

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014

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

### ***MUNICIPAL OFFICERS BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS***

**1. *Public Hearing on releasing \$3,129.00 from the Emergency Facility Repair and Energy Efficiency Fund for the purpose of purchasing a replacement snow blower and undertaking unforeseen Code compliance upgrades to the third floor emergency exterior stairs at Town Hall.***

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and release up to \$3,129.00 to deal with these issues. Passed unanimously.

**2. *Pine Tree Waste, dba Pine Tree Waste, 87 Pleasant Hill Road, Scarborough, application for a Solid Waste Disposal License. (R)***

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chase, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Ekstedt abstaining.

**3. *Kelley T. Albano, dba: Seacoast Waste Services, 35 Pound Lane, Wells, application for a Solid Waste Disposal License. (R)***

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chase, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Ekstedt abstaining.

**4. *Good News –Reports***

~Special recognition to our Highway Department for doing an outstanding job of clearing the roads during recent storms and dealing with varying weather conditions.

~Congratulations to Albert Hubbard of the Highway Department who recently celebrated 43 years as a Town employee.

~The harbor dredge is complete and the equipment is being moved out. ACE has completed their survey and found that the dredge met the goals of volume and locations. Over 138,000 yds. of material were removed. About 1/3 of it was silt rather than granular sand. Hopefully, the spring tides will restore sand to the beaches.

**5. *Open to the Public***

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

***CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS******1. Review and action on Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants.******a. Discussion and action on approving the warrants dated January 7, 2014.***

There is a warrant dated January 7, 2014 for expenses of \$513,409.28, school payment of \$1,355,221.36, net payroll for the week ending 12/19/2013 in the amount of \$72,583.92, net payroll for the week ending 12/26/2013 in the amount of \$62,935.48, net payroll for the week ending 1/2/2014 in the amount of \$64,984.71, and state and federal withholding taxes, plus FICA, Medicare and federal taxes filed electronically in the amount of \$95,402.75 for total expenses of \$2,164,537.50.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chase, to approve the Warrant dated January 7, 2014, in the amount of \$2,164,537.50. Passed unanimously.

There is a General Assistance Warrant dated January 7, 2014 in the amount of \$3,666.90 including General Assistance of \$736.00 and Special Fuel Fund of \$2,930.90. The Special Fuel Fund has a balance of \$31,789.99.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chase, to approve the General Assistance Warrant dated January 7, 2014 in the amount of \$3,666.90. Passed unanimously.

***2. Update, discussion and action on Committees, Projects, Issues, Purchases and Personnel:******a. Discussion and action on awarding the Highway Truck Bid.***

The bids were reviewed by Selectman Chase, Mechanic Rob Dupuis and Driver Wade Hanscom. Their recommendation is O'Connor Motor Co.'s Western Star at a base price of \$100,485.00, with sanders from H.P. Fairfield for a total of \$174,426.00. The committee members felt this was the best choice, and it was also the low bid.

Motion by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Clark, to purchase the Western Star from O'Connor and body & plow package from H.P. Fairfield with a total price of \$174,426.00. Passed unanimously.

***b. Discussion and action on the Committee charge and Scope of Work for the new Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (SWRC).***

This will be a short term committee to help the Town with the RFP's authorized at the Town Meeting, to make sure the proposals are in compliance with the scope of work and monitor the work. The Committee will be disbanded on June 30, 2015 unless it is renewed. The committee will consist of a Selectman representative, the Public Works Commissioner, Town Manager or his designee and 6 citizens. The primary purpose is to assist the Selectmen in selecting a third party user of space available at the Transfer Station.

Motion by Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Chase, to accept the proposal for setting up the committee and to interview the applicants. Passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Ekstedt abstaining.

***c. Discussion and action in supporting communicating with the legislature the Town's position on LD1483 "An act to promote and enhance state policy to preserve and support existing methods of disposal of municipal solid waste."***

This bill would impose a fee on communities that take their solid waste to landfills and give that money to communities that use incinerators. There are 3 incinerators remaining in Maine and fewer than half of the communities use them. A letter has been drafted for the individuals who will be testifying at the January 9 public hearing. Mr. Ekstedt said the State doesn't have a master plan for handling solid waste and this bill is supporting old technology. The incinerator companies are behind this bill, and apparently the Governor and DEP are opposed.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Foley, to authorize the Town Manager to sign the letter as amended. Passed unanimously.

***d. Discussion and action on accepting the \$31,994 2013 Emergency Management Performance Grant for local planning and capacity.***

The grant reimburses the Town for our Emergency Management program. It covers emergency planning, equipment for the trailers, printing of brochures, etc.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chase, to accept the grant. Passed unanimously.

***e. Discussion and action to approve a request from the American Diabetes Association for the "Tour de Cure" bicycle tour through Wells on Sunday, June 8, 2014.***

Motion by Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Chase, to approve the request. Passed unanimously.

***f. Discussion and action to accept donations and bequests:***

- 1) \$25.00 from Linda and Jennifer Byam to the Wells Public Library in honor of George Ball.

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

- 2) \$100.00 from Luther Lovely to the Wells Public Library in appreciation of the Staff and services provided.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chase, to accept the generous donation and send the donor a letter of thanks. Passed unanimously.

- 3) \$1,750.00 from the Friends of the Wells Public Library to the Wells Public Library on budget.

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

- 4) \$1,000.00 from Stephanie Lewinski to the Wells Parks and Recreation to be used for team uniforms, in memory of her father Michael Dawson.

Mr. Foley noted that this gift represents funds that were raised during the golf tournament at the Old Marsh Country Club. Mr. Dawson had a special interest in Wells Parks and Recreation, and the family has made several donations in his memory.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chase, to accept the generous donation and send the donor a letter of thanks. Passed unanimously.

5) \$220.00 from Steven and Jeannine Cluff and Cluff Excavation to the Wells Parks and Recreation for girls' basketball practice shirts.

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

6) \$100.00 from Mary Jane Quake to the Wells Fire Department for the Fire Safety Trailer Account.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chase, to accept the generous donation and send the donor a letter of thanks. Passed unanimously.

***g. Discussion and action on approving minutes of December 17, 2013 Selectmen's meeting.***

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chase, to approve the minutes as amended. Passed unanimously.

***NEW BUSINESS***

***1. Open to the Public***

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

***2. Town Manager's Report***

~Harbor dredge: there was some minor property damage on Drakes Island when the equipment was removed. We are working with the property owners. The pipe across Atlantic Avenue will be removed Thursday. The harbor infrastructure will be installed when the weather is warmer.

~The Mutual Aid Agreement between the Town and WEMS has been reviewed by the Town Attorney and will be on a future agenda for a vote.

~Town Engineer Mike Livingston has reviewed the FEMA flood maps. We will be collaborating with other communities during the appeal phase.

~Condolences to the family of former Town employee Leo Nolette who passed away this weekend.

~The Conservation Commission and Wells Reserve are working on a grant application, asking the Sewall Foundation for an educational grant for the Merriland River Corridor.

~There will be a public information meeting at 6:30 P.M. on January 14 at the Wells-Ogunquit CSD. The proposed high school project will be discussed.

~The Rabies Clinic will be held at 11:00 A.M. on January 12 at the Wells Activity Center. The fee is \$12 per vaccination with proceeds to benefit the Special Fuel Fund.

~On January 25, Town staff is holding a lunch at the Senior Center.

~Restaurant RFP Process: Two site walks were held with 8 establishments represented. Proposals are due back by January 17.

**3. *Adjournment***

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chase, to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by,

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Recorder

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