



TOWN MANAGER E-Mail Newsletter

Welcome to the January 18, 2019 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 & Events for JANUARY 2019



| IMPORTANT | JANUARY DATES | | |
|-----------|---------------|--|--|
| Saturday | 19-Jan | | Polar Plunge - Wells Beach 11AM |
| Monday | 21-Jan | | MLK Jr. Holiday -Municipal Offices Closed |
| Tuesday | 22-Jan | | Wayfinder Committee-Town Hall 12 Noon |
| Tuesday | 22-Jan | | BOS Workshop 5PM & Meeting 7PM |
| Wednesday | 23-Jan | | Budget Committee -5:30 PM - Town Hall |
| Saturday | 26-Jan | | Senior Center Luncheon by Town Hall Staff |
| Monday | 28-Jan | | Planning Board Town Hall 7PM |
| Wednesday | 30-Jan | | Budget Committee -5:30 PM - Town Hall |
| Thursday | 31-Jan | | Harbor Advisory Committee 5PM Town Hall |



Other Calendars of Events:

- Take it Outside Summer with Maine State Parks [Use the searchable Web Calendar.](#)

- [2017-18 Calendar of Events, Things to Do in CT, RI, MA, VT, NH, and ...](http://www.visit-maine.com/state/events/events/)
www.visit-maine.com/state/events/events/
- [Community Calendar | Maine Public](#)
- [Wells Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar:](http://wellschamber.org/v_calendar.cfm)
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- **Maine Beaches:** <https://visitmaine.com/places-to-go/the-maine-beaches>



NEWS / UPDATES / ISSUES:

Headlines

- **Storm scheduled for weekend could prove both dangerous and damaging to the coast.**
Preparations are being made for a large snow storm over the weekend that will also come during extreme coastal astronomical tides. Snow accumulations could range in Wells from 10-18” throughout the town. Because the duration will be long over 24 hrs expected, snow plowing operations will be slowed but steady.
- **Congratulations to Fire Chief Vetre and PWD Carol Murray PE** for working through the FEMA

March 2018 Disaster Paperwork to get funding as indicated below for reimbursement for storm costs with more to come.

| Project # | Description | Status | 100% | FEMA Share | MEMA Share | \$\$ Due Wells |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 62678 | B - Emergency Protective Measures | Obligated | \$50,680.79 | \$38,010.59 | \$7,602.12 | \$45,612.71 |
| 62681 | G - Fencing (Rachel Carson, Crescent) | Obligated | \$8,760.00 | \$6,570.00 | \$1,314.00 | \$7,884.00 |
| 69049 | C - Roads work completed | Obligated | \$158,890.00 | \$119,167.50 | \$23,833.50 | \$143,001.00 |
| | | | | | | \$196,497.71 |

- **Maine DOT to Pave** from the North Berwick line to 109 on Route 9 and Route 109 from Exit 19 to Chapel Road in the spring 2019
- **Taste of Wells – February 10, 2019 at YCCC.**
To date 10 Restaurants have signed up to participate!! Tickets are now available at Town Hall at \$10 each.
- **Wells / Ogunquit Senior Center** – January 26th Warming Luncheon Sponsored by Town Hall Employees. For the 5th year, Town Hall and other departments sponsor warming luncheons for the Senior Center in Moody during the winter season.
- **Wells Harbor Webcam back in Business better than before!!** Try it out at <https://www.ipcamlive.com/wellsjettycam> from the Harbormaster Page of the Town’s Website <http://www.wellstown.org/208/Harbormaster>. Warning- it does take a while to load and open.



- **Harbor Pier Structural Improvements:** MaineDOT has awarded the Town, through the Harbormaster’s efforts and the Town’s CIP budgeting, a grant to assist in the funding of structural repairs and improvements to the main pier on the Western side of the Harbor. A pre-construction was held Thursday (1/10) on the project which is expected to commence with demolition activities in the next week to 10 days.



- **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>**



Projects:

- **Wayfinder Project –**

The Wayfinder Committee met with its Consultant, Favermann Design on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 and will again meet with the consultant on January 22, 2019 at noon – Town Hall.

Appointed members to the Wayfinder Committee are:

- Eleanor Vadenais – Wells Chamber
- Katy Kelly – Lafayette’s Ocean Resort
- Jo-Ann Putnam – Chief of Police
- Jodine Adams – Code Enforcement Officer
- Jonathan Carter – Town Manager
- Nik Charov /Scott Richardson – Laudholm Trust
- Tim Roche- Selectmen Rep
- Julia Einstein – Historical Society of Wells & Ogunquit

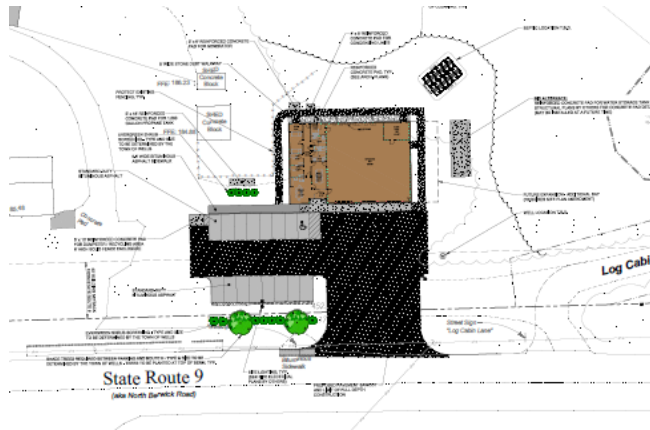
- **LED Street Light Installation Project has Started:** 478 lights and flood lights will be installed over the next several weeks. 200 have been installed to date. The installation is on hold to let the installer and CMP work on a replacement fuse part that appears to be problematic.
- **Public Safety Complex and Substation:**

Project Site



Optional Fire Substation Site – Voters approved on 11/6/18 the Special Town Meeting Article that allows the Board of Selectmen to evaluate an alternative site for the approved new sub firestation for town land on Route 109 at Meetinghouse Road. The alternative site is on the current town parcel that the PWD Garage is located –see below. The evaluation will compare the same building on the two sites and their site development cost as well as other factors. On January 8, 2019, the Board of Selectmen met with the Architects and Construction Management Company to discuss the results of the site analysis. The Selectmen after much discussion both at the workshop and at their meeting voted to proceed with the alternative site for the Fire Substation and would also continue discussions with the Fire Chief on possibly keeping the Wells Branch Substation open. In addition they requested the Town Manager present to them a Warrant Article to sell the 109 site of the fire substation.

Fire Substation Site Plan on Alternative PWD Garage Parcel Route 9- On the Planning Board Agenda for 1/28/19 for a review of their Plan and next steps for its review.



Reports /Updates

- **Police Report:** Attachment Folder
- **CEO Permit Report:** Attachment Folder
- **Fire Department Report:** Attachment Folder
- **Volunteer / Event Coordinator's Update:** Attachment Folder
- **MMA Legislative Bulletin:** <https://www.memun.org/Training-Resources/MMA-Publications/Legislative-Bulletin>

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