

**TOWN OF WINHALL SELECTBOARD**  
**Emergency Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, January 21, 2014**

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**PRESENT:** Bob Oakes, Bill Schwartz, Steve Blanchard, Lucia Wing, Secretary, Randy Kimball (roads), Jeff Whitesell (police & rescue), Trevor Dryden (roads)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Stuart Coleman

**CALL TO ORDER:** Oakes called the emergency meeting to order at 4:08 PM at the Town Hall.

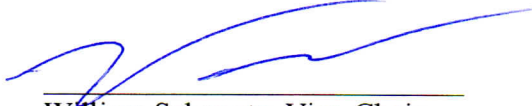
**EMERGENCY MEETING: TOWN GARAGE FIRE:**

The Selectboard called an emergency meeting to come up with a plan as a result of a fire on 1/20/14 which destroyed the Town Garage along with extensive damage to most of the vehicles, trucks, grader, and other equipment housed in the Garage. Most of the damage was caused by extreme smoke. A possibility was that the fire may have started in one of the Town trucks relative to a battery malfunction; an insurance adjuster was investigating. Kimball reported there was considerable damage to the building including structural and electrical. The insurance adjuster would review the damage to the building to determine whether or not the building was salvageable or considered unsafe and might need to be condemned. The hope was a portion of the building could be salvaged for temporary use. In the short term, the Town of Londonderry had offered use of one of their trucks for plowing purposes and a bay to store the current Town truck which was still serviceable. Hunter Excavating had also volunteered to help out with plowing Town roads along with offering space in his building for storing equipment. Other towns and local contractors had also offered to loan equipment or help out with the winter plowing in the interim. As far as equipment was concerned the grader seemed salvageable but would need major work, and one of the trucks was serviceable; most everything else was too damaged to repair. The insurance adjuster would also review damage to the equipment. Leasing, renting, and purchasing equipment was an option for the Town; discussion followed. The Highway Department would take careful inventory and document everything that had been stored in the building; they would then submit the documentation to the insurance company. In the meantime, Oakes and Blanchard would take a look at truck options.

As there was no other business, the Selectboard adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.***

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Lucia Wing, Secretary  
Winhall Selectboard

  
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Bob Oakes, Chair

  
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William Schwartz, Vice-Chair

  
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Steve Blanchard, Member