

Meeting of the Wells River Village Charter Committee

December 30th, 2021

Meeting called to order at 4:20 PM

Committee members present: Richard Roderick, Brian Emerson, Chip Conquest.
No members of the public in attendance.

Committee voted to accept minutes of previous meeting.

Brian agreed, as Trustee, that the Village Clerk will post the minutes and agenda of Charter Committee meetings on the Village website. The Clerk will also be asked to post warnings for future Charter Committee meetings.

The committee completed its review of the Charter, discussing the remaining sections (15 through 32). Section 15 (Chief Engineer and Fire Department) had been discussed at the previous meeting and no changes were made to the proposal to eliminate this section.

Sec. 16-19: These sections give the trustees the power to appoint annually and prescribe the duties of a Chief of police and officers; superintendents of Village departments; a building inspector and other officials. Committee proposes striking these sections entirely. We do not foresee a need for such positions.

Sec. 26 Property Tax: propose eliminating the power of the Tax Collector to commit delinquent property tax payers to jail. Final sentence of the section would end after the word "same." "... sell property to satisfy the same, ~~and for want thereof, commit to jail any person against whom the Collector has such a delinquent tax.~~"

Sec. 27 Village water supply and sewer system: propose adding village sewer system to this section. "All water rents and charges due to the Village for the use

of the Village water supply or the Village ~~aqueduct system~~ sewer system in case of nonpayment thereof shall be and remain a lien in the nature of a tax upon the real estate so supplied with water or using the sewer system....”

Sec. 32 Village Manager or Administrator: propose adding a Village administrator to this section. “The Village may at any properly warned Village meeting vote to accept a Village Manager or Village Administrator, who shall have the same power and be subject to the same liabilities as town managers or town administrators as provided by the statutes of the State.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30. Next meeting scheduled for January 13th at 4:00 PM in the Village Office.