



Village of Wells River  
P.O. Box 737  
Wells River, Vermont 05081  
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November 16, 2023

Meeting Called to Order 4:00pm

Present Chip Conquest, Jean Welch, Susan Culp, Joanne Omeara, Mary Schilke, Mike Thomas,

Shannon young, Kelsey Root Winchester Jason Winchester, Don Waterman, Richard Roderick

\*Approve Agenda Date to read the 16<sup>th</sup> Mike Motioned Jean Seconded All in favor

Mike made Motion Jean

\*Review and Approve minutes from November 2, 2023 Mike approved Jen Seconded all in favor

Correspondence- TROC Quote for Winn Grant - Motion to approve estimate for engineering services from TROC  
Motion made to approve the engineering proposal and costs subject to State DEC concurrence, Mike made the motion Jean Seconded all in Favor.

\*Highway – Chip emailed re hydrology study he got a response, and the person will come and talk to us. They have been playing phone tag, more info to follow.

Shannon did a lot of work for FEMA requiring extra work. We will need to add to the Fema bills.

Tullar Hill Road was messed up by Paul Knox extending his road over our recent job. Chip and Shannon will talk to Paul and see what agreements were in place. There is a fear of an Ice Damn

The Diesel is now going to be billed to Newbury and is strictly for Fire Dept use.

Dumpster on Elm Street by Paye house needs to be moved out of Right of way Mike Thomas will contact John Paye.

Shannon got permission to have Blodgett come fix the toilet.

Shannon also suggested we get a split for the office to better heat and air condition the office.

He was told to get an estimate.

Kelsey Root said there is a tri Valey transit bus sign on her property, and she wants permission to move it across the street. Trustees said fine.

No Parking Ban – Cars abandoned in parking lot. Next to wellness we will try to figure out who's they are and ask them to move.

\*Water /Sewer - update on repairs – ANR is coming Next Wednesday to turn the meter

Mike Submitted the final del Water Bill for review. Eight percent Penalty once a bill becomes delinquent! One percent a month for 3 months the 1.5% thereafter each month. Jean made a motion to accept the delinquent water policy eff with the 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. bill of 2023 Mike Seconded all in favor.

For the folks seriously delinquent now, I will send a final notice.



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\*Financials – Need Motion to switch CD 808 to annual and increase interest earned and or permission to close the account and move money to sweep. Jean made Motion we cancel CD # 808135 and move to Sweep. Mike Thomas Seconded all in favor.

\*Public Comment/Other Business - Newbury Selectboard nominee would like to address trustees - Susan Culp a member of the planning board who is also running for Select board. She wanted to talk about her campaign and wanting to be more proactive in the relationship between Newbury and Wells River. She has a history in managing policy is etc. and moved to Newbury in 2019.

Thinking of changing the Designation of Wells River to not be considered all commercial anymore.

She said approx. 3 weeks ago it was decided to take the area off of interstate corridor on 302 no primary retail business would be allowed. The plan is important because our village's designation would allow funding to be made available for us to use.

Don Waterman – Don wants our anti -discrimination policy updated for the Village. Don has cut and pasted an article and wants permission to get it updated. Chip gave him permission to delve into it.

Mary Steinle is working on the Village Designation and here is a list of buildings that need to be updated. Motion made by Chip Conquest that we move ahead to apply for a renewal of our Village Center Designation, Jean Welch Seconded it all in Favor.

Don Waterman \_  
Adjourn Meeting 6:00pm