

# Meeting of the Wells River Charter Committee

October 14, 2021

Committee members present: Richard Roderick, Brian Emerson, Chip Conquest. No members of the public in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 4:15

Brian reported on discussion with Village attorney. Attorney asked that the committee record proposed changes in a marked-up copy of the charter and provide an explanation of the committee's intentions for each of the changes.

The Committee continued to review the charter, beginning with Section 7, proceeding through section 15.

## Sec. 8 Village Clerk

Committee's intent is to limit the Clerk's powers and liabilities to those usual for a village clerk, as opposed to the presently stated powers and liabilities "as are prescribed by law for town clerks." Committee will ask the attorney for suggestions on language.

## Secs. 9&10 Village Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

Committee's intent is to eliminate the position of tax collector (Sec. 10) by moving those duties to the position of Treasurer. Proposed change is to add to the described duties: "The Village Treasurer shall discharge the usual duties of such office, which shall include the collection of taxes, and shall have..."

## Sec. 11 Bonds for Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

Remove reference to giving of bond for tax collector since that position will be eliminated.

## Sec 12. Village auditors

Intent is to accurately describe and add to the list of audited accounts. "The auditors shall settle the accounts of the Treasurer, trustees, ~~and collector of taxes~~ water and sewer department, and highway department, and shall make an annual report..."

## Sec. 15 Chief Engineer and Fire Department

Eliminate section. All Fire Department governance has been moved to Town jurisdiction.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20

Next meeting scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>.