



HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

Welcome to the first edition of the Town Manager’s E-Mail Newsletter. It will be sent on a weekly basis that will outline upcoming meetings, news, address issues and projects that are active. Included in the Newsletter will be reports by other departments and agencies. The Newsletter will be placed on the Town’s Website for the general public to read.

Meetings for January 2018

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES			
Monday	8-Jan		Planning Board Town Hall 7PM
Wednesday	10-Jan		Budget Committee- Town Hall Meeting Rm 5:30
Sunday	14-Jan		Avery Hubbard - Court of Honor 3PM St. Mary
Monday	15-Jan		Martin Lurthier King Jr. Holiday- Municipal Offices Closed
Tuesday	16-Jan		BOS WS 5 & 7PM Meeting - Town Hall
Wednesday	17-Jan		Staff Review Committee - Town Hall 9AM
Wednesday	17-Jan		Budget Committee- Town Hall Meeting Rm 5:30
Monday	22-Jan		Planning Board Town Hall 7PM
Tuesday	23-Jan		Harbor Advisory Committee 5PM
Wednesday	24-Jan		Budget Committee- Town Hall Meeting Rm 5:30
Saturday	27-Jan		Sr Center Town Hall Sponsored Luncheon 11AM
Monday	29-Jan		Zoning Board of Appeals - Town hall 7PM
Wednesday	31-Jan		Budget Committee- Town Hall Meeting Rm 5:30



NEWS / UPDATES / ISSUES:

- **Sad News- December 28th Passing of Casper Bridges- Long-time Wells Road Commissioner (1969-1991) and Wells Corner Hose Co Fire Chief 1963-71 after joining the Hose Co in 1946- see Obituary.**
<http://www.bibbermemorial.com/book-of-memories/3386819/Bridges-Casper-/service-details.php>
- **Andy Bouchard, PWD Dir to start 1/2/18. Andy commenced his duties with Terry Oliver 1/2/18. He will shadow Terry for several weeks until his retirement. We welcome Andy to the Wells Municipal Family.**
- **Keeley Lambert, Town Assessor started 1/2/18. Keeley Lambert will commence her duties as Assessor replacing retiring Tanya Freeman.**
- **Town gets a really clean Audit for FY'17. Town Auditor Ron Smith presented the Board of Selectmen at their December 19th Meeting with FY'17 Audit Report see link <http://www.wellstown.org/189/Finance-Tax-Collection> - Congratulations to Jodie Sanborn, Finance Director and her Staff!!!**
- **Summer recruitment has started for the Lifeguards: Bike Patrol Offices, Beach Environmental spotters /cleaners and a host of other positions..**



Interview with Town Manager & Town Engineer / Planner on Climate Change Preparations and Bond Rating Effects : Press link .

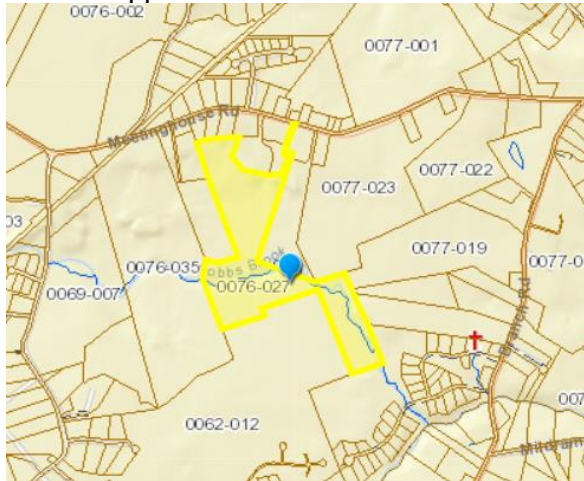
<http://www.wcsh6.com/news/local/preparing-for-climate-change-maine-coastal-communities-adapt-or-face-a-credit-downgrade/503518991>

- **Streaming Meetings of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals- to watch go to our Website- www.wellstown.org under the front left hand side under "Video**

Streaming” or press the link.

<http://townhallstreams.com/locations/wells-me>

- **New Conservation Open Space Land Purchased Proposed for Town Meeting:** The Board of Selectmen at their 1/2/18 Meeting agreed to have the Town Manager sign a Purchase and Sales agreement on the below land for Town Meeting approval.



Purchase and Sales Agreement is requested with a \$1,000 refundable deposit to hold the property until Town Meeting Vote. Parcel is approx. 73 acres with purchase price of \$172,500 and assessment at \$192,270.

Budget Committee begins Meetings on the FY’2019 Municipal Budget.

The Budget Committee received the FY’19 Budget from the Board of Selectmen in December and will meet over the next 9 Wednesdays at 5:30 in the Meeting Room at Town Hall.. The following link will take you to the Budget Presentation Materials. the summary pages of the FY’19 Budget.. <http://www.wellstown.org/135/Budget-Review-Committee>

- The below calendar outlines the Budget Process timetable.

FY’19 Municipal Budget with Required 60 vs 45 Day Prior to Vote to Town	
BOS Budget Guidance	10/3/2017
Budget Forms	13-Oct
Budget CIP & Budget) Submitted to Finance /TM	3-Nov
Budget Printed and Bound	30-Nov
Budget Submitted to BOS	19-Dec
Budget Committee Starts Review	1/3/2018
Budget Committee Ends Review	28-Feb
BOS Recieves the Budget for Review	6-Mar
BOS Completes Review	17-Mar
BOS & Budget Committee Reconciliation Meeting	20-Mar
Schedules Jt Budget Hearing for April 3rd	20-Mar
BOS Holds Required Budget Hearing	3-Apr
BOS Signs Warrant - Safety Date (April 10)	3-Apr
60 Day Deadline from June 12, 2018 Elections	4/13/2018
Print and Mail Town Meeting Warant Books	4/25/2018
Public Info Hearings on Budget	1-May
Public Info Hearings on Budget	15-May
Public Info Hearings on Budget	5-Jun



Projects:

- **Harbor Park Trail Project: The Official name of the trail to be built is the Webhannet Marsh Trail** The bid specifications will be out in January. Expecting the DEP to issue the Permit by Rule by next week.
- **Harbor Road Trail FLAP Grant:** We have made progress with communications between the Feds and the State and once the holidays end, we will work cooperatively on refining the Project Scope of Work and the two MOUs (State & Town and Feds, State and Town). As this moves forward, we will update the BOS and Rachel Carson.
- **Furbish Road FLAP Grant:** Just before Christmas, the Town received notice of the second grant application submitted on the Furbish Road was awarded. We have spoken with the Feds and State and will be working on refining the Project Scope of Work and the MOUs. As this moves forward, we will update the BOS and Rachel Carson.
- **Comp Plan & Maps:** The Comprehensive Plan Update is being ready for public review and comment. The final maps to go along with the Plan are being enhanced from the draft stage to a more readable state and should be ready shortly.

▪ **Public Safety Complex and Substation:**

Work is progressing on the following:

- Project meeting with CM & Architect and Public Safety Chiefs are weekly to discuss the project and design.
 - Abatement Company: Bid awarded by BOS on 12/19 and work to begin mid-January.
 - Survey of Sub Fire Station Lot Underway and deliverables received. Geo Tech work progressing on the sight. Old Post Office Storage cleaned out. Storage trailer purchased and delivered with remaining items being stored. Files shredded.
- **Library Addition Update:**
 - New addition is up and enclosed for the winter. Internal Library Building Committee continues to pick out items for the building. Contractor in to update TM on progress and presented invoice #2. Work is still on schedule. BOS awarded the roof Solar Array to Revision Energy and TM signed the agreement following a legal review.

Reports

- **Police Report:** Enclosed
- **CEO Permit Report:** Enclosed
- **Fire Department Report:** Enclosed
- **Part-time Volunteer / Event Coordinator's Weekly Report:** Enclosed

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