



Village of Wells River  
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### **Trustees Meeting 7/6/2023**

**Present All trustees Conquest, Welch, Thomas, , Robert Welsh, Robert Welsh 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mary Schilke, Jeff Morin , Shannon Young, Richard Roderick, Kelsey Root Winchester and Jason Winchester**

**Meeting called to order 4pm**

**\*Approve Agenda - Change to eliminate highway EXEC session. Motion made By Mike Thomas Seconded by Jean elch all in Favor .**

**\*Review and Approve minutes from June 15,2023 - Motion made to approve by Jean Seconded by Chip Conquest all in favor.**

**\*Guest - Frank Tegethoff to speak about Village Designation ( To arrive to 5pm )**

Renewal of the Town Plan Newbury is in the process of renewing their designation. It was started a year and ½ ago but was denied, they now have received funding to do so. Planning commission has proposed and interim plan and an update by end of year. There will be a meeting next week to plan for requirement by new requirements set by the state. This affects VOWR by keeping its designation which should not be an issue. The big thing is with the change in legislation on housing every town will be affected. Wells river is considered a growth center and viable to these new rules. Town plans were affected by Covid and other things need to be sure to be covered. It will be an 8-10 year visionary document to create zoning issues from them . Public hearing at Vestry 6pm on interim plan on July 13<sup>th</sup> in Newbury.

Guest Robert Welsh to discuss water bill – 83 Main Street water bill is skyrocketing. They found 1 toilet with a silent overflow so they replaced that one. R Welsh Sr said it had happened 1x before in a Bradford residence. Mr Welsh wants a reading to see if they fixed it and is requesting it be reread.

Jeff explained how the new meters worked. They are designed to see all water and that the first qtr was more than 3 months. Jeff will go Friday on July 7<sup>th</sup> to reread a datalog session. Reading will be emailed to them .



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**a\*Highway –**

Discussion of Garage Door Quotes for back bays was tabled from 6/15/23 meeting. The quote for \$15,600 Twin State Garage door out of Enfield NH. Motion was made by M Thoms Seconded by J Welch All in favor.

Tullar Road Shannon has more estimates Tate Ainsworth bid of \$20,000 was accepted. Motion was made by Jean seconded by Mike Thomas all in favor.

Status of Culvert Work – Shannon is going to call for estimates for golf link and Bayley Hazen Drive Bids received, approx. work start

Status of sinkhole in office driveway – Shannon will fill.

~~Executive Session re Highway Contract~~—postponed

Discussion of trees being cut on Schaeffer Hill Elm Street and bible hill.

Shannon talked about roadside mowing – We Budgeted for \$1200, We will Table this till next meeting.

**\*Water /Sewer** - Mike and Chip had a meeting with John Kiernan, They discussed grants and talked about several options. There is a last minute grant that is available and we should apply for it to cover the Filter System, Hydraulic System and Capitol Improvement plans. It also would be the potential for a new well on Binle hill to address pressure issues. Mike Thomas made a motion to have John Kierernan to go ahead and pursue and file for grants to assist VOWR with funding needs. Jean Seconded all in favor .

There will be a meeting at 4 pm with CADMUS to make sure all required books and protocols are in place.

Engineering Deadline of Bible Hill Water pressure study is due.

Valve Turning to be done Aug 2 with 2- day grant from state.

Jeff spent time today Cleaning our 5 manholes next to pump station Discovered Lines are charge with water and they shouldn't be. Ti fix this an engineer will have to come and do an estimate on a new wet will. Recommended all 5 manholes are sucked out 1x a year . The meter for the wastewater is in the wrong location and we are going to need to ask John Kiernan to see what can be done to move it.

**Financials:**

Tax increase for payroll

Change of Fiscal year Discussion – was more involve than Auditors deemed worth it.

**Misc –** Mike Thomas wants additional meetings . tabled for future meeting



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**\*Public Comment/Other Business** - nominate a local leader from the **Village of Wells River** to participate in the 4th Vermont Community Leadership Summit, **August 15<sup>th</sup>** **Tabled till next meeting.**

**Adjourn Meeting**  
**5:45**