



TOWN MANAGER

E-Mail Newsletter

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Town Manager’s E-Mail Newsletter. It will be sent on a weekly basis that will outline upcoming meetings, news, address issues and projects that are active. Included in the Newsletter will be reports by other departments and agencies. The Newsletter will be placed on the Town’s Website for the general public to read.



Meetings for January & February 2018

IMPORTANT	JANUARY & FEBRUARY	DATES			
Saturday		27-Jan		Sr Center Town Hall Sponsored Luncheon 10:30AM	
Sunday		28-Jan		Wellness Committee Employee/Family Red Claws Game 1PM	
Wednesday		31-Jan		Budget Committee- Town Hall Meeting Rm 5:30	
Friday		2-Feb		PAC Meeting -8AM	
Monday		5-Feb		ZBA Meeting 7PM	
Tuesday		6-Feb		BOS WS 5 & 7PM Meeting - Town Hall	
Wednesday		7-Feb		Budget Committee- Town Hall Meeting Rm 5:30	
Friday		9-Feb		YCCC Eggs & Issues 7AM	
Monday		12-Feb		Planning Board Town Hall 7PM	
Wednesday		14-Feb		Budget Committee- Town Hall Meeting Rm 5:30	
Monday		19-Feb		Presidents Day Holiday -Municipal Facilities Closed	
Tuesday		20-Feb		BOS WS 5 & 7PM Meeting - Town Hall	
Wednesday		21-Feb		Staff Review Committee 9AM Town Hall	
Thursday		22-Feb		Harbor Advisory Committee 5PM Town Hall	
Sunday		25-Feb		TAST OF WELLS EVENT	Johnson Hall Event Center 12-4
Monday		26-Feb		Planning Board Town Hall 7PM	

Other Calendars of Events:

- **Take it Outside this Winter with Maine State Parks** [Use the searchable Web Calendar.](#)
- [2017-18 Calendar of Events, Things to Do in CT, RI, MA, VT, NH, and ...](http://www.visit-maine.com/state/events/events/)
- [Community Calendar | Maine Public](#)



NEWS / UPDATES / ISSUES:



- PWD Long Hours of Plowing this Winter: A big thank you to our PWD employees, Subcontractors and support staff who have spent countless hour safely plowing & salting our streets during some incredible weather events fo the last month since the Christmas Day snowstorm including the cold snap and Blizzard and Rain and Ice storms . And to all the Public Safety employees that worked during these storm events providing a high level of response and service to the citizens in Wells. .





• **The MaineDOT Work Plan**

Calendar Years 2018-2019-2020

The [MaineDOT](#) Work Plan outlines the work that the Department plans to perform over the next three years. The Work Plan is calendar year-based and includes all MaineDOT work activities. Projects and activities listed for calendar year 2018 have the most definite schedules and estimates, while those for calendar years 2019 and 2020 may be more subject to change. For information about transportation projects and expenditures in your municipality, search the Department’s [Interactive Work Plan](#). I have attached the Wells Projects with the reports for this week.



DOWNEASTER SERVICE

- Schedules: <http://amtrakdowneaster.com/schedules>
- Discount Programs: <http://amtrakdowneaster.com/deals-discounts>
- Wells Station: <http://amtrakdowneaster.com/stations/wells>
- 2017 Statistics- Report attached
- Economic Impact of the Downeaster – see Story Pg. 10, [Amtrak Ink - February 2017](#)

Top 20 Stations by Highest eCSI Scores

	Station	FY 2016 eCSI Score
1.	Norfolk, Va.	96%
2.	Kirkwood, Mo.	96%
3.	Dearborn, Mich.	95%
4.	Durham, N.C.	95%
5.	Durand, Mich.	95%
6.	Edmonds, Wash.	94%
7.	Saco-Biddeford, Maine	94%
8.	Washington, Mo.	94%
9.	Wells, Maine	94%
10.	High Point, N.C.	94%



Based on AMTRAK’s 2016 Customer Satisfaction Survey



• [YCCC-February 9, 2018 Program \(click\)](#)

[Eggs & Issues - York County Community College](#)



- Town [Events](#) being worked on in 2018

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TASTE OF WELLS – February 25, 2018

- Winter event to benefit the Special Fuel Fund and Project Graduation. Come and sample from local restaurants. It will be held at the Johnson Hall Museum Event Center on Route 1 from **Noon to 4PM** \$10.00 per ticket. 6 Restaurants competing to date are: Old Marsh Country Club, Congdon's, Hidden Cove Brewery, R&R Chocolates, 1690 Bake House, Aroma Joes and Coast to Coast Caterers.



Wells Harbor Brew Fest – June 23, 2018 (In the planning stages) **Mass Gathering Permit to the Board of Selectmen to consider at their 2/6/18 meeting.**



- PIPING PLOVERS are on their way back from the warmer south and South American countries to the Northeast. Wells has a large volunteer force to oversee the plovers over their season from April to early August. Last year, nearly 40 volunteers worked with the Maine Audubon, IF&W and USF&W to keep track of the plovers and their nests allowing them to mate and increase in number. Gary Sheehan is the Town's Coordinator and with the assistance of the our Volunteer /Event Coordinator will be undertaking the annual training day for Piping Plover Volunteers in late March / April. If interested, speak with Cindy Adamsky cadamsky@wellstown.org on becoming a plover volunteer.



- REMINDER Saturday, January 27, 2018 – Town Hall Serving its Annual Warming Lunch to the Senior Center. For the past several years the Town Hall staff and other departments and elected volunteers have been serving a lunch to about 100 seniors at the Wells Ogunquit Senior Center. This year it will be on Saturday, January 27, 2017 serving a ham and bean dinner from the IGA. I would appreciate anyone who can volunteer to help with this event. We meet at 10:30AM and set up the tables and serve food at noon with cleanup and it is over and we are out the door no later than 2PM. Please let myself or Marianne know if you can assist. Thank you.



- Streaming Meetings of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals- to watch go to our Website- www.wellstown.org under the front left hand side under "Video Streaming" or press the link. <http://townhallstreams.com/locations/wells-me>



- Budget Committee Agenda for 1/31/18 - 5:30 PM –
Town Hall

Budget Committee				
Meeting Agenda				
Town Hall Meetingroom				
5:30 PM				
Wednesday, January 31, 2018				
1. Call to Order				
2. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes				
3. Budgets and CIP to Review				
Department	Budget Type	Book Section	Book Pages	
Park and Recreation	Municipal	7	1-19	
WAC	Municipal	7	20-29	
Recreation Enterprise	Municipal	11	9-10	
Enterprise - 15 Passenger Van	CIP	11	11	
Enterprise - Multipurpose Field	CIP	11	12	
Enterprise - Tennis Courts	CIP	11	13	
Enterprise - Mower Replacement	CIP	11	14	
Enterprise - Garage	CIP	11	15	
Enterprise - Public Restrooms	CIP	11	16	
Enterprise - Dump Truck	CIP	11	17	
Enterprise - Tractor Replacement	CIP	11	18	
Highway / Public Works	Municipal	6	1-24	
PW - Round Building Upgrade	CIP	6	25	
PW - Equipment Reserve	CIP	6	26	
PW - Transfer Station Equip. Loan	CIP	6	27	
PW - Infrastructure Reserve	CIP	6	28	
PW - Paving	CIP	6	29	
PW - Sidewalk Reserve	CIP	6	30	
PW - Crosswalk Light	CIP	6	31-32	
Public Works Building	Municipal	6	33-41	
Transfer Station	Municipal	6	42-46	

To view the presented budget, click on the below link.

- <http://www.wellstown.org/135/Budget-Review-Committee>



Projects:

- **Blizzard of 2018:**

Update on Furbish Rd culvert damaged in the January 4, 2018 Blizzard.

The Town will be working through further engineering, funding strategies, construction/environmental windows of opportunities and a plan of attack to get the culvert fixed.

Harbor: An insurance claim has been filed on the damage and an adjuster has reviewed the site and items destroyed. We are awaiting word on the settlement of the claim and making preparations to restore the floats and pilings lost.

- Harbor Park Trail Project: The Official name of the trail to be built is the Webhannet Marsh Trail: The bid is out for a 2/22/18 Opening
- Harbor Road Trail FLAP Grant: The refined Project Scope of Work and the two MOUs (State & Town and Feds, State and Town) has been submitted this week to the State and a meeting date is being scheduled.
- Furbish Road FLAP Grant: Just before Christmas, the Town received notice of the second grant application submitted on the Furbish Road was awarded. We are exploring with the Feds if the grant can be expanded to cover the culvert repairs damaged in the 2018 Blizzard. The refined Project Scope of Work and the two MOUs (State & Town and Feds, State and Town) has been submitted 1/24/18 to the State and a meeting date is being scheduled.
- Comp Plan & Maps: The Comprehensive Plan Update is being ready for public review and comment. The final maps to go along with the Plan are being enhanced from the draft stage to a more readable state and should be ready shortly.



- **Public Safety Complex and Substation:**

Work is progressing on the following:

- Finalizing design and cost. Last meeting on refinements 1/17/18 with final costing expected within the next two weeks. Meeting of 1/31/18 will review all changes and cost estimates to date.

- Planning Board submittals
- Asbestos Abatement to the out building to be demolished -Commenced 1/15/18- still in progress
- Geo-technical work on the Fire substation completed. Final site plan expected for this facility for Planning Board submittal for February.



Library Addition Update:

- A temporary wall separating the new addition and the main library has been constructed and framed. Sheetrock is being installed next week.

Reports /Updates

- WOCSD Superintendent Update 1.25.18 -
SUPT UPDATE - January 25, 2018.pdf Click on View
[View](#)
- Police Report: Attached
- CEO Permit Report: Attached
- Fire Department Report: **Attached**
- Part-time Volunteer / Event Coordinator's Weekly Report: Attached

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