



Village of Wells River  
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02/01/2024

### Trustee Meeting

Present trustees, Chip Conquest, Jean Welch & Mike Thomas, Robert Clark (Otter Creek) John Kiernan (RCAP), Jeff Morin, Richard Roderick Jason Winchester and Jeff Morin

Meeting called to order 4pm

Approve Agenda- Motion made to change order of agenda to wait for guest speakers to show up.

Approved 01/18/2024 minutes. Mike made a motion to approve from 1/18/24 Jean seconded all in favor.

Misc - John Kiernan and a rep from TROC will be here to discuss WINN Grant John said we did receive the grant of \$500,000 and wanted to discuss the details of prioritization. There are 5 major issues needing to be addressed.

Robert Clark discussed walking through the Bible Hill site and determining the best site for the inc. water pressure. He suggested 2 community solutions we might do.

Re the filter site there was talk about cleaning the system vs replacing it. And additional monitoring equipment that he might suggest.

He will create a letter to draft several options to us with cost estimates and then we would forward it to the state to see if funding would be released for those projects.

Ultimately, we would need to discuss options to make the best use of the grant \$. Robert planned to go in and see what past goals were addressed as needing to be done and then go and see if the asset plan created in 2017 are still viable or are now out of the question.

The upgrading of the infrastructure is crucial to create a long-term system that is compliant with state issues.

John says we have the opportunity for a new program for community facilities to issue equipment grants up to \$50,000. USDA has given RCAP the ability to apply for a grant and we will work with John to fill out the application. We are 1 of 20 towns eligible for the grant.

Re wastewater John Kiernan is still looking for ways to assist us.

Highway – Chris Bruce proposal regarding spring street sweeping –

Jean said it would go from water street down to laundromat and elm street to auto chevy. Much discussion about doing the streets too. It was decided to get more info from Chris to see if he could do the streets.

Salt/Sand use by Villagers - it is only for resident's personal use. Not commercial use.



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**Salt Delivery guy damaged the doors of the track in salt bay- Shannon repaired it but Shannon will call to let them know the next time that they will be responsible, and they should let us know in the future.**

**Richard Roderick asked if we maintained the sidewalk near the Bank Drive up window. Jean was going to ask at the bank if it was their property or EP Management. Richard says it has not been maintained over the winter.**

**Water and Sewer– Repair Status – We need to find the issue, believed to be between June’s office and the bridge. We need to wait till river is high.... turn off main street and elm and then run the camera down. It was also decided we need to work on the Jock oil area asap. And that the area near June Griswold’s and the pump house be our next area ... Financially the board discussed an increase in water and sewer, a meeting with Woodsville to discuss the extra fluids being submitted to Woodsville. Chip will arrange a meeting to have a conversation. John Kiernan will send us a note with his study results.**

**A letter came stating there are 8 non-compliant water lines and a report to be posted on the website. The 8 waterlines needing to be replaced will be at the consumer’s cost. Mary will send letters to the 9 non-compliant waterlines for each the residence. Mary will also post testing results on websites.**

**Bill adjustment for Mary Schilke – Mary’s water heater burst, and 10,000 gallons of water went into her basement. She asked that her sewer bill be changed to reflect the actual amount used in sewer and change. When the Quarterly bill comes out Mary will present the bill to trustees to approve changes.**

**Financials: Municipal Technical Assistance Program The Village will enter into an Agreement with TROC to work on a Capital Budget program Mike Thomas made a motion to approve Jean Welch Seconded all approved.**

**Public Comments: Contested race in Newbury between Susan Culp and Josh Ackerman Susan will be meeting people in Tuttle Saturday Morning.**

**Budget meeting is next Thursday at 3pm Motion was made to appoint Don Waterman and Richard Roderick on the Budget committee by Mike Thomas, Jean Welch Seconded all in favor ...**

**Adjourn Meeting 5:30pm**



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