

**Town of Winhall Selectboard**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 4, 2024**

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Eric Moses

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Eric Moses, WRC rep, updated the Selectboard re: his first WRC meeting which he said was very well attended. Moses reported he was on the Transportation and Finance Committee; Cheryl Maleh was on the Community Dev. Committee. He asked permission for a flyer to be posted around Town for an affordable housing seminar at the Flood Brook School which he and others planned to attend. The SB supported his endeavors.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Tienken and the Selectboard discussed the police report for August 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 Federal funding was now available for search & rescue matters including reimbursement for snowmobiles, officer wages, and use in the National Forest. He reported the Department would replace Tasers with updated technology; grant funding was available to pay for them; also, the Department needed to upgrade body & cruiser cameras. Discussion followed about Knox box readiness and training.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT & ACCESS ROAD UPDATE:**

1) Dryden reported that diesel and gas had gotten mixed together by mistake causing some vehicle problems. Cota & Cota had cleared up the error. After discussion, the Selectboard agreed to have Dryden obtain a quote to replace the information sign at the entrance of Winhall Hollow Road which was in disrepair. He reported winter sand was getting delivered; Hunter Excavating planned to replace the culvert on South Road soon; the Town Administrator had secured a \$200,000 grant for the project; it would require the road to be closed for a short time; line striping was mostly finished. He reported that VLCT had completed a loss/prevention inspection at the Town Garage.

2) Dryden reported Access Road paving would be mostly complete by the end of September; snowmaking lines had been repaired; some aprons on Town Roads still needed to be finished. For safety purposes, guard rails along the upper portion of the Access Road needed to be replaced and brought up to code; Stratton Corp. was the responsible party; Coleman would contact Pat Moyna as a reminder. Coleman suggested getting a jump start on the next phase of Access Road paving and culvert repair.

**ACCESS PERMITS:** (none)

**TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL UPDATE:** NEMRC, town-wide reappraisal, was in process and would begin with properties listed on Tax Map 1. A link on the website was available for property owners in Winhall to schedule appointments with NEMRC to access their properties.

**TOWN TREASURER UPDATE:** The Town Treasurer had submitted recent financial information.

**SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE UPDATE:** After discussion, the Selectboard authorized Bill Schwartz to revamp the STR Ordinance per VLCT comments and recommendations on or before the 2nd meeting in November and to remove it from the agenda; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* Discussion followed.

**WINHALL WEBSITE:** The Town Administrator reported the website was currently in “quality control” mode which would be followed by training sessions.

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

**ARPA FUNDING:** (No update)

**FIRE/POLICE BUILDING ENGINEERING:** The Town Administrator reported to date she had not been contacted about engineering studies for the above.

**VT 250<sup>th</sup> RESOLUTION:** The Town had until 2026 to decide what it would plan for the event.


**NEW BUSINESS:** The Town Administrator reported she was working on an updated Law Enforcement Agreement with Stratton.

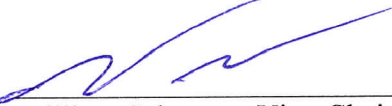
**APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):** After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of 8/7/24 as presented; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** The Selectboard tabled the minutes of 8/21/24.


**WARRANTS:** After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 9/4/24 as presented; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

Lucia Wing, Secretary,  
Winhall Selectboard

  
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E. Stuart Coleman, Chair

  
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William Schwartz, Vice-Chair

  
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Julie Isaacs, Member