



Village of Wells River  
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**June 20, 2024 Agenda**  
**Time 4pm**

**Call to Order -4pm**

**Present: Trustees C Conquest, M Thomas, J Welch, Susan Culp, Jason Winchester , Joshua Lockwood, John Kiernan, Aaron Vanamee, Tom Cicere, Jeff Morin , Shannon Young, Russ Robinson , Irene Breault**

**Approve Agenda - Move Tom Cicere to top of Agenda to discuss Elm Street.**

**Approve and accept minutes of June 6, 2024 – Mike made motion to Approve Jean Seconded all in Favor**

**Public Comments:** Tom Cicere – GWI O EC fiber Network – He came to discuss Elm Street being dug up to run a cable. Primary Hub will be at P\$H truck stop. Each town has a hub. They have applied to the Railroad for permission to run cable under the tracks, The plan and State AOT has a pretty aggressive tear up of Elm Street , Dig Safe will be involved. They will give us a weeks worth of notice Trustees requested its paved not patched. A Mailing will go out to offer new services at a discount closer to completion of hub opening. Chip said they would not give a permit but write an ordinance with the stipulations to be bound by and get it to him. Chip will send it to Tom.

**Water & Sewer –** Water leak Bible hill – Jeff spoke about Bible Hill on Lorenzo Cyr's Property. After Flushing Russ Robinson lost his water. Breault and Vanamee suffered Water pressure loss. The line that feeds into Cyr's property is perforated and wont let the pressure send it up to the Robinson Camp. A temporary line will be set up to the camp until the 300 Gallon tank can be temporarily installed. This will give the camp water but not for Drinking. Irene says they have water but there is a pressure issue. Vanammee's pressure has had a significant drop pressure was between 34 and 37 pounds, Jeff advised him to hold tight till we resolve the current issue. Chip explained that we have a grant to address the pressure issue on Bible Hill. We are waiting for the engineers to come back with their preliminary resolutions. 1 is to put a pump in the line to increase pressure, another issue is to dig wells for each property in the low pressure area . It would then become the Homeowners responsibility. Chip is going up to talk to Mr Cyr tonight, Russ thanked everybody for their hard work but he wants his water back.

John Kiernan –Discussion of water rates -



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Josh Lockhead – generator grant - Chip signed Community Services agreement . Motion was made to make Mary Schilke the primary contact for the RCap USDA Generator project. Mike made motion Jean Seconded all in favor.

Sewer Update - Elm street repair needs to be dug out and we need to find someone with bigger equipment ( Than JS) to tear it out. We will ask Paige to do the work This will eliminate the manhole. John discussed contacting UVM to put flow meters into each manhole.

Possible Arpa \$ might be coming to work on wastewater.

Discussion of starting a study for the engineering process of our sewer system which is failing. Tom Brown should be contacted. John is also meeting with USDA Rural Development and will see if they can help us.

John Kiernan will look for waste water grants/ loans etc

**Highway – Shannon Left before we reached his portion of the meeting He said to call if we have any questions.**

Schaeffer Hill Repairs status mitigation estimates – Shannon needs to touch base with chip and a letter from AOT is needed.

Scheduling of Creamery Road Repairs

Grants in Aid – Scheduling

Sign Grant – Scheduling

**Parade – taping of the street on evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> -** we will meet at 5pm

**Financials** –Update to Assign Opioid Settlement to 302 Cares – Could not assign will need to forward payment

Tax Sale Guidelines Postponed till new regulations are explained. Postponed as new rules have not been clarified. Jeff Taylor wants to come talk about Tax Sales.

Child Care tax credit eff July 1st needs to be voted on at next trustee meeting – Motion was made by Jean that the Child Care Contribution be paid for by the Village Mike Seconded All in favor.

**MISC:** Digital recording- equipment needed , posting etc Zoom monthly fee July 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting was moved to Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> because of 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday.

Discussion of board of Abatement and how person needs to make the request and then we will need to hold the hearing . We will pick a time to meet with her.

**Future meeting** - Water Department Holiday Pay, Contract etc.

Mary Collins & Jeff Taylor re Tax sales

**Adjourn Meeting 5:45**