



TOWN MANAGER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Town Hall will reopen with full staff starting Monday, May 3. Thank you to all of our staff for their flexibility and adaptability over the past six months. When we open on Monday all of the entrances will be unlocked and accessible to the public. Please continue to queue on the socially distanced markers, but there is no need to worry about which direction you are travelling within the building.
- The Wells Public Library hours are expanding starting tomorrow, May 1. New hours are:
 - Saturdays 10:00 -1:00
 - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10:00 – 5:00, curbside pick-up 5:00-6:00,
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00-5:00, curbside pick-up 5:00-6:00
- The Eastern Trails Management District is one of ten organizations to have a project submitted by Rep. Chellie Pingree for consideration of federally funded Community Funding. This will provide \$700,000 for the engineering design of an 11-mile multiuse recreation trail and transportation corridor connecting North Berwick, Wells, and Kennebunk. This off-road section will be an amazing opportunity for the people of Wells to enjoy walking, running, and biking in a safe way through beautiful countryside!
- Beach season is coming and beach parking passes will be on sale starting Monday, May 3. You can buy your sticker in the Town Hall or you can [purchase your pass online](#). A few important things to know:
 - Beach stickers are not transferable. The sticker must be affixed to the windshield in the lower corner on the driver's side.
 - The fee for a beach sticker is \$40.00 (1 sticker = \$40.00, 2 stickers = \$80.00, 3 stickers = \$120.00).
 - New for 2021 is a Veteran/Current Armed Forces Service Member beach sticker. The fee for a Veteran/Current Armed Forces Service Member beach sticker is \$20.00. These are only available for purchase in the office or by mail. Vehicle must be registered to the Veteran or Current Armed Forces Service Member. Proof of being a Veteran or Current Armed Forces Service Member is required (ie DD 214 or Active Service Member ID).

Upcoming Events

5/3/2021

Planning Board @ 7PM

5/4/2021

Selectmen Meeting @ 6PM

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Despite the pandemic, the Energy Committee has been hard at work on our current goal of securing a solar power purchase agreement to cover about 90% of the cost of electricity for all Town and School buildings. We started over a year ago with the RFP process, and now happily a contract is being negotiated that will achieve our goal of providing the Town/School with substantial electricity cost savings while helping to green the CMP grid.

Having gotten (almost) to the finish line on the solar PPA, we are looking for our next energy saving projects to pursue. Currently at the top of the ideas list are:

- Promote electric heat pumps and energy efficiency programs for Wells residences (Go to [Efficiency Maine](#) for rebates!)
- Convert Wells' Town vehicles, including school buses, to electric (over time)
- New EV charging stations in Town
- Community Solar
- Investigate ways to increase energy efficiency and reduce fossil fuel usage in new construction
- Find new community members to join us so we can get this work done faster! Contact Beth Widmayer (beth@widmayer.net)

Electric Vehicle Show in Wells

Come test drive an EV! We'll have severable models available. Sunday, September 12, 1pm to 4pm at the Library.

Community Solar Webinar hosted by the Energy Committee and Revision Energy

Learn how you can be a share owner is a solar project. You can go solar even if you can't (or don't want to) put solar panels on your roof. Wednesday, May 26, 12 noon to 1:00. Contact Beth Widmayer (beth@widmayer.net) for more information.

HARBOR UPDATE

Although the Spring weather has not been great to date, a few Mooring and slip holders have taken advantage of getting their boats in place for the season. All seasonal ramps, floats and channel markers are in place for anyone wishing to launch their boats in hopes for better weather.

My crew has been busy wrapping up Mooring chain replacement which should be completed by mid-May, as well as repairing infrastructure damaged during the Winter.

Wells Harbor has seen a substantial amount of sand accretion again this Winter making navigation a little tricky at low tide, please be aware of this and keep your speed inside the inner Harbor to a minimum.