

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 3, 2024**

PRESENT: Stuart Coleman (present @ 6:15PM); Bill Schwartz; Julie Isaacs; Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Lucia Wing (Secretary); Chief Tienken (Police); Trevor Dryden (Roads), Beth Grant (Town Clerk); Deb Avison (Town Treasurer)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Cheryl Carr-Maleh, Craig Weaver (Weaver Excavating), Pat Moyna & Jeff Cavagnino (Stratton Corp), Lawrence Grant, Erik Moses, Doug Poulter (Lister)

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Cheryl Carr-Maleh, Winhall representative to the Windham Regional Commission, introduced herself to the Selectboard and those present. She gave an overview of her recent meetings with Windham Regional and stated she would keep the Board informed; wastewater & affordable housing were important issues for Winhall.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Tienken and the Selectboard discussed the police report for June to include traffic tickets & warnings; vehicle accidents; property watch; alarms; animal matters; and medical & agency assists in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mtn. Resort; discussion followed. Chief reported he had received three (3) completed applications to date for the full-time Police Officer position and would begin interviews soon. He had ordered a 2024 Ford Cruiser for the Police Department before cost increased; discussed VLCT scholarships for training; available grants; new speed signs; and Knox box software which he described as user friendly.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: ACCESS ROAD UPDATE: Craig Weaver, Weaver Excavating, came before the Selectboard to discuss his invoice and extra work for culvert replacement on the upper portion of the Stratton Mtn. Access Road. First, he asked that the minutes of the Emergency Meeting on 6/21/24 accurately reflect that he had not "refused to attend a meeting" after work was complete - so moved (see Approval of Past Meeting Minutes). Discussion with the Selectboard and Stratton included the complications of installing Culvert #1, a much larger culvert than what was there prior. It involved removal of snowmaking pipe, unearthing high voltage power lines, and water lines. Weaver was charging the Town \$23,710 for the extra work. Moyna reminded him that he had not completed all the paving work outlined in his contract. After further discussion, Weaver, Stratton Corp, and the Selectboard agreed to a final payment of \$79,769.15 which did not include the extra charge; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

After discussion with Dryden pertaining to placement of stone at the entrance of (3) other culverts near the golf course and other Municipal Roads General Permit standards, Weaver stated he would guarantee his work for one (1) year and would abide by MRGP standards after inspection. The Town was waiting on a representative from the State MRGP program to come inspect the work. A temporary guardrail would be installed by Stratton Corp near Culvert #1 for safety purposes.

ACCESS PERMITS: After review, the Selectboard approved access permits for Sharp Axe Farm, #1 Old Country Rd; final access permit for Adrian Owles, #24 Stonehouse Road; and 911 number for Dominick Lio, #59 Garden Loop Road; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL UPDATE: Doug Poulter, representing the Board of Listers, came before the Selectboard to confirm the increase in fee by NEMRC for a townwide reappraisal to begin in 2024. The contract would increase by \$6,000 from \$198,000 to \$204,000 with funds available in the reserve account; ***Isaacs made the motion to approve the increase; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** Poulter added per 32 VSA 4041(a)-

Reappraisal, "A municipality shall be paid \$8.50 per grand list parcel per year, from the equalization and reappraisal account within the education fund to be used only for reappraisal and costs related to reappraisal of its grand list properties and for the maintenance of the grand list."

TOWNN TREASURER REPORT: The Town Treasurer submitted a Town of Winhall FY24 Summary through 6/30/24 to the Selectboard and others for review.

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD: (No report)

SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE: UPDATE: Schwartz reported he had met with Tami Blanchard, WPC Chair, to discuss changes to the STR Ordinance before sending it to the Town Attorney. Blanchard would make the changes and email a "Draft" to the Selectboard, Planning Commission, and Town Administrator to post on the website. The WPC had agreed. Discussion followed about the need to get the "Draft" on the website for initial public input and comment before legal review, final approval, and scheduling of an informational hearing.

WINHALL WEBSITE: FYI

BENSON FULLER INTERSECTION: FYI

AFFORDABLE HOUSING/WASTEWATER/GRANTS: FYI


POLICIES, PROCEDURES, CORRESPONDENCE & ARPA FUNDING: The Selectboard and Town Administrator discussed what to do with ARPA Funding. A suggestion was to use the funds to replace windows and associated rot at the Town Hall; ARPA funding would need to be allocated by December, 2024.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S): After review, the Selectboard approved the *amended* special meeting minutes of 6/21/24 per Craig Weaver and tabled the minutes of 6/19/24 until the following meeting; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

WARRANTS: After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 7/3/24 as amended to include the final Weaver Excavating invoice of \$79,769.15; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary,
Winhall Selectboard



E. Stuart Coleman, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member