



*December 4, 2020 Edition*

## TOWN MANAGER HIGHLIGHTS

- Thank you to all of the staff that have made our first week of Team A/Team B a success! Please let your supervisor know if you have any IT challenges and I would love to hear how your week has gone. The next few weeks will need all of us to be vigilant about following CDC guidelines while remaining flexible about how we do everything else. Thank you all for being on Team Wells and for continuing to provide exceptional service to our community.
- Homes for the Holidays flyers and web postings go up today. If you live in Wells and feel inspired to help us push back the dark of winter with cheerful holiday lights please share your efforts with us so that we can showcase them on Facebook and our website. We have a new email address to send photos to [holidaylights@wellstown.org](mailto:holidaylights@wellstown.org), String bright lights, snap some photos, and send them our way!
- Another great way to keep cheerful during the short days of winter is by heading outside. Have you visited the conserved land and trails here in Wells? Check out the trail map from the [Wells Conservation Commission](#), and plan your next adventure close to home.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**12/7/2020**

*Planning Board Meeting @ 7pm*

**12/8/2020**

*Comprehensive Plan Update  
Committee Meeting @ 6pm*

**12/11/2020**

*Personnel Advisory Committee  
Meeting @ 8am*

## **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

This year's paving program is complete, and we are starting to develop the paving plan for 2021. It is planned to have the paving ready to be advertised for bids in February. The successful bidder can then be under contract and ready to go to work once the frost is out of the ground. The pavement maintenance plan is still the guide used for which roads to work on, and what type of treatment gets the best service life for the town's investment. Hopefully, all the water from the recent heavy rainstorms will be out from underneath the roads before the ground freezes. Water under pavements that freezes creates pothole damage that shortens the service life of paved roads.

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

The Planning Board has been reviewing various projects and held Public Hearings on a 3 lot Light Industrial subdivision, a 12 lot residential subdivision and a 9 lot residential subdivision. The Planning Department has been providing the review documentation for the Planning Board and continues to coordinate and finalize the Harbor Sidewalk Project which will connect Route One to the Harbor Park. A public meeting was held on November 12th at 5:00 at the Town Hall regarding the project. Other project applications have been submitted and are being processed for the Planning Board or Staff Review Committee review. All submitted plans and information for each application can be viewed through the Agenda download option on the Town's website.

## **WELLS HARBOR UPDATE**

On Saturday, November 14th Brian Beal and Sara Randall of the Down East Institute, along with many local volunteers, harvested the clam recruitment boxes placed on the clam flats last spring. Because we were racing daylight less than half of the thirty-two boxes were processed here in Wells, the rest being processed Sunday in Freeport.

The boxes from the upper landing site produced a mix of juvenile green crabs along with a few soft-shell clams, the largest being about an inch in length. The Dolphin Lane site unfortunately produced the most green crabs the institute has ever seen in a recruitment box, along with few soft-shell clams, razor clams and for the first time ever surf clams. We would like to thank all the volunteers who gave up their Saturday afternoon to help the Down East Institute with this project.

## LIBRARY UPDATE

Please join us in welcoming Meghan Osmolski, our new Library Assistant for Youth Services, who started December 1st.

Youth Services has some special activities for December:

### ***At Home Scavenger Hunt***

Children of all ages are invited to take part in our At Home Scavenger Hunt! Just complete the handout that can be found at the library or via the link on the library webpage. Bring the completed sheet back to the library during open hours in December and pick a prize!

### ***North Pole Mailbox***

Drop off your letter to Santa at the library! Look for the bright red mailbox at the back entrance during open hours.

New read-aloud podcasts are starting this month. Chill with a Chapter Book: Land of Oz by Frank L Baum  
Jaded YA Reads: The Girl with the Silver Eyes by Willo Davis Roberts

For adults, we have An Evening with Susan B. Anthony on Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. Email Stefanie at [sclaydon@wellstown.org](mailto:sclaydon@wellstown.org) for your Zoom invitation to this special event with Sheryl Faye portraying one of America's most famous suffragists. Our Nonfiction book group meets (via Zoom) Wednesday, January 4 at 4:30 p.m. We will be discussing The Righteous Mind by Jonathan Haidt. We also have our ongoing programs (via Zoom) including French Club, Fiber Arts and Meditation.

***Information on all happenings at [www.wellslibrary.org](http://www.wellslibrary.org).***

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