

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 17, 2024**

PRESENT: Stuart Coleman; Bill Schwartz; Julie Isaacs; Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Scott Bushee (Facilities); Deb Avison (Town Treasurer)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Erik Moses

CALL TO ORDER: Coleman called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall in Bondville.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:

Bushee reported Walker Industries would go thru the 4-bay garage punch list item by item; the Library & Community Arts Center windows were scheduled for installation in August; two (2) municipal cleaning companies had reached out to Bushee; no RFP necessary as they could go directly to the website for information; the AC at the Town Hall had been repaired with the yearly AC cleaning scheduled for August. Discussion followed relative to installing air conditioning at the Community Center. Bushee reported the Town Hall needed trim repair and some windows replaced; discussion followed about using ARPA money for the project.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Coleman reported paving was underway on Winhall Hollow Road from Lamson's turn to Vermont Ventures followed by paving on a portion of Upper Taylor Hill Road followed by paving on the Access Road as discussed.

STRATTON ACCESS ROAD: UPDATE:

Coleman reported culvert areas on the Access Road were okay after the recent rain event. There was work underway in some culvert areas.

ACCESS PERMITS: (None)

WRC APPOINTMENT:

After review, the Selectboard appointed Erik Moses as Winhall representative to the Windham Regional Commission; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

LIQUOR BOARD: (None)

WEBSITE UPDATE: FYI: in the works

SHORT-TERM TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE:

Schwartz reported he and Tami Blanchard had discussed changes, suggestions, and additions relative to the STR Ordinance Draft; Blanchard would make additional revisions and email to the Planning Commission for their final review. At Schwartz's direction, she would contact the Town Attorney and ask him not to review the Ordinance at this time. The WPC would submit the Ordinance to the Selectboard for their review and approval protocol.

BENSON FULLER INTERSECTION UPDATE: FYI

AFFORDABLE HOUSING/WASTEWATER UPDATE: FYI:

ARPA/SLFRF FUNDING:

The Selectboard discussed using ARPA funding for windows and trim at the Town Hall. They also discussed using the funds to hire an architect relative to future upgrades to the Winhall Fire Station; discussion followed. ARPA funds needed to be allocated by December.

WINHALL TAX RATE FOR FY2025:

After review the Selectboard approved the tax rate as presented (see attached); *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

TOWN-WIDE REAPPRAISAL CONTRACT:

The townwide reappraisal would begin by July 24th. Poulter suggested a card be included with the tax bills explaining the process if an owner or a representative was not present.

TOWN TREASURER REPORT:

The Town Treasurer questioned Beautification reserve funds; discussion followed. She added tax payments were set-up online.

POLICIES, PROCEDURES, CORRESPONDENCE:

Coleman would reach out to Patrick Salo, Dog Warden re: Wagmore Kennels communication.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:

After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of 6/19/24 as presented and 7/3/24 as amended *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

WARRANTS:


After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 7/17/24 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing,
Secretary Winhall Selectboard



Stuart Coleman, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member

**TOWN OF WINHALL, VERMONT
SETTING THE TAX RATE ~ COMPUTATIONS FOR 2024-2025**

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES FROM 2024/2025 PRINTED BUDGET	\$4,924,347.00
PLUS (Articles from Town Meeting)	+ 0.00
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	\$4,924,347.00
TOWN OF WINHALL GRAND LIST FOR 2024	\$7,112,866.35
Calculation: Divide the amount to be raised by taxes by the Municipal Grand List	\$4,924,347.00 <u>\$7,112,866.35</u> = \$0.6923 2024/2025 Town Tax Rate


The 2023/2024 Town Tax Rate was \$0.6281
 The 2022/2023 Town Tax Rate was \$0.5277
 The 2021/2022 Town Tax Rate was \$0.5251
 The 2020/2021 Town Tax Rate was \$0.4887
 The 2019/2020 Town Tax Rate was \$0.4122


TOWN OF WINHALL EDUCATION TAX RATES FOR 2024-2025
 CALCULATED BY THE VERMONT COMMISSIONER OF TAXES

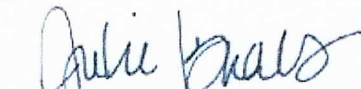
HOMESTEAD EDUCATION TAX RATE
 Base Homestead Tax Rate for FY25: \$1.7978
Combined Town Tax Rate and Homestead Tax Rate: \$2.4901

NON-HOMESTEAD EDUCATION TAX RATE
 Base Non-Homestead Tax Rate for FY25: \$2.1079
Combined Town Tax Rate and Non-Homestead Tax Rate: \$2.8002

The calculation of the Town Tax Rate is accepted, and the calculations performed by the State of Vermont are acknowledged by the Town of Winhall Select Board.


 E. Stuart Coleman, Chair


 William Schwartz, Vice Chair


 Julie Isaacs, Member

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