



Town of Wells Achievements in 2017 and Direction in 2018

- Moratoriums placed by the Selectmen on Medical Marijuana Grow Facilities and Retail and Social Club Marijuana Facilities. This resulted in the redefining through Town Meeting vote location where Medical Marijuana Grow facilities can locate (Light Industrial Zone) and the prohibition of Marijuana Retail and Social Clubs from being allowed in Wells.
- Moratorium on New Commercial Buildings in the Route 1 Corridor from North of the Route 109 Intersection to the Kennebunk Town Line resulting in the Town adopting building design standards for this area at Town meeting in June.
- Completion of the FY'18 Budget and its acceptance at Town Meeting in June resulting in a 1% Tax increase and under LD 1 Tax Cap.
- Successful Public Campaign for the replacement of the Public Safety Complex and new consolidated Fire Substation leading to Town Meeting voting to support a \$14,250,000 Bond.
- Route 109 Corridor Study Completed with Recommendations for a Traffic Light at 9A which has been programmed into the MaineDOT future work plan.
- A local resident matches Library Foundation \$500,000 to provide a \$1M 3400 Sq Ft Addition with Solar Array which was Town Meeting approved.
- Successful negotiations and execution of 4 Labor Unit contract renewals.
- Strong Summer and Fall tourist season. Fantastic 1.5 Day HarborFest in July.
- Wells named Maine's #1 Nature Community by Expedia.

- Annual September Volunteer Breakfast Celebration for the Town's 400 plus volunteers and Employee recognition luncheon and Holiday Party.
- Successful Phase 2 of the Town Hall Move Completed with Landscaping
- Webhannet Burying Grounds Park Constructed.
- Completion of replacing the Furbish Road Culvert through the Marsh and repairs to the Webhannet Seawall.
- Grants received for 1) Webhannet Marsh Trail 2) Harbor Road Walkway 3) Furbish Road Causeway Improvements; 4) Smile Foundation donated an ADA Water Wheelchair 5) Completion of the new double lane Boat launch 6) Funded from MaineDOT and Kennebunk and Wells to survey 5-6 miles of the Unitil Gas Line for the Eastern trail off Road extension.
- Purchase and delivery of two new Fire Trucks- a Tanker and Rescue Pumper.
- Installation of a new Harbor Pier Hoist System and murials painted by the Wells High School Art Class students on two cooler units at the Harbor.
- Purchase of the Getchell Parcel and the tear down of the Tilton Parcel Homestead by the PWD.
- The Town Purchase of the Old Cumberland farms and demolition.
- Joining with 5 other municipalities to appeal the FEMA Flood maps which is underway.
- Town Auditor gave a Clean Audit for FY'17 with Town financially strong.
- Strong Economic Development signs in Wells with Avita Memory Care facility opening, Caron Engineering building a new corporate facility, Dollar General, Proposed Best Western Hotel and many subdivision and housing starts.
- Energy Committee working on LED Street Light Conversion; Library Solar array and a possible larger array at the 9B Town Closed Brownfield Site.

- Hiring a new Public Works Director, Andy Bouchard Sr. to replace retiring Terry Oliver and a new Assessor Keeley Lambert to replace retiring Tanya Freeman. WEMS hired a new Coordinator James LaPolla to replace retiring Brian Watkins and celebrating the 1st year anniversary of our new Fire Chief, Wayne Vetre.
- Wells High School Football Team- Class D State Champions!!!

2018 – Sampling of Projects and Work

- Obtaining Public Safety Complex and Fire Substation Regulatory Approvals and commencement of construction for both facilities.
- Developing additional new events for Wells to enjoy and celebrate through our Volunteer and Event Coordinator
- Approval to install LED Street Lights
- Further surveying work on the Eastern Trail thru Wells and commencement of preliminary engineering.
- Opening of the new Library Addition
- Construction of the Webhannet Marsh Trail at the Harbor Park
- Ribbon cutting of the Webhannet Burial Ground Park
- Improve Beatification Program
- Implementation of a small ByPass Road Feasibility Study
- Implementation of a Sign Inventory
- Securing State authorization to purchase from them the old 7/11 site for a Pocket park
- Federal maintenance Dredge expected in May of the Federal Channel
- Implementation of the two Federal grants for the Harbor Walk and Furbish Road Causeway Improvements.
- Administrative approval of the FY'19 Budget and Town Meeting Approval