50,000 per year. No tax money is involved; projects are covered by the program fees. Director Tina LeBlanc hopes to have the field ready for the fall season.

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the release of up to \$300,000 from the Recreation Department Enterprise Fund for repairs to the Multipurpose Field. Passed unanimously.

**2. *Tudisco Corporation, dba: The Bull n Claw Restaurant, 2270 Post Road, Wells, application for a full-time Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquor License. (R )***

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed unanimously.

**3. *Maple Leaves Garden, Inc. dba: Maple Leaves Garden, Inc., 2063 Post Road, Wells, application for a full-time Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquor License. (R )***

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed unanimously.

**4. Cardinali's Restaurant Inc., dba: Fisherman's Catch, 134 Harbor Road, Wells, application for a full-time Malt and Vinous Liquor License. (R )**

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed unanimously.

**5. Trailblazers Inc., dba: Trailblazers Family Club, 102 Bills Lane, Wells, application for a full-time Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquor License. (R )**

**AND**

**6. Trailblazers Inc., dba: Trailblazers Family Club, 102 Bills Lane, Wells, application for a Special Entertainment Permit. (R )**

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mr. Roche, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, to close the public hearings and grant the license and permit. Passed 4-0-1 with Mrs. Chase abstaining,

**7. No Bad Days Inc., dba: Merriland Farm Café, 545 Coles Hill Road, Wells, application for a full-time Malt and Vinous Liquor License. (R )**

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed unanimously.

**8. Troiano Waste Services Inc., dba: Troiano Waste Services Inc., 10 Filmike Way, South Portland, application for a Solid Waste Disposal License. (R )**

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Ekstedt abstaining.

**9. Brian Marrafa, dba: B At Your Disposal, 20 Pierce Avenue, Sanford, application for a Solid Waste Disposal License. (R)**

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Ekstedt abstaining.

**10. Nathan Gay, dba: A-1 Environmental Service Inc., 107 Crediford Road, Wells, application for a Solid Waste Disposal License. (R )**

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Ekstedt abstaining.

**11. *Oceanside Rubbish, Inc., dba: Oceanside Rubbish, 19 Clearzone Road, Sanford, application for a Solid Waste Disposal License. (R )***

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Ekstedt abstaining.

**12. *Oscar Wilkins, dba: Shipyard Waste Solutions LLC, 434 Dow Highway, Eliot, application for a Solid Waste Disposal License. (R )***

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Ekstedt abstaining.

**13. *Good News***

~Taste of Wells—Volunteer and Events Coordinator Cindy Adamsky.

About 200 event tickets were sold. Barbara Finkelstein, President of YCCC, donated a jar of sweets prepared by their culinary students and 300 raffle tickets were sold. The event raised \$1161 each for the Special Fuel Fund and Project Graduation. Social media reached about 4,000 people. Plans for next year's event include holding it at a larger venue and adding Ogunquit restaurants because of Project Graduation.

~The Recreation Department is holding "Family Feud" at 7 PM on March 16 at the Activity Center. Tickets are \$10.

~The boys' basketball team won the Western Maine title, then lost in the final to Hermon.

~Response to the recent storm:

Thank you to Chief Wayne Vetre, Chief Jo-Ann Putnam, Superintendent of Schools Jim Daly and all our emergency responders and public works employees.

**14. *Open to the Public***

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

***CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS***

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

There is a Warrant dated March 6, 2018 with expenses of \$440,360.14, no school payment, net payroll for the week ending 2/22/18 in the amount of \$81,833.83, net payroll for the week ending 3/1/18 in the amount of \$76,822.19, and state and federal withholding taxes, plus FICA, Medicare and federal taxes filed electronically in the amount of \$64,852.38 for total expenses of \$663,868.54.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve and sign the Warrant dated March 6, 2018 in the amount of \$663,868.54. Passed unanimously.

There is a General Assistance Warrant dated March 6, 2018 in the amount of \$503.90 from the Special Fuel Fund. The balance in the fund is \$45,031.62.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve and sign the General Assistance Warrant dated March 6, 2018 in the amount of \$503.90. Passed unanimously.

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

**a. *Discussion and action on setting a Joint Public Hearing with the Budget Committee on the proposed FY'19 budget and the proposed financial Warrant Articles which will be voted by referendum ballot on June 12, 2018.***

The reconciliation with the Budget Committee will be held on March 20.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to schedule a joint public hearing with the Budget Committee for 7 PM on April 3, 2018 on the proposed FY'19 budget and the proposed financial Warrant Articles which will be voted by referendum ballot on June 12, 2018. Passed unanimously.

**b. *Discussion and action on acceptance of the MMA Wellness Grant.***

Our Wellness Committee submitted their program plan and budget estimate to MMA. Their grant request was approved in the amount of \$1,366.65.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the Wellness Incentive Grant Award from Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust Wellness Works for \$1,366.65 for the wellness program. Passed unanimously.

**c. *Discussion and action on scheduling a public hearing to release up to \$43,808.05 from the Harbor Improvement Fund (0012) for 6 pilings with 2 damaged during the Blizzard, 7 helical anchors and chains with installation and purchase of an ice machine and its installation.***

Harbor Master Chris Mayo has been getting estimates to repair the storm damage. We have filed an insurance claim and are working with the adjustor. The ice machine will be used by the commercial fishermen with the cost covered by their fees. Wells Harbor is getting a reputation as a great place for tuna fishing and there will be a striped contest again this summer.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to schedule a public hearing for 7 PM on March 20, 2018 regarding the release of up to \$43,808.05 from the Float Replacement Fund to replace harbor floats damaged in the Blizzard. Passed unanimously.

**d. *Discussion and action on authorizing the Town Manager to sign two Maine DOT Cooperative Agreements for Road Safety Intersection projects for 109 at 9A and 9 with the release of \$75,000 in local match from the Infrastructure appropriation for FY'18-FY'20.***

This project results from the 109 corridor study that was done with MDOT and the Turnpike Authority. There will be a traffic light at the intersection of 109 and 9A, and improvements at the intersection of 109 and 9.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to authorize the Town Manager to sign the two Maine DOT Cooperative Agreements for the Traffic Light signal proposed for Rte. 9A at 109

and the intersection improvements proposed at Rte. 9 and 109 with release from the Infrastructure appropriation of \$75,000 as the Town's local share. Passed unanimously.

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

***i. Action by the Town Manager - Acceptance of the following resignations:***

1. Andy Bouchard, Sr. - Public Works Director
2. Stephanie Weaver - Human Resources Director

***ii. Selectmen: Public Works Director's and Human Resource Director's resignations and discussion of process to fill them.***

The Town Manager was authorized to have discussions with MRI, Municipal Resources Inc., for an interim director of the Highway Department. Terry Oliver will stay on and help us. Stephanie will help with the HR transfer. We may share some resources with the Town of Ogunquit.

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

***1. Taste of Wells***

4 checks	\$100
Tickets at door and raffle tickets	1,842.00
38 on-line sales	380.00
Total	\$2,322.00
Town of Wells Heating Assistance Program	\$1,161.00
WHS Project Graduation 2018	\$1,161.00

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, to accept the income raised at the Town's Taste of Wells event held on February 25, 2018 and submit to the Wells Heating Assistance Program \$1,161 and to Project Graduation \$1,161 with a great deal of appreciation to the Volunteer/Event Coordinator and her event team. Passed unanimously.

***2. \$430.00 donation from Red Hat Kindred Bunkies to the Town of Wells for the Fuel Assistance Program Fund.***

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

***3. \$100.00 donation from Ladies Benevolent Society to the Town of Wells for the Fuel Assistance Program Fund.***

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

***4. \$47.00 from Various Library Users to the Wells Public Library.***

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the generous donation. Passed unanimously.

***g. Discussion and action on approving the minutes of the February 6 and February 20, 2018 Selectmen’s meetings.***

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the February 6 and February 20, 2018 minutes as written. Passed unanimously.

***NEW BUSINESS***

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

Wells resident John Brett passed away recently. John worked as one of the cameramen in the studio for Town Board meetings, was a member of the Board of Assessment Review, and could be seen driving his taxi around Town and picking up passengers at the train station. His service will be Friday at the Veterans’ Cemetery on Cape Cod. Condolences to his family.

***2. Town Manager’s Report***

~People who are cleaning up after the storm can bring brush and organic debris to the Transfer Station at no charge.

~Mr. Howarth announced that the Wells Ocean Lodge is sponsoring the Bikes for Books again this year. 50 bikes will be given away at the elementary school.

***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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