



Village of Wells River  
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## **July 18, 2024 Agenda**

**Present Jean Welch, Mike Thomas, Scott Beck, Jason Winchester, Mary Schilke, Shannon Young , Kelsey Root-Winchester Susan Culp, Bryan Kovalic. Chip Conquest arrived late. Per new Law All Meeting will be recorded**

**Call to Order Jean Called meeting to order 4 pm as Chip was not present  
Approve Agenda - Accepted but Mary Schilke has the data  
Approve and accept minutes of June 27th 2024**

**Financials** –Mary Collins is not present but Mary has info. present to assist with Tax Rate for 2024 - Jean made a motion to offset the tax rate by using \$50,000 surplus so our tax rate will be .937.

Bryan Kovalic re Capital Budget and program work. Will assist us with a capital budget to deal with funding sources, grant opportunities and how grants will be used distributed. Bryan will work with us to implement plans etc.

Susan Culp asked if Newbury could also be in on a capital budget plan . Bryan said he will give Susan a card. Bryans labor is at no cost to the village. All department heads need to think on these improvements.

Report from Jean on rate for Loan for Water & Sewer - postponed

### **Public Comments? Misc:**

Kelsey asked about maintenance of the berry Field, tennis court needs repairs, Chris Bruce does the trash but tennis court needs to be maintained and trash picked up . Chri will be asked to go in and make sure tresses and brush are removed from the tennis court of course for an additional fee.

Scott Beck was here re checking on status of Village he is running for Senate and will look to help us with his

Red Kettle has a sewer Smell and Peter Koopman is having a plumber check. Village health officer Renee Schultz was also contacted and she relayed info to state.



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Water Erosion behind Welch apartment and Motel ,State has been notified that it is not an option Two Rivers is going to look at it and see if blocking can be done. We are waiting to hear back. Jeff morin is running point on this as our emergency management coordinator.

### **Water & Sewer –**

**Sewer Repair**-Jason talked about the manhole behind the gunshop and there is a grommet that is not installed correctly, needs to be redug and fixed correctly.

Village needs to hire someone to camera all the lines as the leak has not been resolved. Jason was asked to get quotes with ANR.

Chip asked for a comparison spread sheet with gallons sent to him. Discussion of trying to get the camera work done.

A discussion was held re reconnection of the Goodrich property The trustees said I could proceed with the reconnection based on the payment plan discussed.

**New rates Discussion**- Postponed till John Kiernan can review Mary needs to collate last three years water usage. He will work her August 5<sup>th</sup> with the water dept trustees and Mary

### **Highway**

Schaeffer Hill Repair - Status High Culverts in Section culvert may go in Friday, ( Listen to Digital recording)

Flood Damage from Storm on July 11<sup>th</sup> -will be submitted if Vermont declares it an emergency.

Creamery Street Repairs? – Shannon not sure of the date but he will tell Jeff when he knows.

Sidewalk Estimate – Shannon talked to Rich Clifford. Hopes to get a number in a day or 2. Granite would be too expensive Concrete edge is going to be the way to go .

Mike will work on installing the flags with the assistance of someone

Discussion re Roadside Mowing – Jean will ask June who she recommends.

**Adjourn Meeting 6:00pm**