

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, May 1, 2024

PRESENT: Stuart Coleman; Bill Schwartz; Julie Isaacs; Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Lucia Wing (Secretary); Trevor Dryden (Roads); Chief Tienken (Police); Beth Grant (Town Clerk); Al Bilka (Ass. Town Clerk & Town Treasurer)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Martina Barnes, Stacy Stratton, Josh Wills (National Forest)

CALL TO ORDER: Coleman opened the Selectboard meeting at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall in Bondville.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST PRESENTATION: Members of the Green Mt. National Forest came before the Selectboard to update them relative to current projects in the National Forest. Projects in the Winhall portion included development of a new mountain bike trail using part of the Catamount Trail system; overall trail improvements; signage; addition of Vermont huts- currently none in Winhall; prescribed burning (Coleman requested prior notification for the Fire Dept.); and maintenance of wildlife openings and bridges- (discussion followed about bridge widths). Discussion also included timber sales in Winhall; preserving ash trees from ash bore; a land exchange- no acquisitions by the National Forest; keys for gates; historical heritage work; and issuing firewood permits. The Selectboard thanked the National Forest representatives for their presentation.

WINHALL ALARM ORDINANCE UPDATE: The Selectboard and the Town Administrator discussed purchasing & implementation of Knox boxes per the Alarm Ordinance.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Tienken and the Selectboard discussed the police report for April to include traffic tickets & warnings; vehicle accidents; property watch; alarms; animal matters; and medical & agency assists in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mt, Resort. Chief reported the new police cruiser was operational; he would prepare the Emergency Management Plan for signatures-no changes; and post hiring a fulltime police officer. There was an increase in speed carts around town.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Dryden and the Selectboard discussed the current status of the Access Road culvert project- underway; one culvert still needed to be installed.

ACCESS PERMITS: After review, the Selectboard approved access permits- no culverts required- for Sandra Lithgow, Moose Hollow Road (waiting on a 911 number) and Benjamin Bartfeld, #75 Sylvan Ridge Road; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

GREEN UP DAY: (Scheduled for Saturday, May 4th.)

WINHALL WEBSITE: (In process)

FLAGS: Bilka reported he would buy flags for the cemeteries; the Selectboard agreed.

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD: (No report)

TOWN CLERK REPORT:

1) The Town Clerk requested the Selectboard approve sole vendors Dupont Systems (shelving in the vault) and CoFile (record preservation); ***motion by Schwartz to approve purchases; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*** The Town Clerk reminded the Selectboard the Town Offices would be closed from May 13th- May 23rd for a town clerks' conference.

2) After review, the Selectboard signed the Professional Municipal Proclamation; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

3) After discussion, the Selectboard amended the meeting minutes of 3/20/24 which incorrectly stated the Amedens owned Moose Hollow Road; they did not; Virginia Hunter owned the 6.1- acre road portion; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

AFFORDABLE HOUSING/WASTEWATER UPDATE: FYI

SHORT-TERM RENTALS: UPDATE:

The STR Ordinance was finished and would go to the Town Attorney at the end of the week for legal review; then presented to the Selectboard for approval; and ultimately posted on the Winhall website. An informational Public Hearing as required would be warned.

TOWN TREASURER REPORT:

1) The Town Treasurer reviewed current financials including CD's maturing; she would move forward with reinvesting in new CD's'- rates were good; the Selectboard approved. Discussion followed relative to posting the delinquent tax list and issuing monthly financial summaries.

2) The Selectboard and the Town Administrator also discussed allocating unused ARPA/SLFRE funds before the end of the year. Suggested projects included constructing a playground for kids near the Winhall Library; Community Center windows; Firehouse improvements; and others.

3) Per the Lister Administrator, the townwide reappraisal (NEMRC) would start September, 2024.

WINDHAM REGIONAL APPOINTMENT FORM: After review the Selectboard authorized Stuart Coleman to sign the WRC Representative Form; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

POLICIES, PROCEDURES & CORRESPONDENCE: FYI

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S): After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of 4/17/24 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

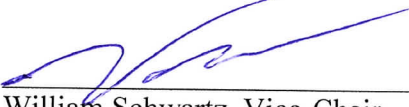
WARRANTS: After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 5/1/24 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*


Lucia Wing, Secretary,
Winhall Selectboard



E. Stuart Coleman, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member