Town of Winhall Selectboard Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 21, 2024

PRESENT: Stuart Coleman; Bill Schwartz; Julie Isaacs (Absent); Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Chief Tienken (Police)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Erik Moses & Cheryl Maleh (WRC Reps), Matt Bachler (WRC), Sheri & Michael Lindner, Eric Richard, Michael Van Horn, Nancy Perkins, Jay Hachadoorian

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Erik Moses commented about the need for EV charges in Winhall for now and the future. Moses had met with several entities including Green Mt Power. Discussion followed about installing faster charging stations and potential locations in Bondville. Moses would keep the Selectboard apprised as he learned more.

WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION: TOWN PLAN UPDATE:

Matt Bachler (WRC) came before the Selectboard to talk about revisions to the Town Plan currently underway. He wanted to make sure all information was accurate including brining wastewater opportunities to the Village, now under consideration for State approval for a Village Center Designation. Discussion followed about Village Center Designation protocol; mapping outlining the Center; State funding; and Winhall/Fire District allocation for 50,000 gal. per day for wastewater use in the Village. Members of the WPC planned to meet with the State on 9/11 at 4PM to review the Village Designation area.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Tienken and the Selectboard discussed the police report for July 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; discussion followed. Chief reported Winhall Police had responded to a STR noise complaint; gave the SB a staff update; and knox box zoom training meeting.

TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT: Window installment was underway at the Community Center and Library.

<u>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT</u>: Coleman reported paving was complete on Winhall Hollow Road from Lamson's turn to Vermont Ventures; paving a portion of Upper Taylor Hill Road was currently underway.

STRATTON ACCESS ROAD: UPDATE: Coleman reported snowmaking line repair was almost complete on the Access Road along with a first layer of paving as contracted with Fuller Sand & Gravel.

ACCESS PERMITS: (None)

WEBSITE UPDATE: FYI: The Town Administrator had emailed an updated time frame.

SHORT-TERM TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE UPDATE: A number of public present were in attendance per short-term rental information. Schwartz responded the STR Ordinance was currently under Selectboard review before final approval, posting, and public input; informational meetings would be announced on the website per Ordinance protocol. Discussion followed about the importance of STR compliance as a substantial part of the Ordinance which would act as a guide for the future.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING/WASTEWATER UPDATE: FYI:

<u>ARPA/SLFRF FUNDING</u>: The Selectboard discussed using ARPA funding for windows and trim at the Town Hall. They also discussed using the funds to hire an agency relative to future upgrades to the Winhall Fire Station building. FYI: ARPA funds needed to be allocated by December.

TOWN-WIDE REAPPRAISAL UPDATE: The townwide reappraisal was underway. A card had been included with the tax bills explaining the NEMRC process for entry if an owner or a representative was not present; discussion followed.

FEMA REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE: FYI: The Town Administrator reported reimbursement funding was currently in process but slow.

TOWN TREASURER REPORT: After review the Selectboard approved a \$75.00-dollar petty cash voucher for the Town Treasurer; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

POLICIES, PROCEDURES, CORRESPONDENCE: An RFP to hire an architect/engineer to design the Fire Station building was reviewed and approved to move forward with the bid process.

<u>APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES</u>: The meeting minutes of 8/7/24 were tabled until the following meeting.

<u>WARRANTS</u>: After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 8/21/24 as presented; *motion by Schwartz;* seconded by Coleman; unanimous.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary Winhall Selectboard

Stuart Coleman, Chair

William Schwartz, Vice-Chair