

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Bondville, Vermont 05340
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 4, 2015**

PRESENT: Bob Oakes, Bill Schwartz, Steve Blanchard, Lucia Wing, Secretary, Jeff Whitesell, (Police), Trevor Dryden (Highway)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Marty & Irene Nadler, Marcel Gisquet

CALL TO ORDER: Oakes called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *Marty and Irene Nadler* came before the Selectboard to talk about the former Town Hall. Oakes reported the Selectboard had met with architects to come up with a cost to renovate the building for presentation at Town Meeting in March.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 4:40 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss police personnel matters; *motion by Blanchard; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.* At 5:00 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.* Out of executive session, the Selectboard authorized Chief Whitesell to make personnel changes as necessary.

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

1. Whitesell and the Selectboard discussed the monthly police report for January including traffic tickets and warnings, law incidents, false alarms, medical alerts, animal control problems, and property watch issues. Whitesell reported there were numerous traffic incidents due to excessive weather, damage to properties, and one larceny/theft matter. Whitesell talked about traffic areas in Winhall. He suggested the Selectboard write a letter to Rep. Oliver Olsen asking him to contact the Agency of Transportation to consider re-designating Route 11/30 from green to blue which would make it a priority. The Selectboard asked Whitesell to write a letter directly to the AOT before contacting a State representative.
2. Blanchard reported he had an email from Bill Knupp (Stratton) stating that he thought the Stratton Law Enforcement Agreement with Winhall had been signed and a payment made. The Selectboard would ask the Town Administrator to follow up.
3. Whitesell reported that Officer Tienken had a minor vehicular accident with two vehicles on Founders Hill Road.

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT:

1. Dryden and the Selectboard discussed purchasing a snow pusher from Randy Ameden for \$3,250 to go on the front of the backhoe. The Selectboard agreed; Dryden would get a bill of sale from Ameden. Dryden reported on the recent extreme snow event along with all the plowing and the status of the current equipment (Town grader & 550) which had been somewhat temperamental. The new trucks were still in Canada. Dryden and the Selectboard discussed snow clean-up in the Village, especially the sidewalks; Dryden would take care of it. Dryden reported he had met with a radio technician re: radio tower; Dryden would discuss it with Gisquet. Dryden reported on the status of roadside mowing. The Selectboard agreed to lease the equipment for August. Construction on the new Town garage was moving forward; several more workers had shown up. Dryden brought up building a salt shed for the future; ordering salt was getting tight.
2. There were no access permits.

SPECIAL MEETING: OLD TOWN HALL: Chairman Oakes and Town Administrator Stark had met with Cotton/Belaski Architects on 1/28/15 to talk about renovations to the former Town Hall. After discussion, the Selectboard hired Cotton/Belaski Architects to prepare a “conditions assessment report and cost estimates” at a cost of \$10,550 for presentation at Town Meeting in March; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

LIQUOR BOARD:

At 6:00 PM the Selectboard recessed the Selectboard meeting and opened the Liquor Board meeting. After review, the Liquor Board approved a liquor license for the Grape Connection; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.* At 6:05 PM the Selectboard re-opened the Selectboard meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Selectboard discussed the Fire Department budget including the stipend.

ADMINISTRATIVE: UPDATE:

FYI: No financials.

Municipal Pet Policy was put on hold.

TOWN GARAGE UPDATE:

Blanchard commented there had been a recent fire at a town garage in nearby New Hampshire with complete loss of equipment and building. A fire suppression system might have saved the building. Blanchard reported that he and Steve Avison had talked about a fire suppression system for the new Town garage. State codes did not require one. However, it would be prudent to consider installing a dry sprinkler system; Gisquet would talk to VMS. Gisquet submitted the three change orders for the Selectboard’s signatures. He reported on the boiler including size, efficiency, and energy codes; light fixtures and fans re: electrician proposal; keys for the new garage; and a heating plan. A roof for the fuel depot was in process.

PAYORDERS:


After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #2/4/15 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*

PAYROLL: (No payroll)


APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S): After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of January 21, 2015 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Robert Oakes, Chair



Bill Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Steve Blanchard, Member