

**Town of Winhall Selectboard**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 1, 2024**

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**PRESENT:** Stuart Coleman; Bill Schwartz; Julie Isaacs; Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Lucia Wing (Secretary); Chief Tienken (Police), Elizabeth Grant (Town Clerk), Al Bilka (Ass. Town Treasurer)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Paul Carroccio

**CALL TO ORDER:** Coleman opened the Selectboard meeting at 5:30 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (None)

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Tienken and the Selectboard discussed the police report for December to include traffic tickets & warnings; vehicle accidents; property watch; alarms; animal control matters; and medical & agency assists in and around Winhall and Stratton Mt. Resort. Chief reported the month of December was busy with several emergency calls. He submitted a year-end 2024 report which included total calls (3164), total arrests (65), total traffic stops (1702), total tickets issued (493), total medical calls (104), and motor vehicle crash/cars off road (171). Chief reported there were (18) active knock boxes with (30+) pending. The recently hire police officer was trained and would attend the academy in the spring.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & FACILITY DESIGN PROJECT:**

Goldstone Architecture & Design was in the process of assessing and issuing their report re: Firehouse building.

**ACCESS PERMITS:**

After review, the Selectboard approved a final access permit for Pluto LLC, Sly Street off the Access Road; no culvert was required and 911 numbers would follow; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

**WINHALL WEBSITE:**

The Town Administrator reported that she had asked departments to supply photos for the new website; at least one cover photo for each department. The website updates were in-process.

**ARPA FUNDING & HOUSING COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

Discussion included the need for the Committee to take minutes and post notices five (5) days in advance; there were currently seven (7) members. The Town Administrator would look into required recording information. ARPA Funding had been earmarked for improvements to the Town Hall.

**SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE UPDATE:**

Paul Carroccio commented on the STR Ordinance which he was in support of and had much experience with. He suggested reaching out to local rental agencies, looking into sprinkler system requirements, and occupancy. Discussion followed relative to Winhall STR Ordinance responses; STR job description; and online STR application forms.

**BUDGET 2025-2026, CLA & COD UPDATE:**

The budget had been finalized as previously reviewed. Schwartz reported the Town CLA was at 58.94% and COD at 27.01% same as the previous year. The Selectboard accepted the results from the State as written.

**TOWN MEETING & TOWN REPORT:**

Town Meeting was scheduled for March 4, 2025 at the Mountain School. The Town Report would be dedicated to Marcel Gisquet; color photos on cover.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Included email from the Bennington County Treasurer.

**APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):**

After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of 12/23/24 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

**PAYROLL/WARRANTS:**

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 1/1/25 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary  
Winhall Selectboard

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Stuart Coleman, Chair

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Bill Schwartz, Vice-Chair

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Julie Isaacs, Member