



# TOWN MANAGER

## E-Mail Newsletter

Welcome to the eighth 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 February & March 2018

IMPORTANT FEBRUARY & MARCH DATES			
Monday	19-Feb	<a href="#">Presidents Day Holiday -Municipal Facilities Closed</a>	
Tuesday	20-Feb	BOS WS 5 & 7PM Meeting - Town Hall	
Wednesday	21-Feb	Staff Review Committee 9AM Town Hall	
Wednesday	21-Feb	Department Head Meeting - Noon at Town Hall	
Thursday	22-Feb	Harbor Advisory Committee 5PM Town Hall	
Sunday	25-Feb	<a href="#">TASTE OF WELLS EVENT</a>	12PM tp 4 PM Activity Ctr
Monday	26-Feb	Planning Board Town Hall 7PM	
Thursday	1-Mar	<a href="#">Terry Oliver's Retirement Luncheon Noon - Wells Activity Center</a>	
Monday	5-Mar	Planning Board Town Hall 7PM	
Tuesday	6-Mar	BOS WS 5 & 7PM Meeting - Town Hall	
Monday	12-Mar	ZBA Nmeeting- Tentative 7PM Town Hall	
Friday	16-Mar	<a href="#">Family Feud Night - Wells Activity Center 7PM</a>	
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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:

Breaking News: Friday 2/23/18

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Tugboat sinks off coast of Kennebunk



The 80-foot tugboat Capt Mackintire is shown in tow off the coast of Portland. It later sank about 3 miles south of Kennebunk in about 158 feet of water. The Coast Guard is working with federal, state, and local authorities to evaluate pollution potential and respond to reports of sheening in the area. COURTESY PHOTO/U.S. Coast Guard

The Coast Guard is monitoring any oil / fuel slicks developing from this incident that may impact our coastline.

[http://www.journaltribune.com/node/137503?pk\\_campaign=Newsletter](http://www.journaltribune.com/node/137503?pk_campaign=Newsletter)



- Earth Day Event 2018 – Wells & Drakes Island Beach Cleanup

Wells PD will be doing its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wells Beach Clean-Up on April 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 10am with the Blue Ocean Society. They'll be cleaning both Wells Beach and Drakes Island.

**The Blue Ocean Society** will weigh and remove the garbage bags and publicize just how much and what kind of debris was taken off the beaches. Additional participants have included **Marine Mammals of Maine, Maine Healthy Beaches, Harbor Advisory Committee, Save Our Shores, Wells Piping Plover Program, and (of course) the Wells Volunteer Force.**



- Eastern Trail Update Promotional Video:  
<https://vimeo.com/245949341>

**TASTE**



**Of Wells**

This Sunday!!!! Come  
Join the Fun!!!!!!!!!!!!

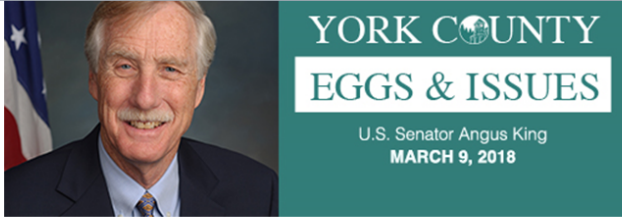
- **TASTE OF WELLS – February 25, 2018**

- Winter event to benefit **the Special Fuel Fund and Project Graduation**. Come and sample from local restaurants at the Wells Activity Center. It will be held from **Noon to 4PM**, \$10.00 per ticket. The Restaurants competing to date are:

<http://www.wellstown.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=70>

- Ahtesh Emporium Beer & Wine
- Aroma Joe's
- The Bistro At R&R Chocolate
- Coast 2 Coast Caterers

- Congdon's Doughnuts
- Hidden Harbor Brewing Company
- Me & D's Diner
- Old Marsh Country Club
- 1690 House Bakeshop & Café
- [Terry Oliver's Retirement Party Reminder](#)- Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> at Noon to 1:30PM at the Wells Activity Center. Public Works Director, Terry Oliver is retiring and a luncheon is being held to celebrate with Terry . Please contact Marianne Goodine in the Town Manager's Office to RSVP [mgoodine@wellstown.org](mailto:mgoodine@wellstown.org) by Monday at 12 noon. We are also accepting donations for a gift and food to share..
- **YCCC MARCH EGGS & ISSUES –March 9, 2018 –Sen. Angus King**  
<http://www.yccc.edu/business-community/community/march-9th-eggs-issues/>



Speaker: U.S. Senator Angus King

Date: March 9, 2018

Topic: Working Communities' Needs & Challenges

**SPECIAL TIME!**  
8:30am - Networking  
9:00am - Breakfast  
9:45am - Speaker, followed by Q & A

Location:  
Pratt & Whitney Building, YCCC - Wells Campus

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RSVP by March 1st  
Please register in advance.  
\$10 per person with pre-registration  
\$15 at the door

- **Intertidal Zones** MPR's *Maine Calling Program*  
2/21/18

(Revisiting the Beach Cases in Wells and other locations in Maine.)

By JONATHAN P. SMITH • FEB 21, 2018



[HTTPS://WWW.FLICKR.COM/PHOTOS/MDMARKUS66/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/mdmarkus66/)

*We explore who owns the intertidal zone in Maine. There are currently two cases before the Maine Supreme Court asking this question. Law professor Orlando Delogu has written a book arguing that recent Maine Supreme Court decisions on this matter are wrong. He joins us as well as an attorney who has represented many property owners in this matter.*

*Guests: Orlando Delogu, Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Maine School of Law; author of *Maine's Beaches Are Public Property: The Bell Cases Must Be Reexamined**

*Pete Thaxter, attorney, has represented landowners in seminal cases regarding the intertidal zone*

*Stephen Rappaport, reporter with the *The Ellsworth American*, has long covered waterfront and fishing issues Downeast, including current debate over rockweed harvesting (MPR WEBSITE)*

Listen

Listening...

52:50

[https://cpa.ds.npr.org/mpbn/audio/2018/02/20180221\\_maine\\_calling\\_intertidal\\_zones\\_0.mp3](https://cpa.ds.npr.org/mpbn/audio/2018/02/20180221_maine_calling_intertidal_zones_0.mp3)



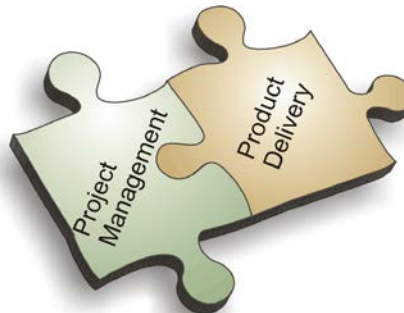
- Streaming Meetings of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals- to watch go to our Website- [www.wellstown.org](http://www.wellstown.org) under the front left hand side under "Video Streaming" or press the link.  
<http://townhallstreams.com/locations/wells-me>



- Budget Committee has completed their review of the Municipal budget. A big thank you to them! On Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> the Budget was transmitted back to the Board of Selectmen for their review and recommendations. The Board spent time reviewing the Budget Committee's work and have scheduled the Reconciliation Meeting with them on March 20, 2018 during the workshop period prior to the Selectmen Meeting.

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.

**ROAD IS CLOSED**

The Board of Selectmen has set in motion at their February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting the repair of the Culvert including pedestrian enhancements of widening the culvert to take



place prior to April 9, 2018. Work will be commencing to prep the culvert to be pulled out of the road. A new bottom will be installed with extenders added on each side to make pedestrian crossing safer. In speaking with the USF&W, they may be open to recommending the deadline be an additional 30 days to May 9, 2018 which would provide some breathing room.

➤ 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. Boat Launch floats that were destroyed were ordered and they have been delivered.

- Harbor Park Trail Project: The Official name of the trail to be built is the Webhannet Marsh Trail: The bids were opened on 2/22/18 and 5 bidders participated with three very competitive bids that are being reviewed for compliance. The BOS is scheduled to award on 3/6/18.

- Harbor Road Trail FLAP Grant & Furbish Road FLAP Grant: The refined 2 Project Scopes of Work and the two MOUs (State & Town and Feds,) are submitted and final details are still being worked out and have been consolidated by the Feds into one MOU for the Feds and one MOU for MaineDOT.

- 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. We are only waiting now on three maps to be completed.



- Public Safety Complex and Substation:

Work is progressing on the following:

- Planning Board Held a Public Hearing and work session on the Public Safety Complex on 2/12/18
- Abatement has been completed on all three buildings and out facilities (Garages). Once completed and certified, the three buildings will be demolished. A meeting on 2/27 is planned to work through the demolition phase of these buildings.
- The Fire Substation Site Plan will be submitted shortly for Planning Board Review.



Library Addition Update:

- Interior Work is taking shape and looks great. Paint colors chosen by the Building Committee and town is getting quotes for the sidewalk in front of the library. The generous donor / contractor is also providing a landscape design for implementation.



- **LED Street Light Pilot Installed:** The Town Energy Committee, with the permission from the Board of Selectmen, have initiated with RealTerm Energy a Feasibility Study of switching the CMP Street Lights to LED lights that the Town would own. Presently, Towns on CMP must rent the street lights. Wells has 468 CMP lights that would be purchased from CMP at their useful life cost and replaced with 468 +/- Smart LED lights that we purchase. Payback is expected to be 3 years from the savings in electrical cost. The Energy Committee thought a small Pilot Demo was appropriate and as of 1/31/18 six LED heads have been installed starting just past Cumberland Farms on Route One running south to just past the Library (see below location map). There are three different colors /intensity of LED lights, From North to South, 2 - 4,000 (60w), 2 - 3,000 (60w) and 2 - 2700 (47w). **Please take a moment when driving by at night to see the color contrast and the Town Manager and Energy Committee welcome your thoughts on the light color for the lights to be purchased.** Initial feedback has been for the 3,000k /2700K lights as they have a warmer appearance.

Wells ME Pilot Fixtures:

Street name	RTE IDs	Utility Pole #	QTY	CCT	Existing HPS Wattage	LED Wattage	Part Number
Post Rd	444, 445	250, 249	2	3000	100W, 250W	60W	60W_ATBS-H-MVOLT-R3-3K-MP-NL-P7
Post Rd	447, 448	244, 242	2	2700	250W	47W	47W_ATBS-F-MVOLT-R3-27K-MP-NL-P7
Post Rd	442, 443	253, 252	2	4000	250W, 100W	60W	60W_ATBS-H-MVOLT-R3-MP-NL-P7



CMP Pole #244  
Node ID: 50727

CMP Pole #249  
Node ID: 50729

CMP Pole #250  
Node ID: 50730

CMP Pole #252  
Node ID: 50721

CMP Pole #253  
Node ID: 50728





- Town Hall Participating in Annual Clothing Drive to Benefit The Epilepsy Foundation

## Reports /Updates

- Police Report: Attachment Folder
  - CEO Permit Report: Attachment Folder
  - Fire Department Report: **Attachment Folder**
  - Part-time Volunteer / Event Coordinator's Weekly Report: Attached
- MMA Legislative Bulletin: [Legislative Bulletin February 23, 2018](#)

**MMA Website:** <https://www.memun.org/> - see what's happening around the State in other Communities.

**Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission Website:** <http://www.smrpc.org/>

**Wells Town Office** [Town Manager](#) [Town Web Site](#)