

**Town of Winhall Selectboard  
Bondville, Vermont 05340  
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, March 5, 2014**

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**PRESENT:** Bob Oakes, Bill Schwartz, Steve Blanchard, Lissa Stark, Town Administrator, Lucia Wing, Secretary, Randy Kimball (Roads)

**ABSENT:** Jeff Whitesell (WPD), Scott Bushee (Transfer Station)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Gary Barrows (Sheldon Trucks), Steve Avison (Fire)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Oakes called the regular meeting to order at 4:35 PM at the Town Hall.

**ELECTION OF SELECTBOARD, POSTINGS, APPOINTMENTS:**

The first order of business was the following: After review, the Selectboard elected *Bob Oakes, Chair* and *Bill Schwartz, Vice-Chair*; approved the Selectboard meeting dates and times (*first & third Wednesdays of the month at 4:30 PM*); approved the media areas of posting (*Town Offices, Winhall Market, Bondville Post Office, Town Transfer Station*); approved the media of record, (*Vermont News Guide*); approved the following appointments- Pound Keeper, *Patrick Salo*; Animal Control Officer, *Patrick Salo*; Tree Warden, *Stuart Coleman*; Windham Solid Waste District Representative, *Scott Bushee*; Town Service Officer, *Beth Grant*; Windham Regional Commission, *Edgar Rice and one vacant seat*; Selectboard member to sign warrants between meetings, *William Schwartz*; ***Blanchard made the motion to approve the above; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** Discussion followed to include the appointment of Beth Grant replacing Lawrence Jenks as Service Officer and who might fill the vacancy as representative to the Windham Regional Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (No public comments)

**HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT:** (No report)

**TRANSFER STATION: REPORT:** (No report)

**POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE: REPORT:**

1) Chief Whitesell, who was unable to attend the meeting, had submitted the police report for February including traffic tickets and warnings, false alarms, animal control matters, neighborhood watch, and legal matters in and around the Stratton Resort and Winhall.

2) Whitesell had reported that the State Police would now be patrolling the Town of Stratton; monies had been allocated for that purpose. The Winhall Police Department would continue to be responsible for patrolling the Stratton Mountain Resort area.

**OLD BUSINESS: STRATTONWALD SPILLWAY:** The Selectboard discussed the spillway matter at Strattonwald pond and who was responsible for what- Strattonwald Recreation Committee and the Town of Winhall. It seemed clear that the applicant (permittee) was responsible for the spillway and repairs to the wing wall. The Town of Winhall did own the road and the land, but Strattonwald was responsible for the pond and dam including the spillway. The Selectboard remembered that the Town attorney had reviewed the matter in the past. Stark would contact him and ask for an update.

**TOWN GARAGE FIRE: MACK TRUCK- PRESENTATION:**

Gary Barrows (Sheldon Trucks, Williston, Vermont) came before the Selectboard to talk about the attributes of Mack trucks. The Selectboard was contemplating purchasing two trucks to replace the trucks damaged in the Town garage fire. Sheldon Trucks, representing Mack Trucks, had made a proposal to the Town of Winhall. Discussion included pricing; service options; truck specifications and options; mileage; specific detail to handle the steep grades in Winhall; current breaking regulations; fuel requirements; gear ratios; frames & strength of frames; life expectancy from a Mack product versus other trucks available; warranties; and purchase time. Discussion followed relative to the grader and what it would cost to get it back on the road including new tires. Also- there was discussion relative to the purchasing policy and the formal bid process.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion followed about conversation at Town Meeting relative to the old Town Hall and what to do with it.

**MONTHLY FINANCIALS: REPORT:** No report

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:** The Town Administrator reported on the Comcast franchise and cable service in Winhall; discussion followed. She also had come up with a job description for the Transfer Station manager which she shared with the Selectboard. Discussion followed regarding Irving propane and setting up an automatic delivery system.

**PAYORDERS:** After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #16 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*

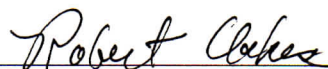
**PAYROLL:** (No payroll)

**APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):** After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of February 19 & 25, 2014 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

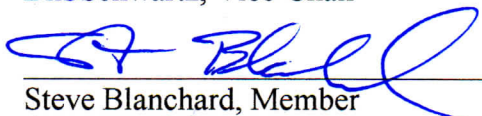
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 7:45PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 8:00 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.* No decisions were rendered.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary  
Winhall Selectboard

  
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Robert Oakes, Chair

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Bill Schwartz, Vice-Chair

  
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Steve Blanchard, Member