

Town of Wells

Annual Report



Wells Harbor

*for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007
and ending June 30, 2008*

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2009 Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1, 2009
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 19, 2009
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 16, 2009
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2009
Independence Day	Friday, July 3, 2009
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2009
Columbus Day	Monday, October 12, 2009
Veterans' Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2009
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26, 2009
Thanksgiving Friday	Friday, November 27, 2009
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2009

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

All meetings are held in the Littlefield Meeting Room of
Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

SELECTMEN 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7PM

PLANNING BOARD 1st & 3rd Monday, 7PM

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7PM

STAFF REVIEW COMMITTEE 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 9AM

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6PM

RECREATION COMMISSION 2nd Wednesday, 6:30PM
(Meetings at Walter Marsh Recreation Facility)

LIBRARY (Meetings in Library Conference Room)
Board of Directors 2nd Wednesday, 7PM
Friends of the Library 2nd Thursday, 10AM

WELLS SANITARY DISTRICT TRUSTEES
197 Eldridge Road Last Thursday, 7:00PM

WOCSD SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM
(Meets at Superintendent's Office, Route 1 campus)

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC –
YOUR ATTENDANCE IS WELCOMED**

DEDICATION



Hope (Moody) Shelley and Peter Moody

Hope and Peter attended Wells schools from Grade one through High School, graduating in 1952. They were at the top of their class. During high school, they marched in the band, played sports, especially basketball, and excelled in academics.

After they completed their formal education, Peter worked as a skilled carpenter and volunteered at the Wells Beach Hose Co., driving the ambulance and becoming Chief. Hope had a career in Nursing and also served as School Nurse in Wells Schools.

Peter has served Wells as a member of the Budget Committee and Trustee on the Sanitary District. He is a vocal participant at the Annual Town Meetings. Peter, an antique auto buff, finds old worn out jalopies and restores them to look like they did when fresh off the assembly line. He shows them in our local parades and car shows. Peter, interested in our Town's history, has researched the Town's original land grants, and recites his findings like he was reading a book. If you ask him about this research, better find a chair.

Hope served on the Historic Preservation Commission, and was appointed as the Town Historian, a title she still holds. A member of the Wells/Ogunquit Historical Society, she also served as Museum Director and Educational Director. She created the Society's bulletin "Waves and Furrows" that is published regularly. Hope has also researched the history of the Town of Wells and written many books and booklets. Among her writings are "Images of America - Wells", "Wandering through Wells", "The Congregational Way at Wells", "Old Schoolhouses". She chaired the 350th Celebration, which culminated with the publishing of "My Name is Wells. I Am the Town", which is a History of Wells for the last 50 years. She also does genealogical research. Hope is also on the Board of Trustees for Oceanview Cemetery. She keeps records of our veterans and their gravesites.

The Moody Family came to this town in the 1600's. Through out the generations they have contributed to our history, helping to make us known as "The Friendliest Town in Maine".

The research that they do is a labor of love and is so extensive that they have, in themselves, become custodians of the story of Wells. Wells is truly indebted to them for publishing their findings, which will serve many generations to come.

We thank them for their worthy contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion B. Noble



Hope (Moody) Shelley and Peter Moody
at their 50th Birthday celebration

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

This Annual Report highlights the activities of the many Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town of Wells from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. Although spring storms had been the central theme of the preceding two reports, the Mothers' Day Storm of 2006 and the 2007 Patriot's Day Storm, the Town continued to address the damage caused by these storms as evidenced by many of the major projects undertaken in 2007-08.

Summer

Summer in Wells draws residents, guests and tourists to enjoy its natural beauty and outdoor activities. The extensive beaches, trails, and Wells Harbor provide varied and beautiful settings for many summer activities. The Recreation Department, Wells Activity Center, the Wells Public Library, and the Harbor Concert Series at Harbor Park schedule many programs and events throughout the summer months that are popular and well-attended. In short, summer is beautiful and busy in Wells.

In July, the Town was awarded a Tree Canopy Grant from the State of Maine to plant elm trees along Route 1 and Route 109. Mr. Howard Hall and his company organized and coordinated the program, providing the 'in-kind' contribution to serve as the local grant match. They also encouraged residents to donate trees to further expand the impact of the planting program.

During the summer months and throughout the remainder of the year, the Town of Wells was drawn into the school consolidation effort mandated by the State of Maine. Initially, Selectmen, School Board Members and representatives of the communities from Wells, Ogunquit, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Arundel met for months to develop a plan and estimate costs to consolidate the school systems. Ultimately, the plan was determined to be too expensive due to shifts in state aid to education and property tax burdens among the communities. The Towns of Wells and Ogunquit next met with the Town of York and then the Town of Kittery to find similar results. These efforts would continue into the following fiscal year.

Fall

In September, the Maine Department of Transportation began the Skinner Mill Bridge Project to replace the bridge that was destroyed during the Mothers' Day Storm. A picture of the completed project is shown below. In addition, the Town awarded a bid to repair the ramp at the end of Folsom Street that had been damaged during the Patriot's Day Storm.



Skinner Mill Bridge

The Town also awarded the bid to pave, and in some cases reclaim the following roads: Drakes Island Road, Quarry Road, Island Beach Road, Harriseckett Road, Bears Den Road, Gilman Street, Rachel Carson Lane and Crescent Lane. Due to weather, some of the projects were completed the following spring.

Winter

The winter of 2007-08 was extremely harsh, beginning in early December and continuing into the spring. By the end of the season, salt was virtually being rationed throughout New England and the Midwest because the supply simply did not meet the demand. For the Town of Wells alone, its Highway Crew had faced a total of 33 storms.

The bid to replace the Harbor Master's Building was finally awarded. The Town had received a S.H.I.P grant from the Maine Department of Transportation and Town Meeting had twice approved funding to complete this project. Construction was scheduled to begin in late spring.

Spring

The long awaited spring brought life to the 1710 House restoration project. Thanks to generous donations from Mrs. Howard Hall and Mrs. Quill, the Town was able to meet the funding requirements to award the bid to replace, repair and reinforce the sills of the 1710 House, and to replace its siding. The project is scheduled for completion in the next fiscal year.

The Bond to repair and reconstruct the Webhannet Seawall, severely damaged during both the Mothers' Day Storm and the Patriot's Day Storm, was approved at Town Meeting. As part of the bond process, the Town was able to improve its bond rating from Standard and Poor's from A+ to AA, thanks to the efforts of the Town Treasurer, the General Administration Staff and the fiscal responsibility of the Board of Selectmen and the voters at Town Meeting. This independent review documented the financial strength of the Town of Wells.

Due to the many Town projects and activities throughout Fiscal Year 2007-08, only a few could be documented in this Annual Report. However, it is evident that the commitment of many people to the Wells community has insured its strength and vitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Duncan
Town Manager

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

It was a busy and productive year for the Town of Wells in 2008. We tackled several infrastructure issues, repairing the Webhannet Drive seawall replacing the Bourne Avenue bridge, rebuilding and repaving the eastern part of Route 9B, and finalizing plans to alter the problematic Route 1 and Route 109 intersection at Wells Corner.

We addressed state-mandated school consolidation. The Wells-Ogunquit Community School District struggled to find a consolidation partner. We unsuccessfully negotiated with MSAD 71 (Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Arundel), the York School District, the Kittery School District, and finally the Acton School District after requests made to Education Commissioner Susan Gendron to remain a stand-alone district were denied. We held a special election in March to vote on the Consolidation of WOCSD and Acton and it was voted down. Shortly after the election, Commissioner Gendron finally approved our stand-alone status.

Voters approved the town's first charter, culminating an intensive public process by the Charter Commission that extended more than a year in length. The document passed overwhelmingly, 3,715 to 1,774.

We adopted an ordinance to change seasonal cottage density from ten cottages per square mile to four cottages per square mile and increasing the minimum spacing between cottages from 15 feet to 25 feet. The restrooms at Wells Beach were renovated, Dike Street drainage improvements were completed, the 1710 House restoration got underway, new town signs were installed, the Harbor Master's building was completed and an Ordinance Review Committee was created.

At the November election, voters approved by a vote of 3,773 to 1,765 a temporary 180 day moratorium on large scale water extraction, to give the town sufficient time to create a permanent ordinance dealing with the subject. The question resulted from a citizen's initiative. That process was quite contentious, and towns in southern Maine received national attention as the debate on water extraction unfolded.

It was a year of many challenges and progress and the Board rose to the occasion.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, thank you so much for the honor and privilege of serving this great Town of ours.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Mooney
Chairwoman
Board of Selectmen

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY:	FIRE & POLICE	9-1-1
WELLS POLICE	(non-emergency)	(Dispatch) 646-9354
		(Business) 646-9354
		(FAX) 646-7800
AMBULANCE		(Business) 641-8099
FIRE		(Business) 646-7912
INFORMATION:		
Administration (Town Manager, Road Commissioner, Town Hall)		646-5113
	(FAX)	646-2935
Assessor's Office (Tax Assessments)		646-6081
Automobile Registration (Excise Tax)		646-5113
Building & Plumbing Permits		646-5187
Chamber of Commerce		646-2451
Civil Emergency Director		646-7912
Code Enforcement Officer		646-5188
Dogs (Animal Control Officer)		646-9354
Fish & Game Licenses (Town Clerk)		646-2882
Game Warden (Regional headquarters)		1-800-295-2435
Harbor Master		646-3236
Licenses-Town Clerk		646-2882
Moody Post Office		646-7125
Public Library		646-8181
Public Works		646-3014
Rachel Carson		646-9226
Recreation Department (Rte 9A & 109)		646-5826
Registry of Motor Vehicles-(Kennebunk)		985-4890
School (Superintendent)		646-8331
Sewer (Wells Sanitary District)		646-5906
Soc Sec Administration – 110 Main St, (Saco)		1-800-772-1213
Solid Waste Transfer Station (Rte 9)		646-8647
Tax Collector		646-5113
Vital Statistics (Births, Deaths, Marriages)		646-2882
Vital Statistics (Augusta)		(207) 287-3181
Voter Registrations		646-2882
Wells/Ogunquit Historical Society		646-4775
Wells Post Office		646-2984
PUBLIC UTILITIES:		
Central Maine Power Co. (Customer Service)		696-1000
K.K. & Wells Water District (Kennebunk)		985-3385
Fair Point Communications (Customer service)		1-866-984-2001
Time Warner (Cable TV)		1-800-833-2253
COUNTY:		
Registry of Deeds (Alfred)		324-1576
Registry of Probate (Alfred)		324-1577
County Commissioners		324-1571
Sheriff		1-800-492-0855
York County Health Association (York)		363-7634
Visiting Nurses (York Hospital)		1-800-287-7632

ELECTED OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN

James F. Spiller	(2011)
Christopher Chase	(2010)
Richard Clark	(2010)
Harry Tomah	(2009)
Joan M. Mooney	(2009)

TOWN CLERK

Jessica N. Keyes, CCM,	(2011)
Brenda Layman, Dep	
Marion B. Noble, Dep	
Elizabeth Littlefield, Dep	
Gayle Weymouth, Ass't	
Kerri Van Schaack, Dep	

TRUSTEES - COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Matthew Chase	(2011)
Michael McDonald	(2010)
David A. Johnson	(2009)

TRUSTEES - WELLS SANITARY DISTRICT

Dean C. Ramsdell	(2011)
Justin R. Batchelder	(2010)
Jeffrey N. Collamati	(2010)
David F. Talevi	(2009)
Ronald W. Brown	(2009)
Dennis Thayer, Supt.	

TRUSTEE - K.K. & WELLS WATER DISTRICT

Thomas P. Oliver	(2010)
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CHARTER COMMISSION

ELECTED

Richard Clark
Kenneth Creed III
Lesley Darling
Robert Foley
Martin Morse
James Spiller

APPOINTED

Karl Ekstedt
Freeman Goodrich
Jack Webster

TRUSTEE - WELLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Amelia E. Anderson	(2011)
Patricia J. Prendergast	(2011)
Donna Pappas	(2011)
Donna Berg	(2010)
Stephanie Gladys	(2010)

Ina Toth	(2010)
Joan M. Haskins	(2009)
Walter H. Leffler	(2009)
Don Woodworth	(2009)

LIBRARY DIRECTOR - Lorraine Canterbury

April (2009)

Terms: All elected positions are for three years, expiring in April at the time of the Annual Town Meeting.

APPOINTED POSITIONS

GENERAL OFFICE

Town Manager
Administrative Assistant/Posting Agent
Tax Collector
Deputy Tax Collectors

Assistant Tax Collectors

Assistant Excise Tax Collectors

Treasurer

Dep. Treasurer

Accountant

Municipal Agent (Motor Vehicle)

Selectmen's Clerk

Selectmen's Recording Secretary

General Assistance Administrator

G A Coordinator

Road Commissioner

Assistant Road Commissioner

Planner

Code Enforcement Officer

Assistant CEO

Assistant CEO

Assistant CEO

Assistant CEO

Office Clerk

Office Assistant

Building Inspector

Plumbing Inspector

Alternate Plumbing Inspector

Alternate Plumbing Inspector

Alternate Plumbing Inspector

Alternate Plumbing Inspector

Chief of Police

Animal Control Officer

Assistant Animal Control Officer

Fire Chief

Fire Inspector

Emergency Management Director

Health Officer

Jane Duncan

Marianne Goodine

Jane Duncan

Leo Ouellette

Deborah Coady

Dorothea Randall

Jodie Prime

Patricia Garvin

Charlene Surprenant

Karen Broughan

Jessica Keyes

Brenda Layman

Gayle Weymouth

Elizabeth Littlefield

Kerri VanSchaack

Leo Ouellette

Dorothea Randall

Jodie Prime

Jodie Prime

Jane Duncan

Katie Martin

Jane Duncan

Leo Ouellette

Jane Duncan

Edgar Moore

Michael Huston

Jodine Adams

Barbara Gagnon

David Johnson

Daniel Soule

Bruce Savoy

Elaine Finch

Sue Lombard

Jodine Adams

Jodine Adams

Barbara Gagnon

David Johnson

Bruce Savoy

Daniel Soule

Jo-Ann Putnam

Roberta Mescavage

Bruce Savoy

Daniel Moore

Daniel Moore

Daniel Moore

Samuel DiCapua, DO

Assistant Health Officer
Recreation Director
 Assistant
 Office clerk
Harbor Master
Assistant Harbor Master
Clam Warden
Clam Warden
Life Guard Captain
Auditors
Town Attorneys
School Superintendent

David Johnson
Tina LeBlanc
Marilyn Wallace
Linda Collins
Roland Falconer
Douglas Knox
Douglas Knox
Roy Perkins, Jr.
James Brinley
RHR Smith & Co.
Bergen & Parkinson, LLC
Edward McDonough

SINGLE ASSESSOR

Tanya J. Freeman, CMA
 Keeley Lambert, Assistant
 Tammy Hollins, Clerk

Term: April
(2009)

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Elizabeth M. Littlefield, Registrar
T. Lee Anestis, Deputy
Jessica Keyes, Deputy
Gayle Weymouth, Deputy
Brenda Layman, Deputy
Michele Stivaletta Noble, Deputy
Marion B. Noble, Deputy
Kerri VanSchaack, Deputy

Term: 2 years expire in January
(2009)

TOWN HISTORIAN

Hope Moody Shelley

LIBRARIAN

Lorraine L. Canterbury, Library Director
 Sandy Grady, Administrative Assistant
 Asst. Dir/ Children's Librarian
 Kristi Bryant, Reference Librarian
 Sandy Patrick, Coordinator of Circulation

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Term: 3 years expire in November

Vincent J. Christinziano	(2010)
Robert LaVoie	(2010)
Wilber Gosbee, Chairman	(2009)
GraceAnne Littlefield	(2009)
Richard Cadmus, Vice Chairman	(2008)
Associate Members	
Matthew Szczygiel	(2010)
Jason Heft	(2009)
Vacant	(2008)

Recording Secretary, Cinndi Davidson

TOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION Term: 3 years expire in March

Keith Fletcher	(2011)
David C. Hardy	(2011)
V. Owen Grumbling, Chairman	(2010)
William Spiller	(2009)
Joan Goodrich	(2009)
Alternate	
Barbara Hero	(2011)
Rich Robertson	(2010)
Marilyn MacDonald Stanley	(2009)

CLAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION Term: 3 years expire in March

Alan Gray, Vice Chairman	(2010)
Falconer, Roland	(2010)
Roy Perkins	(2009)
Douglas Knox, Chairman	(2009)
Vacant	(2009)
Susan Pike	(2008)
Maura Corr	(2008)

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMM. Term: 3 years expire in March

Vacant	(2007)
Robert Rutledge	(2007)
Vacant	(2007)
Vacant	(2006)
Curtis Wormwood	(2006)
Helene Rutledge	(2006)
Janet Dickerson	(2005)
James L Wiggin	(2005)
Donna Berg	(2005)

RECREATION COMMISSION Term: 3 years expire in April

Raymond LaFramboise	(2011)
Dena Tufts	(2011)
Scott Drysdale	(2010)
Keeley-Anne Lambert, Vice Chairman	(2010)

Julie O'Connor	(2009)
Chris Fitch	(2009)
Joleen DeWitt	(2009)
Alternate	
Amy Moody	(2011)
Holly Margeson-Gray	(2010)

ELECTION WORKERS Term: 2 years expire April 30th

Brenda Layman, Dep. Warden	
(R) Velma Baston	(2010)
(R) Margaret Chigas	(2010)
(R) William Chigas	(2010)
(R) Jeanne Gagne	(2010)
(R) Ann Godin	(2010)
(R) Dorothy (Sue) Goodwin	(2010)
(R) Luke Guerrette	(2010)
(R) Louise Hackett	(2010)
(R) Susan Jarvis	(2010)
(R) Julie Littlefield	(2010)
(R) June Messier	(2010)
(R) Marion Noble	(2010)
(R) Vickie Witham	(2010)
(R) Kathy Wright	(2010)
(D) Kerri Van Schaack	(2010)
(D) Elizabeth Littlefield	(2010)
(D) Freda Aldridge	(2010)
(D) Lee Anestis	(2010)
(D) Ann Brusgulis	(2010)
(D) Doris Fader	(2010)
(D) Patricia Faucher	(2010)
(D) Lottie Fortune	(2010)
(D) William Greer	(2010)
(D) Evelyn Lauletta	(2010)
(D) Jocelyn Layman	(2010)
(D) Brenda Layman	(2010)
(D) MicheLe Stivaletta Noble	(2010)
(D) Arline Racine	(2010)
(D) Ann Stevens	(2010)
(D) Gail Trust	(2010)
(D) Gayle Weymouth	(2010)

C.A.T.V.REGULATORY COMMISSION Term: indefinite

Reginald Bennett
Chris Chase
Town Manager acts as Advisory Member

WELLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Term: indefinite

Joanne Beaudoin
Anthony Cilluffo
Jim Chadbourne

Katy Kelly
Bob Rasche
Howard Hall
Jack Webster
Jim Spiller

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mark Gallup
Joe Hardy
Karl Ekstedt
Sarah Johnson
Pat Corcoran, Corcoran Environmental Services, Inc.
Beverly Esson
Christine Gabree
Jane Duncan
Edgar Moore
Richard Clark

CONDO LODGING COMMITTEE

Robert Lavoie
Scott DeFelice
Luke Guerrette
Irene Crocker
Katheryn Kelly
ACEO Dave Johnson
Chris Chase
Jim Spiller

PUBLIC ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Joe Sheehan
Russell Grethe
John Brett
Ronald Collins
Chris Chase

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Valerie Giguere
Kristi Woloszyn
Wilbur Gosbee
Adam Wagner
Michael Livingston
Jason Heft
Bill Spiller

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Alden Cheever
Russell Grethe
Walter Leffler
Suzanne Menard
Jim Morrison
Dennis Hardy

HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(3 year term)

Francis James
Scott Worthing
Roland Falconer
Robert Liston, Jr.
Kathryn Moony
Kendall Crocker
Steven Perkins
Frank Parillo
Robert Foley