

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 7, 2024

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Ernie & Linda Salo, Audrey Campbell, Jamie Chenard, Megan McMahon, Eric Richard

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

BLACK CHERRY RIDGE & GLEASON HILL RD DISCUSSION:

The Selectboard and public present at the meeting discussed the above roads relative to use and signage. They concluded that a sign was permitted at the intersection of Black Cherry Ridge and Kendall Farm Roads provided the sign read “Black Cherry Ridge Road PVT;” *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* The Highway Foreman would order the sign. The Selectboard also concluded the road was not a Town Road (per deeds) but a ROW, open to public access, and therefore not allowed to be blocked off. The Selectboard recommended owners along the above roads draft a road maintenance agreement.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: ACCESS ROAD UPDATE:

Dryden reported installation of guard rails along the Access Road was a necessity for safety purposes; Stratton Corp. was the responsible party; he would reach out to them ASAP as a reminder. In addition, snowmaking pipe was being replaced along the Access Road postponing Fuller Sand & Gravel from completing the paving job; they would return to finish once the snowmaking pipe had been installed. Dryden reported paving on Winhall Hollow Road and Cranberry Hill culvert were complete. The Highway crew were currently busy cleaning out culverts.

ACCESS PERMITS:

After review, the Selectboard approved access permits for Peter Benyke, #67 Black Cherry Ridge Road with an 18” culvert required and Chris Farmer #28 Lower Woods & Water Road, no culvert required; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL UPDATE:

Doug Poulter, Town Lister, had emailed the Selectboard asking the Town Administrator to provide a link on the website for owners of properties in Winhall to schedule appointments with NEMRC to access their properties; NEMRC was in process of a Townwide reappraisal.

TOWN TREASURER REPORT:

The Town Treasurer submitted an “Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting Policy” for the purpose of maintaining high standards for accounting practices in the Town of Winhall enabling voters, Selectboard and Treasurer to make sound decisions in preparing and adopting the Town Budget and managing Town finances; *motion by Schwartz to adopt and sign the Policy; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

WINHALL POLITICAL SIGN POLICY: After review the Selectboard adopted and signed the Town of Winhall Political Campaign Sign Policy; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD: (No report)

SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE: UPDATE:

Eric Richard, owner of a rental property on Slippery Fox Road, came before the Selectboard for an STR Ordinance update. He was concerned about a cap on limiting the number of rental days and the timeline. Discussion followed about public input and comment before final approval and scheduling an informational hearing.

WINHALL WEBSITE: In process; discussion followed.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING/WASTEWATER/GRANTS: The Planning Commission planned to meet with a Vermont State representative on 9/11/24 at 4PM in Bondville to review the Village Designation Center and Map.


ARPA FUNDING: The Selectboard and Town Administrator discussed ARPA Funding. A suggestion was to use the funds to replace windows and associated rot at the Town Hall and potential planning for Fire Station upgrades. ARPA funding would need to be allocated by December, 2024.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S): After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of 7/17/24 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

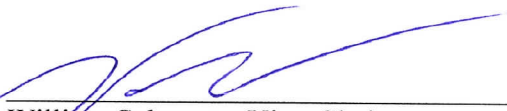
WARRANTS: After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 8/7/24 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*


Lucia Wing, Secretary,
Winhall Selectboard



E. Stuart Coleman, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member