



# TOWN MANAGER

## E-Mail Newsletter

Welcome to the thirteenth 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 APRIL 2018



IMPORTANT APRIL DATES			
Sunday	1-Apr	Easter	
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	
<a href="#">School Vacation</a>	<a href="#">4/16/2018</a>	<a href="#">WOCSD Vacation Week</a>	
Tuesday	17-Apr	BOS WS 5 & 7PM Meeting - Town Hall	
<a href="#">Saturday</a>	<a href="#">21-Apr</a>	<a href="#">Earth Day - Beach Clean Up Event</a>	
Monday	23-Apr	Planning Board Town Hall 7PM	
<a href="#">Saturday</a>	<a href="#">28-Apr</a>	<a href="#">Piping Plover Monitoring Training- Activity Center 9AM</a>	



#### 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

The Town is waiting to hear if the three recent Nor'easters are going to be linked together for FEMA declaratory Disaster Relief. The Town has between a \$300,000 to \$400,000 claim. Through our EMA Director / Fire Chief, records are being compiled and estimates developed for the repairs that will be necessary.

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

- Jetty Webcam: [Harbor Jetty Webcam](#)

Condition of our Beaches In Wells Following March's Storms. **The Town Manager asked the Maine Geologic Survey Office in Augusta to comment on the storm damage they saw to Wells Beaches. Dr. Steve Dickson, responded this week with the below report. The beaches are vital to the economy of Wells and we will be reviewing options of what we possibly can do to improve them from their present conditions covered with cobble. Mid to long range plans are to encourage projects that can provide sand nourishment to the beaches which includes:**

- **Dredging of the Federal Channel and placement of the sand on the beaches or near shore by the Army Corps of Engineers or from a private/public**

**dredge effort(s)- May/ June Dredge 2018 by Army Corps- disposal near shore.**

- **Determining with the State's assistance sand availability offshore to be perhaps pumped onto the beaches- summer 2018 by State of Maine**
- **Trucking sand that has beach characteristics from inland pits to the beach**

**From:** Dickson, Stephen M.

**To:** Jon Carter

**Cc:** Slovinsky, Peter A; John.W.Cannon@noaa.gov; Emily@wellsnerr.org; Marvinney, Robert G.

**Subject:** RE: Wells Beaches

**Date:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 10:33:04 AM

**Attachments:** Click the [Lin](#)

<http://www.wellstown.org/725/Beach-Reports>

Hi Jon,

I have been keeping track of Wells Beach via our citizen volunteers that measure beach profiles once a month. They send photos and measure the beach elevations near Casino Point (WE02) and south of the south jetty (WE03) and at Laudholm Beach. Attached are some graphs showing the height of the beach. Thanks to collaboration and coordination with John Cannon at the National Weather Service in Gray, some of the teams are measuring before and after major storms if they can muster a team. The attached pictures tell the story and are summarized below.

**WE02\_Dec17-Mar18.png** shows the lowering and erosion in the last three months just north of the Casino Point parking lot and observation area. The biggest drop in the beach elevation occurred in the first week of March with the destructive combination of (a) large tides, (b) big surf, and (c) a storm surge of 2 or so feet for several days (**WellsStormTide** graph attached; purple line is the surge; red line is the storm tide - actual level in Wells Harbor) and multiple high tides that topped flood stage.

**WE03\_Oct17-Mar18.png** shows a more progressive lowering of the beach from Halloween to earlier this month. The more abundant sand at this location allows some sand recovery between storms. Nevertheless, the lowering is most acute after the early March 2018 storm.

**WE02\_2007vs2018.png** and **WE03\_2007vs2008.png** show a comparison of beach levels just after the 2007 Patriots' Day Storm and the early March 2018 storm. At WE02, the levels are very similar. At WE03, the upper beach and dune fared better in 2018 than in 2007. This is likely due to more sand in that area than a decade ago (sand moves north along the beach on average) as well as the dune absorbing the surf and depositing sand on the frontal dune ridge to build it higher. As Pete Slovinsky and I have published in our **State of Maine's Beaches** series, that it took up to two years for sand to fully return after the Patriots' Day Storm on many of Maine's beaches. Deep erosion also occurred over the winter of 2009-2010 when sea level was, on average over the winter, 6 to 12 inches higher than normal and there were back-to-back northeasters, much like this month. Lower average winter sea levels in subsequent years allowed the beach sand to return. In the last few weeks, we have seen some sand already moving back up the profiles from York to Scarborough. Storm season is not over yet (after all, the Patriots' Day Storm was mid-April) so there may be some low profiles for a few more months.

Based on our data and past trends, I do anticipate the beaches will be recovering naturally this spring and through the entire summer. The summer recreational beach may not be quite as wide as last year, but sand should be coming in to help cover some of the gravel and cobbles exposed now.

. Our past *State of Maine's Beaches* reports are available on our [web site](#) and illustrate the physical locations of WE03 and WE02, among others. Our 2009 report discusses recovery after the Patriots' Day Storm. The 2011 report also discusses the Patriots' Day Storm as well as damaging northeasters in 2010. The 2013 report does indicate recovery after winter erosion has not done as well recently as it had in the past, so that adds a little caveat to the anticipated recovery going forward from today. The 2015 report discusses the abrupt sea level rise of 2009-2010. The 2017 report shows the most recent trends.

With my more than 30 years of experience, I can say this has been a record for severe beach and dune erosion that has rivaled any year. Wells is not alone in this condition. All of Maine's beaches took an enormous hit in the last month.

Let us know if we can provide more information going forward. We are very grateful for community support for the State of Maine's Beach Profiling Program and the year-round field effort of citizens. As we go forward, the continued monitoring of our beaches is critical to provide a scientific context for their management.

Regards,

Steve

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## • Guess who stopped in to Visit

John Dean, the Town of Wells first full-time single Fire Chief in 1989 into the 1990's and went on to be the State Fire Marshall for many years. He lives with his wife Carol in the Villages in Florida. He is in Maine to visit his son and works part-time for Global Industries doing HR work and has some meetings in New Hampshire.

- 3/24/18-Polar Plunge – Success with 30-40 Participants.



- 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 14<sup>th</sup> to Sandra at [beachcleanup@yahoo.com](mailto:beachcleanup@yahoo.com) with your name, # in your group, and add "Harbor Clean-up" to the e-mail.**

- Wells Transfer Station 2017 State Waste and Recycling Report: Each year the State requires municipalities operating a Solid Waste Transfer Station to file an annual report for the past calendar year. Mark Webster, Transfer Station Coordinator has filed our 2017 Report which can be read by clicking on the link: <http://www.wellstown.org/DocumentCenter/View/2918>



- 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>

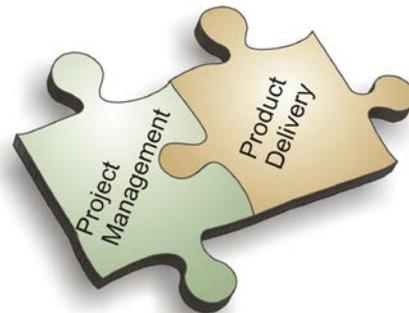


- BUDGET Status FY'19: The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee met in the required Budget Reconciliation Meeting at 5PM on March 20, 2018. Following that meeting, a joint public hearing will be held on the budget on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM at the Selectmen meeting <http://www.wellstown.org/DocumentCenter/View/2925> . 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>
- **WOCSD Budget Hearing – Wednesday March 28 at 6:30 PM – Jr. High Ward Gym – Power Pt. Presentation-** (click link) <http://www.wellstown.org/DocumentCenter/View/2923>

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Municipal Budget Hearing: <http://www.wellstown.org/DocumentCenter/View/2925>



Projects:

- 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. A lot of work is going on behind the scenes headed up by the Town’s Structural Engineering Consultant, Geoff Aleva from Civil Consultants. A meeting was held between the DEP, Army Corp, USF&W and the Town to come to terms with permits and project implementation.

Next steps are to receive the permits, schedule the removal of the culvert and install the floor and culvert extenders, dewater the site, uncover the sewer line and encase areas not covered with concrete or protective cover, reinstall the culvert and complete above road work including guardrail and paving.

- Harbor Repairs: Marine Contractors are being lined up for Piling installations and the ice machine enclosure is being scheduled for construction with the ice machine to be purchased and installed. Replacement floats are ready to be installed.
  
- Harbor Road Trail FLAP Grant & Furbish Road FLAP Grant: The refined 2 Project Scopes of Work and the two MOAs (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 should have all the maps in hand for the final plan to now be published.



- Public Safety Complex and Substation:

Work is progressing on the following:

- Planning Board on 4/23/18 will take up the Fire Substation.
- The Construction Management firm will be out to bid on the project with bids due in April. They will be speaking to the Selectmen April 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss early purchase of the steel and moving the foundation work forward to avoid price escalation.
- Demolition began on the 3 facilities and is now complete



Looking towards the Wells Shopping Center where the Green House and Brown House stood



Old Post Office



#### 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 (!!)

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

## 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 Daly's Update:  
SUPT UPDATE - March 28, 2018.pdf ([Click on View](#))  
[View](#)
- MMA Legislative Bulletin: [Legislative Bulletin March 30, 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](#)