



Village of Wells River
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Trustees Meeting 10/6/2022
4pm Village Office

Present: Mary Schilke, Jean Welch, Matt Blodgett, Jeffrey Morin, Brian Emerson, Linda Buermeyer(JO), Don Waterman, June Griswold, Richard Roderick, Shannon Young, Kelsey Root – Winchester, Matt Blodgett, John Kiernan

Meeting Called to order 4pm

Approve Agenda: (Highway was Changed to go first, Talk about truck bid) Motion By Jean Seconded by June. Motion made By June G. Seconded By Jean W.

***Review and Approve minutes from September 15, 2022**

***Highway** – Shannon wanted to know if the playground needs to be removed it was decided to wait till new Installation in Spring
Shannon talked about Tullar Road, The Sandpit Driveway is a hazard and owner needs to be Contacted to resolve the issue. Brian and Shannon will find a time to talk to him.

Shannon was told to come to the 2cnd Meeting of the month or as needed.
Shannon started doing Schaeffer Hill Culverts

Truck out to Bid. – Regarding Sale of the Truck – Truck has been Detailed, Brian wanted permission to place the ad for truck to go out to bid. . June made motion and Jean Seconded it.

No Parking Signs from Ice Cream Shop Driveway thru the Bridge. Copy of letters to Laurie Machell

***Correspondence** – State Dept of transportation will put up no parking signs to north of Ice Cream shop See letter attached. Copy to be given to Calm LLC.

***Water /Sewer-**

John Kiernan Works for non-profit that is affiliated with rural projects. His services are of no charge to us. He will help us with compliance issues, replace staff, being up to code and accessing grants.

We need to have inspection of the water lines inspection but might need to get a loan for the updates. The company that is coming to install the meters will also do a survey of these lines to make sure we are compliant. John Kiernan said that the state has someone hired and we would have to ask if it would be paid by the state once we are ready to install our new meters we will touch base with John to see if it can all be done at the same time.



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Jeff asked the state allowus to cut back on chlorine. Also, he asked permission to proceed with ordering of new meters. Motion was made by Brian Emerson- Jean Motioned and June Secondedall In Favor.

Hydrants will be flushed October 10th Everyone should plan for brown water.

Our Water system has Issues

Financials will need to be figured out

Someone needs to be hired to replace Jeff – Jason says he has a level 2 licensee He needs to be 3. He is taking classes etc to comply with this.

Matt said he would be interested in assisting with pipes issues etc. He is not interested in the position.

Don Waterman has issues with his sewer, It was inspected and the issue is in the street. Jeff says it will need to be repaired road torn up etc. The pipe is compressed, This is on Schaeffer hill, the pipe is going to be cut out and repaired. Brian said it must be fixed before winter. Jeff Morin is going to work on getting this done asap

Next Steps is with Kiernan is getting the filter rehabilitated. Goal is 2024 new construction project.

***Public** – Wrap wants to know if the barrel by the pump house could get plugged in. Welcome Center needs some maintenance. Needs to be added into 2023 Budget.

***Financials-**

Review of Audit- following recommendations of the audit we will

Switch to Bi-Monthly payroll and Accounts payable eff. 10/1 Payroll and

***Other Business** - Mev Mahnker Appreciation Mary to get \$100 gift card to Tutties
Jean moved June Seconded .

Motion to adjourn 5:13

Mary Schilke



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**Trustees Meeting 10/20/2022
4pm Village Office**

Present: Richard Roderick, Jean Welch, June Griswold, Shannon Young, Jeff Morin, Richard Roderick, Laurie Machell, Paul from Backflow, Brian Emerson Mary Schilke

**Called to order by Brian @ 4pm
Agenda:**

***Approve Agenda _ Add Richard Roderick and Laurie Machell .
Executive session After the meeting to discuss payroll.**

***Review and Approve minutes from Septembr 5th , Jean made motion
June Seconded All Approved . October 6, 2022 - Jean made motion
June Seconded All Approved.**

***Correspondence: Approval to send in form for low income utility
June G. motioned and Jean W. Seconded it All in favor.
Diesel Exemption form : Permission to order Diesel and send in tax
exempt form. Jean Motion June Seconded all in favor. Shannon can
use the diesel for the sidewalk tractor – Village will pay for Sidewalk
Diesel only.**

***Highway - Ad has been placed for the vehicle. Minimum Bid is \$70000
with right to refuse all. Decision to read the bids would be Nov 1.
Shannon has put all relatable part in the truck except the sander clain.
Shannon wants to know if he can get shelves to put up for the Water
Dept .**

**Shannon has sand and salt ordered Cargill Lock-in paper work was
mailed Oct 17, 2022**



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***Water /Sewer –**

Water meters are on order New England Backflow has been recommended. Paul Whitmore was able to attend today to explain the process: They will set up service line condition and inspection and get us data. This will make us compliant for 2024 compliancy issues. They would inspect the gate valve and wants to know if the Village would want them to do this. There would be a charge. They take pictures before and after the meter change They would figure out the service line coming in to each residence. a gain needed for 2024 Compliance)
Paul will send a proposal.

Office has a leak – Shut off is near Hall stairs, Rural Water came, and it went straight across street, They found the road box – turned it off. !5 ft from the building is a big leak. They will do it next Monday. Pavement will be dug up Bathroom floor will be cut. Repairs need to be done. New toilet and sink will be installed.

Hydrants: Downtown was flushed Main Line No Side Streets, Firestation flowed for an Hour as well as motel and Happy Hour was black .3 inch deep piles of manganese were left. Hydrants should be done 1x a year in May.

Sewer Issue - Waterman's has been repaired.

***Public –** Laurie Machell was here to discuss the state letter of no parking in front of her ICE Cream Business. She doesn't think it should be a no parking zone. Brian said that emergency personnel needed the spaces to park. State regulates the street parking not the village. It was mentioned perhaps a no parking when flashing emergency personnel only. Cross walk needs to be moved. Brian said the trustees will entertain requesting a change to their decision. Brian will email Ian Degulis. We will revisit next meeting No promises made. We want to support local businesses.



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Richard Roderick –

*Welcome Center is closed for the season. they had 1187 visitors which was down from 2021. They collected \$600 in donations.

They are going to beef up the brochures and do some maintenance.

*The Playground needs a deposit, they need it now if we want installed in Spring.

***Financials** - Last ARPA Distribution has been made. Mary Collins has been sick with Covid so Nemrc is still being worked on. Mary Collins does not want any appreciation gifts from the Village.

Meeting moved to executive Session

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45pm after executive session.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Schilke
Wells River Village Clerk



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Executive session Starter 5:30 ended 5:40

Brian called session to order : Discuss personnel and raises at 5:36 Brian asked for motion June made it Jean Seconded it.

Jeff Morin Pay s/b \$25.00 and Mary will increase to \$23.50 per hour
Jason Winchester pay was supposed to be \$22.50 Brian will speak to him
Motion made by Jean Welch and seconded by June Griswold. All in favor

Return to Trustee Meeting 5:40