



Village of Wells River
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April 18, 2024

Call to Order 4:02 PM

Present: Richard Roderick, Jason Winchester, Mary Schilke, Chip Conquest, Mike Thomas

Approve Agenda with Public Comments moved to the top Mike Approved and Chip Seconded all in favor.

Approve and accept minutes of April 4, 2024 - Mike made motion to approve, Chip Abstained as he was absent, Jean Welch was absent.

Public Comments: Re the Welcome Center – When Chris Mows could he also take care of the trash. The Board wants to ask him and see if Chris would be willing to do so and if he needs extra to do so.

Richard says WRAP is exploring the possibility of doing a memorial day ceremony at the welcome center every year.

Wrap says the volunteers are coming in for the Welcome Center.

Richard also reminded us Community Picnic was last Saturday in June.

Richard also wants to go forward with more discussion on renaming the Welcome Center.

Richard also wants Bike Rack Moved next to the Bell Tower Mike will go down and see about moving it.

Water & Sewer – The repair was done by Hatchbox, it did not make any significant change.

We are now in an agreement with Woodsville to only pay for the water we produce and hold off on the excess sewer.

Huge thanks to Paige Construction for the great job they did.

Chip is in contact with the Dam Operator to see if there is a way we can determine days overflow will not be released into the river so we can attempt to repair the leak behind Griswold's.

Mike Thomas has offered to drive to the company that can provide a fix as they never return their phone calls. Jason will get the name and address for him.



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Highway - Shannon was not present.

Digital Speed sign – Mike is going to selectboard on the 24th and getting on the agenda to ask if we get value for our Newbury Taxes and why we need to pay for the speed sign.

Flags for Highway Jean will be asked to move forward and see which flags will look the best.

Ipad for Highway use - needs to have cellular capability . Mike made a Motion was made for an amount of up to \$700 to get one for Highways state obligations. Mary will look for the best price.

Village Designation – Mike thought we needed to discuss our Village Designation,. Chip Suggested we ask Bryan Kovalick.

Blacktop bid to pave in front of Hatchbox was reviewed Mike made a motion Chip seconded all approved

Financials - Trustees were given current list of Delinquent Tax Payers. A copy of the Delinquent Tax Guide was given for them to review. Plans will be to move forward as legal counsel advises,

An email from James Barlow was sent to all the trustees to discuss Distraint.

Misc: Chip to speak about CDS Congressionally Directed Spending earmarked money congress has for folks that want to make a proposal . Chip did send 1 out to each Senator for improving the water system and preventive measures. Chip asked for 1 million dollars. They only cover 80% we would be committed to spending \$200,000 on our wastewater system. No Binding agreements are being made at this point we are just seeing if it is viable for the Village.

Village preservation trust has grant \$ to do work to build/support community spaces. Not for the Village offices but perhaps work in conjunction with other groups, like the library.

Adjourn Meeting :5:37