



TOWN MANAGER

E-Mail Newsletter

Welcome to the eleventh 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 & APRIL DATES		
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
Wednesday	21-Mar	Stephanie Weaver - Farewell Luncheon 12 Noon Town Hall
Thursday	22-Mar	Harbor Advisory Committee 5PM Town Hall
Monday	2-Apr	Planning Board Town Hall 7PM
Tuesday	3-Apr	BOS WS 5 & 7PM Meeting - Town Hall
Wednesday	4-Apr	WOCSD School Committee Meeting 6:30 Central Office
Friday	6-Apr	Personnel Advisory Committee 8AM - Town Hall
School Vacation	4/16/2018	WOCSD Vacation Week
Monday	16-Apr	Planning Board Town Hall 7PM
Tuesday	17-Apr	BOS WS 5 & 7PM Meeting - Town Hall
Saturday	21-Apr	Earth Day - Beach Clean Up Event
Saturday	28-Apr	Piping Plover Monitoring Training- Activity Center 9AM



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:

Storm Central

Three giant storms within a short period of time with more to come next week have taxed the resources of the coastal towns. 12'-24" of snow depending where you were in Wells during the Tuesday storm. I am so proud of the Wells employees that have worked tirelessly through the 3 storms. 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 tune with Mother Nature's fury through the below Jetty Cam at the Harbor.

• **Jetty Webcam:** [Harbor Jetty Webcam](#)

- **Town Roads Were Not Posted March 13, 2018: Frost is out of the roads and Road Posting cancelled.**



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



In addition to the Harbor Beach Clean-up, we will be picking up trash along Harbor Road and in Harbor Park. **Meet at the Wells Activity Center, 113 Sanford Road.**

RSVP by April 14th to Sandra at beachcleanup@yahoo.com with your name, # in your group, and add “Harbor Clean-up” to the e-mail.

- **HR Director Recruitment Update:** Stephanie Weaver’s last day will be next Friday. I have engaged Betsy Oulton, President of HR ME Consulting to be at Town Hall Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to assist us in the different seasonal and full-time recruitments that are ongoing and the daily HR issues. Both Cindy Adamsky and Marianne Goodine will be assisting too and I appreciate their help. The Personnel Advisory Committee will be overseeing the recruitment with me of the HR Director’s position in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen. The initial deadline for applications is April 5, 2018.
- **PWD Director Vacancy Update:** The Board of Selectmen and I will be discussing filling the position with an interim Director through a Professional Services agreement with Municipal Resources Inc.



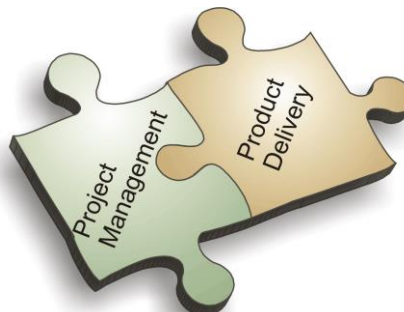
- **Streaming Meetings of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals- to watch go to our Website- www.wellstown.org under the front left hand side under “Video Streaming” or press the link. <http://townhallstreams.com/locations/wells-me>**



- **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:

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- **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 to be an additional 30 days to May 9, 2018 which would provide some breathing room. Components for the new replacement floor for the culvert arrived in Wells this past week.

- **Harbor:** An insurance claim has been filed on the damage and an adjuster has reviewed the site and items destroyed. Coverage on the lost has been approved. 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 next week and last, depending on the weather, two weeks. A letter to the property owners has been sent 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 have been 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 (!!)
- is now being planned (!!)
- for late spring. See the building under construction: Click below:

[Pictures are now up on our campaign website](#)

Reports /Updates

- **Police Report:** Attachment Folder
- **CEO Permit Report:** Attachment Folder
- **Part-time Volunteer / Event Coordinator's Weekly Report:** Attachment Folder
- **Library Director's Monthly Report (Attachment Folder) and Newsletter:** [Click here to read the March-May newsletter](#)
- **MMA Legislative Bulletin:** [Legislative Bulletin March 16, 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](#)