



Village of Wells River
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April 18, 2022

2023 Annual Village Meeting

Meeting was called to order 7pm by Village President Chip Conquest

Chip spoke briefly on the current situation where he would be running for the trustee position opened by Brian Emersons stepping down, and Brian would be Running for Village President. Chip also noted changes to the Warrant to change term limits to show 1 year for Clerk/treasurer/tax collector, 1 year for BMU school board,

Article 1

Village President - Brian Emerson was nominated by Kelsey Root Winchester, Motion made by Judy Murray Seconded by Jeff Morin all in Favor for a 1 year Term

Village Auditors for 1 year term: Don Waterman, Mary Corey and Lyndia Melchin were nominated by Richard Roderick , Judy Murray Seconded all in Favor

1 School Board Trustee for a 1-year term – Kendall Lambert written note was presented as she could not be present. Judy Murray made motion Kelsey Root-Winchester, Seconded all in Favor.

One trustee for a 3-year term – Mike Thomas was nominated by Brian Emerson, Don Waterman seconded all in favor

1 trustee for a 2 year term – Chip Conquest was nominated by Jeff morin Richard R. Seconded all in favor and all in favor

Two Library Trustees for a three year term – Sandy Parker and Karen Kries were nominated by Chip Conquest All in favor

Article 2 – All the articles were reviewed and found to have no disputes. All voted to accept as written with the exception of Arpa \$ on page 3 should read \$15,000 not \$20,000. There were some small discussions re: Richard Roderick wanted payroll broken out by name on General Fund page. Richard also discussed that the Charter would not be voted on as we needed to have 2 informational meetings on it before it would be sent for approval by legislators. He indicated that use of old language was in some part going to be left in the Charter as a nod to its history. Mary Schilke discussed changes made to Village operating procedures as stated in her letter.

Regarding the Water / Sewer Jeff explained all the procedures he has been doing (As is discussed at trustee Minutes) We are working diligently with the state to



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keep water quality maintained. All new meters are installed except for a few, we are waiting on the reader and training of system which means 1st Quarter water bills will be delayed.

Article 3 - Kelsey Root – Winchester made motion Tim Corey Seconded all in Favor.

Article 4 – Tim Corey made motion Richard Roderick Seconded all in favor

Article 5 – Jeff Morin made motion Tim Corey Seconded all in favor

Public comments –

Mike Thomas spoke of Cross Vermont Trails and the Arpa dollars given by Wells River and Newbury will be used to connect the trail with the Woodsville trails to bring Bikers to community This will increase commerce. He also plans to connect to the Lamoille trail if possible. Richard Roderick said the Welcome Center visitors express many questions regarding bike trails in the area.

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Questions were brought up regarding the status of the School House burned down by fire, Brian said there are many interested entities in restoring it and the Village would work with them to ensure that it would be restored if possible .

Judy Murray was thanked for her service on the school board.

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Melissa Beaulieu was introduced as our new Librarian. Many thanks were given to Peggy Hewes for her past service of 30 years.

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Brian Emerson and June Griswold were acknowledged and thanked for the hard work they had put into the village.

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The Welcome Center is open memorial Weekend then closed till June to remain open for rest of the season.

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Kelsey spoke about the raffle tickets for the playground Drawing is tomorrow and new playground will be installed in 2 weeks.

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Richard invited people to look at the Historical Documents he had on display.

Meeting was adjourned by Chip Conquest at 8 pm