

1 **SELECTMEN’S MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013**

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3 Present: Chairman Robert Foley, Selectmen Karl Ekstedt, Tim Roche, Richard Clark and Chris
4 Chase and Town Manager Jonathan Carter.

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6 **MUNICIPAL OFFICERS BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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8 **1. Open to the Public**

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10 Public comment was solicited and there was none.

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12 **2. Good News - Reports**

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14 **1) Fire Department Response Letters**

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16 Several residents who received outstanding service from the Fire Department wrote letters
17 thanking them. Copies of the letters have been placed in the firefighters’ personnel files.

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19 **2) Public Works**

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21 Mr. Carter received a letter from a resident thanking the Public Works Department for paving
22 Quarry Road.

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24 **3) Open Space**

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26 We have closed on a 66 acre parcel near the Sanford town line which is being added to the
27 Fenderson Commons. A \$24,600 grant from NOAA covers part of the purchase price. The
28 Selectmen previously authorized a bridge loan so the closing could take place before year end;
29 we are close to getting that money back. The NOAA grant is part of it, and a \$4,000 contribution
30 will be applied to it. Many thanks to the Conservation Commission for their efforts in acquiring
31 the land and the funding.

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34 **CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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36 **1. *Review and action on Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants***

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38 **a) *Discussion and action on approving the Warrant(s) dated January 8, 2013.***

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40 There is a warrant dated January 8, 2013 for expenses of \$1,287,226.89, no school payment, net
41 payroll for the week ending 12/17/2012 in the amount of \$67,753.22, net payroll for the week
42 ending 12/24/2012 in the amount of \$63,556.95, net payroll for the week ending 12/31/2012 in
43 the amount of \$69,746.72, and state and federal withholding taxes, plus FICA, Medicare and
44 federal taxes filed electronically in the amount of \$90,123.64 for total expenses of
45 \$1,578,407.42.

1 Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Ekstedt, to approve the Warrant dated January 8, 2013, in
2 the amount of \$1,578,407.42. Passed unanimously.

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4 There is a General Assistance Warrant dated January 8, 2013 in the amount of \$2,547.36
5 including General Assistance of \$1,841.00 and Special Fuel Fund of \$706.36. The Special Fuel
6 Fund has a balance of \$31,183.02.

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8 Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Ekstedt, to approve the General Assistance Warrant dated
9 January 8, 2013 in the amount of \$2,547.36. Passed unanimously.

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11 **2. Update, discussion and action on Committees, Projects, Issues, Purchases and**
12 **Personnel**

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14 *a) Discussion and action on proceeding with the sale of the Beachwood Terrace property*
15 *and accepting payment for the parcel over two payments.*

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17 The abutter has agreed to the purchase price set by the Selectmen and is asking to pay in two
18 installments. Half will be paid at closing, with the balance added to her tax bill.

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20 Motion by Mr. Ekstedt, seconded by Mr. Clark, to authorize the Town Manager to commence
21 with the purchase and sale agreement as described. Passed unanimously.

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23 *b) Discussion and action on signing off on a Quit Claim Deed for a tax foreclosed Sea*
24 *Tern condominium that the Management group purchased from the Town.*

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26 The deed was not issued at the time of the sale.

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28 Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Ekstedt, to sign the Quit Claim Deed for the tax
29 foreclosed unit. Passed unanimously.

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31 *c) Discussion and action to accept donations and bequests:*

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33 **1. \$150.00 from Carmen Melito and Elaine Tomaszewski to the Town of Wells**
34 **for the Fuel Assistance Fund.**

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36 Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the generous donation and send the
37 donors a letter of thanks. Passed unanimously.

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39 **2. \$25.00 from Carrie Austin and Timothy O'Brien to the Wells Public Library**
40 **in honor of Betty Henderson.**

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42 Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the generous donation and send the
43 donors a letter of thanks. Passed unanimously.

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45 **3. \$100.00 from John and Virginia Morse to the Wells Public Library in honor**
46 **of David and Joan Morse.**

1 Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the generous donation and send the
2 donors a letter of thanks. Passed unanimously.

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4 **4. \$4,000.00 from Evelyn Fenderson to the Town of Wells for proposed work**
5 **and improvements to the Fenderson Wildlife Commons.**
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7 Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Ekstedt, to accept the generous donation and send the
8 donor a letter of thanks. Passed unanimously. Mr. Clark noted the longstanding generosity of the
9 Fenderson Family and their contributions to land preservation in Wells.

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11 *d) Discussion and action on approving minutes of the December 18, 2012 Selectmen's*
12 *meeting.*
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14 Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Ekstedt, to accept the minutes as amended. Passed
15 unanimously.
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18 **NEW BUSINESS**
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20 **1. Open to the Public**
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22 Public comment was solicited and there was none.
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24 **2. Town Manager's Report**
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26 ~Mr. Carter wished everyone a Happy New Year. We've had our first snow storm of the year,
27 and the Highway Department did a good job clearing the roads.

28 ~The Budget Committee has been meeting on the CIP plan. All but 4 projects have been
29 completed for the CIP review. This Thursday they will start working on the Operating Budget.
30 Committee members have been talking with the department heads.

31 ~Radiant heat is being laid in the floor of the new highway garage, and the floor should be
32 poured in another week. Mr. Foley asked about the safety of radiant heat in a garage with heavy
33 trucks. Mr. Chase said the floor is reinforced well. The garage should be completed by the end
34 of February.

35 ~Personnel changes: Jodie Sanborn is our new Treasurer and Casey Welch has been hired as our
36 Accountant. Casey's former position, Accounts Payable, will be posted.

37 ~The Casella contract has been signed. Several lawyers have recommended to the Tri-County
38 Waste Committee that the document should be adopted by town meetings. Our Town Attorney
39 feels that isn't necessary, as the Selectmen are authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the
40 Town.

41 ~The dispatch with Ogunquit is going well and we are working on other shared projects. The
42 Ogunquit Code Enforcement Officer is on an extended medical leave and we were asked to
43 create a shared position. We have a vacant position in the Code Office; we could fill that position
44 and contract some of the hours to Ogunquit. The Statewide code is standard for all
45 municipalities, while zoning, fines, fees, permits, etc. are specific for each town. Selectmen
46 authorized Mr. Carter to pursue discussions with Ogunquit.

1 **3. Adjournment**

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Motion by Mr. Ekstedt, seconded by Mr. Roche, to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by,

Cinndi Davidson
Recorder