



TOWN MANAGER E-Mail Newsletter

Welcome to the tenth 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			
Wednesday	14-Mar		Library Board of Trustees 6PM
Thursday	15-Mar		WEMS Board - 5PM
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



SPRING FORWARD THIS WEEKEND



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:

. HR Director Weaver takes HR Position with City of South Portland:

I unfortunately have to announce the resignation of Stephanie Weaver, Human Resource Director. Stephanie, who lives in the Portland area, has snagged the head HR Director's position for the City of South Portland. For the last three years, Stephanie has been a true professional and has elevated the HR Department during her tenure in Wells with initiating benefit fairs, assisting in obtaining and rolling out the MainePERS benefit for the non-Public Safety employees and a huge amount of behind the scenes work like position recruitment, interviews, staffing, overseeing the Personnel Advisory Committee and much more. Stephanie's last day will be March 23, 2018. We wish her the best in her South Portland position.

I will be commencing a position recruitment to fill this position with the Personnel Advisory Committee as quickly as possible. In the meantime, a part-time HR consultant will be spending time at Town Hall on HR issues and assisting with position recruitments and screening for the different positions we have open including seasonal positions for the upcoming summer season.

Please join me in wishing Stephanie the very best and our appreciation to her for a great job!

- **Public Works Director Andrew Bouchard Sr.-** Mr. Bouchard submitted his resignation which the Town Manager accepted. Terry Oliver, the former PWD Director will come back from retirement and work with the PWD Department until an interim PWD Director is hired and a recruitment process is started.



- Passing of John Brett- Long-time friend and former part-time Town of Wells Cable Channel 3 Producer.

July 13, 1944 - February 20, 2018

SANFORD, MAINE - John A. Brett, age 73, passed away from a brief illness at Massachusetts General Hospital on February 20th. He was the son of the late Charles Brett, and the late Muriel Sears-Brett of Danvers. He is survived by his girlfriend, Cathy Noonan; his son Christopher Brett, wife Karen, and three children Cameron, Jack, and Piper; his two brothers Charles and Thomas Brett; several nieces and nephews, including, Peter Brett, Stephanie Brett-Williams, her husband Tyson, and their child Preston; Eric, Matthew, and Jason Brett, Lisa Kumph, and Piper Brett-Haded; and Heidi McDonough. John served as a military police officer in the U.S. Army with the 624th MP Company out of Fort Devens, Massachusetts, which included a one-year tour in the Vietnam War. John was retired, but enjoyed driving a cab, and running the trolley system in Maine for many years. He was a people person who could talk to anybody. He had the ability to make people laugh with his funny stories and silly antics. His passions were music and writing. John could play a mean piano, almost as good as Jerry Lee Lewis, as well as the guitar and harmonica. He has written and recorded songs. He got his passion for music from his mother, the late Muriel Sears-Brett, who was a music teacher. She also loved playing the piano. John wrote a great science fiction novel titled "Love, Power and I.C.E." He always had a love for Chevrolet Corvettes and owned a few, including a 1954, and a 1964. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends, and talking politics without him will never be the same again. The family will be having a funeral at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Friday, March 9, at 12:45 p.m. Donations may be made, in honor of John, to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, or to the Vietnam Veterans of America organizations, in lieu of flowers.

Storm Central

Two giant storms within a week and more to come next week have taxed the resources of the coastal towns. 18+” of heavy snow in the Thursday storm with about 600 + people without

electricity. I am so proud of the Wells employees that have worked tirelessly through both storms removing debris from each high tide on the beach roads to endlessly answering public safety assist calls. Our EMA team has done a tremendous job and we will be in good shape to complete the FEMA forms for disaster relief. Much work ahead for everyone in what is turning out to be a memorable 2018 winter season. Thank you to everyone working as a team to make Wells safe and operational in difficult weather conditions.

Stay in turn with Mother Nature's fury through the below Jetty Cam at the Harbor.

Jetty Webcam: [Harbor Jetty Webcam](#)

- **Town Roads to be Posted March 13, 2018:**

http://www.journaltribune.com/node/137636?pk_campaign=Newsletter



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

Wells PD will be doing its 2nd Annual Wells Beach Clean-Up on April 21st 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.**



- **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.

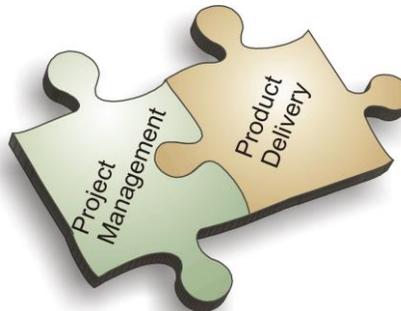
<http://townhallstreams.com/locations/wells-me>



- **BUDGET Status FY'19: The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee will meet in the required Budget Reconciliation Meeting at 5PM on March 20, 2018. Following that meeting, a joint public hearing will be held on the budget on April 3rd at 7PM at the Selectmen meeting. The warrant will then be signed and the Town Meeting Book developed for public dissemination.**

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 6th 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. Release of funds from the Harbor Improvement Fund will pay for the other replacement items lost or damaged in the Blizzard. The Selectmen will hold a hearing on the release of the funds on March 20th.

- **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 3/20/18.

- **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 will continue reviewing the Public Safety Complex on 3/19/18
- 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. The ribbon cutting ceremony is now being planned (!!)

Reports /Updates

- **Police Report:** Attachment Folder
- **CEO Permit Report:** Attachment Folder
- **Fire Department Report:** Attachment Folder
- **Part-time Volunteer / Event Coordinator's Weekly Report:** Attachment Folder
 - **WOCSD Superintendent Daily's Update Report:**
SUPT UPDATE – Click on View
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- **MMA Legislative Bulletin:** [Legislative Bulletin March 9, 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/>

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