

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Bondville, Vermont 05340
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 19, 2015**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: (None)

SITE VISIT: SIDEWALKS IN BONDVILLE: At 5:00 PM the Selectboard (Bob Oakes & Stuart Coleman), Lissa Stark, Lucia Wing, and Trevor Dryden met to evaluate the condition of the sidewalks in Bondville; generally it was determined they were in rough shape. The State was repaving a portion of Route 30 the following year and had suggested the Town replace the approximately 770 feet of sidewalk thru the Village of Bondville; discussion followed about what material to use and when to replace the sidewalks- after repaving or at the same time. The project would go out to bid once the specs had been determined; drainage was the responsibility of the State. The Town Administrator would also review what the Town of Jamaica had done relative to replacing its sidewalks.

CALL TO ORDER: Oakes called the regular meeting to order at 5:25 PM at the Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (No comments)

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT: (No report)

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT:

Dryden reported the 550 truck needed approximately \$1,500 in repairs and maintenance; the Selectboard agreed not to make the repairs and put the truck up for sale as is; a new truck had been ordered. Dryden reported that Cargill Salt was charging \$98.00 per ton- up from last year; \$72,000 was budgeted. The Selectboard would wait to sign the contract as salt prices were likely to go down. The Todd Hill culvert had been replaced for \$15,000; discussion followed about repairing other dirt roads in the same vicinity like Jamie Lane. Dryden reported a mower had been leased for \$8,500; the Highway crew was in the process of mowing the town roadsides; discussion followed about continuing to rent versus the benefits of buying a used mower. As a possibility, the Selectboard authorized Dryden to look at an "over the rail mower" in the Town of Dover for sale which could be attached to the bucket loader. The Selectboard and Dryden also discussed a gate for the first sand pit at the end of Kendall Farm Road and additional signage for the second pit in an attempt to clean it up and keep it cleaned up.

TOWN GARAGE UPDATE: The Selectboard agreed to meet on Friday, August 21st at 4:00 PM at the Town Garage for a final walk thru to develop a punch list followed by a walk-thru of the Winhall Museum. Bushee pointed out there was a missing shingle on the drip edge side at the new garage site. Discussion followed about bay allocation.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: Bushee reported the signs had been erected at the Transfer Station. The new packer was in from TAM ready for installation; green bagging at the Transfer Station was going well; most residents were on board with the new law. Bushee reported there was considerably less garbage being hauled away as a result. Controlling smell was a bigger problem because garbage hauling had decreased. Fencing was also being repaired around the Transfer Station; bears seemed to be an ongoing problem. The Selectboard, Stark, and Bushee discussed opening an account at Citizens for the cash received from the bags along with the idea of installing a credit card swiping system for expediency.

FACILITIES REPORT:

Cemetery: Bushee reported the Beautification Committee was involved with sprucing up the cemetery.

Fire Station: Bushee reported the roof at the fire station was finished; Josselyn Brothers had done an excellent job; they had also replaced siding at the Library along with painting. Coleman questioned Bushee about the fire station bathroom; mold may be an issue as well as the age of the current exhaust system; at some point both issues would have to be addressed for safety purposes. The heating system was still in decent shape.

LOWER TAYLOR HILL BRIDGE UPDATE:

FYI: Coleman reported he was still in communication relative to a replacement bridge on Lower Taylor Hill; discussion followed about what some other towns had done relative to temporary bridges.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Coleman reported he had been in touch with Tom Johnston relative to cutting down several trees on Capen Road at the request of Fred Hartmann; discussion followed. Coleman would take a further look.

2) The Selectboard discussed the status of the old Town Hall; a suggestion was to replace the foundation and get it stabilized, and potentially bring the Winhall Museum to the Library; the vault would eventually need to be removed. Laura Gianotti was still interested in moving forward with an art & music center. The Selectboard agreed to have a look at the Winhall Museum to see what would have to be moved.

ADMINISTRATIVE: UPDATE: The Town Administrator had set up a new system for financial review. The Selectboard unanimously approved. Stark reported mailbox units were in, and a mail delivery system in place; each department would have a key.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Mountain School Board had asked to meet with the Selectboard at the next meeting. The Town Administrator would put it on the agenda.

PAYORDERS: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #8/19/15 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

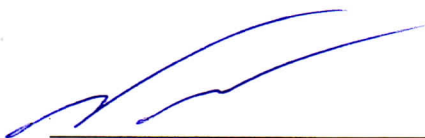
PAYROLL: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #33 & #34 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S): After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of August 5, 2015 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*


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

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

Robert Oakes, Chair



Bill Schwartz, Vice Chair



Stuart Coleman, Member