



# TOWN MANAGER

## E-Mail Newsletter

**Welcome to the ninth 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 March 2018

IMPORTANT MARCH DATES			
Monday	5-Mar	Planning Board Town Hall 7PM	
Tuesday	6-Mar	BOS WS 5 & 7PM Meeting - Town Hall	
Wednesday	7-Mar	WOCSD School Committee 6:30 Supt Offices	
Thursday	8-Mar	WEMS Board - 5PM	
Friday	9-Mar	YCCC Eggs & Issues 8:30 AM	US. Sen King
Monday	12-Mar	ZBA Nmeeting- Tentative 7PM Town Hall	
Friday	16-Mar	Family Feud Night - Wells Activity Center 7PM	
Monday	19-Mar	Planning Board Town Hall 7PM	
Tuesday	20-Mar	Budget Reconciliation Meeting 5PM	
Tuesday	20-Mar	BOS WS 5 & 7PM Meeting - Town Hall	
Thursday	22-Mar	Harbor Advisory Committee 5PM Town Hall	



**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: Nor'easter 3/2/18**

**High Tide:**



Over the Jetties

**WCSH TV Broadcast From Wells**

<http://www.newscentermaine.com/article/news/local/if-mother-nature-wants-to-destroy-your-home-its-going-to-happen-residents-brace-for-storm/97-524745516>

**Jetty Webcam:**

<http://24.97.235.34:22608/advanced.web#eyJsljowLCJpdGVtcyl6W3sicCI6MCwicyl6IjAiLCJpIjoxNzA0OTYwLCJ0IjoiY2FtZXJhIn1dLCJzYiI6MSwibSI6MX0=>

Pictures of the Casino Parking Lot;  
Drakes Island Rd; Backside of Hobbs  
Harbor Restaurant and the Harbor just  
after the 11AM High Tide 3/2/18



Police have barricaded off some Beach  
causeway roads.

- **Town Roads to be Posted March 13, 2018:**  
[http://www.journaltribune.com/node/137636?pk\\_campaign=Newsletter](http://www.journaltribune.com/node/137636?pk_campaign=Newsletter)
- **Fire Department Winter Water Rescue Training at Hobbs Pond 2/24/18.**





• **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.**

**TASTE**



**Of Wells**

**\$2,322.00 Received for Project Graduation and The Town's Heating Assistance Program from the event**

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

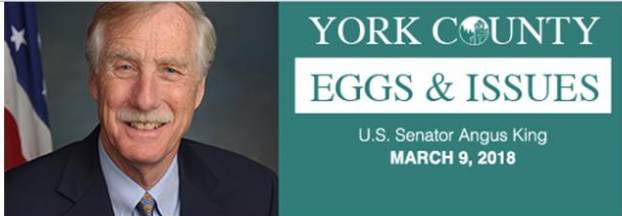
**A very successful first effort by the Town's Event  
Coordinator- Cindy Adamsky and her team of volunteers!!!**

This year's theme was "Winter Warm-Up" and the Best Taste of Wells Judges Award went to Ahtesh Emporium Beer & Wine (1927 Post Road, Wells)! Tied for second place were The Bistro at R&R Chocolate (913 Post Road, Wells) and 1690 House Bakeshop & Café (1690 Post Road, Wells).

Our guests also voted for the Peoples' Choice Award for Best Taste of Wells and the winners were: First Place - The Bistro at R&R Chocolate, second place went to 1690 House Bakeshop & Café and rounding out the top three was Coast 2 Coast Caterers (835 Sanford Road, Wells).

Our special thanks to Aroma Joe's, Congdons Doughnuts, Hidden Cove Brewing Company, Me & D's Diner, and Old Marsh Country Club who were all prize winners in our eyes for their community spirit and willingness to bring Taste of Wells to fruition. Each entry was absolutely amazing and if you haven't checked out all of our participants, you should! We definitely have the best hidden gems in the area and you won't be disappointed!

- Ahtesh Emporium Beer & Wine,
  - Aroma Joe's,
  - The Bistro At R&R Chocolate,
  - Coast 2 Coast Caterers,
  - Congdons Doughnuts,
  - Hidden Harbor Brewing Company,
  - Me & D's Diner,
  - Old Marsh Country Club, and
  - 1690 House Bakeshop & Café
- **Terry Oliver's Retirement Party** – Approximately 50 friends, employees and business associates came together at the Wells Activity Center for Terry's retirement party where he was presented a plaque from Chairman, Karl Ekstedt, for his 8 years of service to the Community as its Public Works Director and several other gifts including a gift card to Cabela's. A big thank you to the Party Team who participated in putting the event on!!!!
- **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



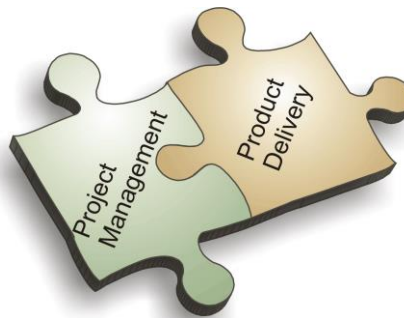
- **Streaming Meetings of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals-** to watch go to our Website- [www.wellstown.org](http://www.wellstown.org) under the front left hand side under “Video Streaming” or press the link.  
<http://townhallstreams.com/locations/wells-me>



- **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). Demolition slated to begin on the 3 facilities by mid-March and last, depending on the weather, two weeks. A letter to the property owners in the area is being set out 3/2/18 with this information.



- 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 the Town is getting quotes for the sidewalk in front of the library. The generous donor / contractor is also providing a landscape design for implementation.

## **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
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- **MMA Legislative Bulletin:** [Legislative Bulletin March 2, 2018](#)

MMA Website: <https://www.memun.org/> - see what's happening around the State in other Communities. MMA Monthly Newsletter: <http://216.70.113.180/memun/email/MMAThisMonth/2018/feb.htm>

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

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