



Village of Wells River  
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**Trustees Meeting 01/15/2023**  
**4pm Village Office**

**Present:**

**Present Brian Emerson, Jean Welch , Mary Schilke , Shannon Young, Kelsey Root Winchester and Jason Winchester, Jeff Morin , Don Waterman Richard Roderick and Reverend James.**

**Agenda: Jean Made Motion June Seconded ALL Approved**

**\*Approve Agenda :**

**\*Review and Approve minutes from January 5th, 2022: Brian said Name was spelled wrong and asked for it to be Corrected Jean Motioned June Seconded all approve**

**Motion was made to move water up in the agenda as Jeff had a previous Appointment to go to.**

**\*Correspondence – ANR paper work and permit needs to be done by Jan 26th**

**\*Highway – Brian spoke to chief and reiterated that we do not want excessive loads on bible hill. Brian made a motion that excessive loads over 24,000 not be moved down Bible Hill on East Side of Gravel Pit to Rt 5. and access should be thru Ryegate . Jean Seconded and June approved. The permit we just received should have a note stating this.**

Shannon ordered more Salt. Brian wanted to bring up Shannon's contract and there are a lot of little things that were not in the contract. Brian feels that we know there is some loosey gooseyness and needs to be straightened out. He thinks maybe that extra \$ should be paid for things that weren't in the contract.

**\*Water /Sewer –Jeff spoke about the filter at the Laundry mat which was clogged with Maganeese. He is still trying to get the correct formula to do an acid wash of the filter, which has been an ongoing issue. J&S Waterworks is willing to come down and assist to try and get the filters resolved.**

We discussed Jeremy Flyes water and sewer which was huge.

Mary was given permission to pay annual fee for ANR



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**\*Financials – Mary Collins is coming to work Friday and Saturday , Budget meeting for Highway is next Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

**\*Public Comment/Other Business –** Ben Doyle Re Old Schoolhouse Preservation Trust. Works on Revitalization of Historic Buildings with Grants etc. When the schoolhouse burned lots of people reached out to them. They decided to get involved and met with Lisa to see her thoughts etc. Ben worked with the Economic Development Corp ( EDC Hereafter) and they wrote a letter of understanding but there were no firm ideas in place. Lisa was going to sign it over t the EDC for 6 months to see what the end use and property owner would be, If at the end of 6 months ownership would be transferred to the Village. Ben Shared the Memo of understanding wit EDC who was fine with everything except Lisa Stepanic would not be indemnifying anyone who would work on the building. That made it a non starter for EDC. Ben did bring the project to his Board of Directors who felt it would be 100k to stabilize the building. They would offer 25k to get the ball running. It would take a lot of fundraising, grants and support to get this building restored. Brian said we are willing to try and work with all parties, waive the taxes and hold public meeting once Lisa signs the letter of understanding in the hopes of preserving it. Ben will get back to Lisa and let us know.

Kelsey said GOV Scott was coming to orange county to talk about Arpa from 1-230.

Budget Meeting January 26<sup>th</sup> 4 pm for Highway at Village Office  
**Adjourn Meeting- 502pm**