

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 15, 2015

PRESENT: Bob Oakes, Bill Schwartz, Stuart Coleman, Lucia Wing (Secretary), Lissa Stark (Town Administrator), Scott Bushee (Facilities), Trevor Dryden (Roads)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Laura Gianatti

CALL TO ORDER: Oakes called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM at the Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: OLD TOWN HALL:

Laura Gianatti commented on her visit to the old Town Hall with Stuart Coleman. She would like to get in, clean up, and begin using it for her music and art center. With the exception of the former Town Administrator's office on the ground floor, the remainder of the floor space looked serviceable; discussion followed relative to insurance coverage. The Town Administrator would look into it. The structure itself was safe. Next they discussed the upstairs room for use as a yoga studio and other similar events; discussion followed about the Winhall Museum items and how to preserve them; storage was an option. Gianatti and the Selectboard also discussed funding, donations, and forming a community recreation committee. *Coleman then made the motion to pursue VLCT insurance coverage of the building; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.* The Selectboard unanimously agreed to support Giannati's efforts.

POLICE/RESCUE REPORT: (No report)

TRANSFER STATION REPORT:

Bushee reported he had ordered new signs for the Transfer Station. He reported the Solid Waste District had put together an information packet; Bushee intended to meet with Winhall haulers and let them know how it worked. He reported that Jonathan Rowe was going into the hospital for knee surgery and would be out of work for six weeks; Bushee would bring in a substitute. He reported he was shipping out electronics on a regular basis. Bushee had found the Green Up sign. Discussion followed about the status of the bags; Oakes felt Winhall should offer two sizes. The roof had been installed over the fuel depot; discussion followed about constructing steps as well. The Highway Department would be in charge of installing stairs for safety purposes. Coleman commented he would also like to see an access between the fuel tanks from a safety perspective.

FACILITIES REPORT:

Bushee reported the school parking lot had been cleaned; the Town Hall lot would be next. Bushee added all summer RFP's were out to bid. Bushee reported he had interest in both roof repair and siding at the Library. Upstairs air conditioning at the Town Hall had been installed. Check valves were ordered to fix the water fountains.

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT:

Dryden reported Tenco (plow outfitter) would be at the Town garage to complete the punch list relative to the new Town trucks. Dryden reported Tenco would be asking for money; the Selectboard would take care of it at the meeting. Some of the dirt roads were being re-graded; most of the frost was now out of the ground; Dryden was looking into decals for the new Town trucks; the Selectboard preferred "simple." Discussion followed about setting up a meeting re: building the small 550 truck. Dryden reported paving this fiscal year should include a portion of River Road; discussion followed about transition spots-pavement to dirt; Kendall Farm Road past the Library- approximately 200 feet; and Stoney Hill Road-approximately 4/10 of a mile; discussion followed about cutting a large maple impeding travel. Dryden thought paving would cost about \$130,000. Stark responded she was applying for a grant for paving a

portion of Winhall Hollow Road. Dryden reported the Highway crew would be attending some seminars in the next month. Dryden talked about a project on Upper Taylor Hill Road re: Better Back Roads grant.

TOWN GARAGE UPDATE: VMS was currently not working on the Town garage; they were waiting until the frost was out of the ground before preparing the slab.

LOWER TAYLOR HILL BRIDGE UPDATE: Coleman reported the State had contacted him about temporary bridges; the State might be available to look at the bridge site on 4/16/15.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Oakes reported he believed the Town had prepaid six months of fees for dispatch service; discussion followed.

2) The Selectboard discussed the lots in the area of Indian Head (Route 30); the Town was not sure who owned those lots; no taxes had been paid for four (4) years. After further discussion, *Oakes made the motion to have the Town Treasurer put the lots up for sale for back taxes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

ACCESS PERMITS:

The Selectboard discussed a temporary access permit for Ted Friedman's property on which to put a trailer; VTrans would be repairing the bridge on Route 30 adjacent to Friedman's land. After further review, *Oakes made the motion to approve the access permit; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

ADMINISTRATIVE:

No financials. Coleman reported the forester was planning to walk the Town owned land at the end of Kendall Farm Road for logging purposes.

MUNICIPAL PET POLICY:

Stark submitted the revision(s) of the Municipal Pet Policy. After review, Oakes suggested Chief Whitesell and Pat Salo, Animal Control Officer, collaborate and write the policy; *Coleman made the motion to table the policy; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

CORRESPONDENCE:

1) Stark and the Selectboard reviewed the letter re: old phone bill which the Town had discontinued; Stark reported the matter was in the hands of the attorneys. The Selectboard signed the Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.* After review Oakes signed the change order for the sprinkler system from Southern Vermont Sprinkler from \$14,000 (approx.) to \$17,131; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

2) Next the Selectboard discussed the recent bill from FPH Tank for \$600 (approx.)- too much; Coleman reported FPH was willing to reduce the bill to \$300 (approx.).

LIQUOR BOARD:

At 6:50 PM the Selectboard closed the Selectboard meeting and opened the Liquor Board meeting. After review, the Selectboard approved liquor licenses for Intrawest (Tenderloins) and Mistrals Restaurant; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.* The Selectboard meeting was re-opened at 7:00 PM.

PAYORDERS: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #4/15/15 as presented; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** Discussion followed about the Selectboard reviewing bills by email.

PAYROLL: (No payroll)

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:

After review, the Selectboard amended the minutes of March 18, 2015 to reflect a mistaken second by Blanchard in Executive Session. The second should have been made by Coleman and not by Blanchard; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of April 1, 2015 as presented; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


At 7:25 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*** At 8:00 PM, the Selectboard came out of executive session; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** No decisions were rendered.

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

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



Robert Oakes, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Stuart Coleman, Member