

SELECT BOARD MINUTES
WELLS TOWN OFFICE
August 11, 2026

PRESENT: Select Board: Don Preuss, Paul Woodruff Jr., Julie Cannata
Also: Sherry Newton, Stanley Martelle Jr., Susan Holcomb, Sandra Hoyt, David Ricard Sr., Fran Gilman, Laurel Gilman, Tammy Holcomb

1. Meeting was called to order by Selectboard Chair Don Preuss at 7:00 P.M.
2. Minutes were read and approved.
3. Bills were studied and discussed and orders were signed.
4. Stanley Martelle inquired about sand bids. Stanley is also concerned with the large sign at the end of Mill Pond Road. He said it is very hard to see the traffic coming on Route 30 because the sign is so large and the height is right in line to block the view when you're in a large truck. Don said he would look into it.
5. Dave Ricard had prices on stone from Casella's for winter use. Don said the sand bids will need to be in by the next Selectboard meeting. Dave had information from an undercoating company to undercoat the town trucks. Dave said the town will receive millings from Route 30, it just needs to be trucked.
6. Don talked about a sander that the town might purchase. Don would like to talk to Nora to see if money is available for the purchase. Paul made a motion to send a letter of intent if the funds are available to purchase the sander. 2nd by Julie. Passed unanimously.
7. The grader is still out for repair.
8. Julie has not received a reply from Cargill about winter sand yet.
9. The Selectboard received an application for the Transfer Station attendant job. Don will reach out to the applicant to go over the details.
10. The MWA has not received any more information on the repair for the tin building. So, no new news on Our Neighbor's Table.
11. Laurel Gilman has reached out to Repro Graphics to see what the cost will be if the town reduces the number of town reports that are printed. It was voted not to mail out the town reports at the last election.
12. Tammy Holcomb asked when the stop lines will be repainted. Dave Ricard said the lines were painted three weeks ago.
13. The Selectboard received nominations from the Library Board of Trustees to appoint Heather Thomas as Library Trustee and Treasurer, also Richard Mann as Library Trustee. Paul made a motion to approve the Library Board of Trustees nominations. 2nd by Don. Julie abstained.

14. The Selectboard received the traffic study for West Lake Road. The ordinance will be changed to 25 miles an hour in the future.
15. Six spots will be repaired with the Grants in Aid grant this year.
16. Julie had prices for bulky waste from Castleton and Poultney. Wells needs to increase their bulky waste prices because of the cost to get rid of it.
17. Granville Rescue Squad has their Vermont license in place.
18. Don signed all the paperwork for the new town truck lease.
19. Fran Gilman received information from Slate Valley Trails about four wheelers using the trails. Fran has spoken with the individuals involved, they said they didn't know they couldn't use the trails and will stop riding on them.
20. Paul made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 P.M. 2nd by Julie. Passed unanimously.

Don Preuss

Paul Woodruff Jr.

Julie Cannata