

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Bondville, Vermont 05340
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 1, 2014**

PRESENT: Bob Oakes, Bill Schwartz, Steve Blanchard, Lucia Wing, Secretary, Lissa Stark, Town Administrator, Jeff Whitesell (Police)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Marcel Gisquet (Clerk of the Works)

CALL TO ORDER: Oakes called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM at the Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE: REPORT: Whitesell and the Selectboard reviewed the police report for September to include traffic tickets and warnings, false alarm calls, animal control issues, property watch matters, medical assists, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain Resort. Whitesell reported that Scott Legacy had resigned from the Winhall Police Department effective immediately; there was an incident on Todd Hill Road; and John F. Behan was ready to start on October 11th. After review, *the Selectboard agreed to hire John F. Behan for the position of Winhall Police Officer; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT: After review, the Selectboard approved an Access Permit for #1 Carol Circle (extended culvert) in Winhall; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.* Discussion followed about requiring headers on culverts. The new Town trucks would most likely be ready for delivery in November. Discussion followed about upgrading the springs on the new trucks; the existing ones were not heavy duty enough. Londonderry had offered its extra bay for one of the new trucks for the winter if the Highway Department needed one. Discussion followed about the inadequate paint job on the '09 truck; it needed to be repainted.

TRANSFER STATION: REPORT: (No report)

NEW BUSINESS: The Londonderry Selectboard asked to meet with the Winhall Selectboard; the Selectboard would schedule a meeting with them on November 5th at 7:00 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) The Town Attorney had written a letter to "Horses For Hire" asking the proprietor to keep the horses on the traveled way while using Read Road Extension.
- 2) A group had written a resolution asking that Vermont Legislators to take the time to rethink the education tax through simplification and added clarity. After review, the Selectboard agreed to sign the Resolution for Sustainable Education Funding in Vermont; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*
- 3) Stark reported that Elizabeth Bell had hired Stevens and Associates relative to the ongoing culvert issue on her property on Benson Fuller Road. Stevens & Associates had asked to meet with the Selectboard on 11/5/14 to speak about the matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Schwartz discussed the status of the Chapin lots. He asked Stark to investigate hiring an engineer to design septic systems for the lots and get them permitted with the State. It would help in the eventual sale of the land.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

1) No financials; no E & O Certificates

2) Stark discussed future health insurance matters and signing up with the Vermont Health Exchange; discussion followed about the best way to proceed.

3) Stark reported that Bear Creek (engineers) had been hired to look into river restoration projects; she asked the Selectboard if they would like her to meet with them regarding proposed river projects in Winhall. Stark and Trevor Dryden would meet with them at least once.

TOWN GARAGE: CONTINUED DISCUSSION:

Gisquet updated the Selectboard relative to the Town garage which included GMP- relocation of utility lines & conduit to the service entry of the new Town garage; Fair Point- relocation of the telephone lines; part of the excavated site had been filled in to create more room for the Transfer Station compactor, and the fence had been put back; delivery of the fuel tanks was scheduled for next week; Gisquet was looking into types of roofs for the fuel depot; gravel had been delivered to the fuel tank area; he had met with VMS and the architects to discuss changes to the plans based on the reduction in size of the structure; the architects had prepared new plans; discussion followed relative to the changes. Oakes asked about starting the project in April versus October; Gisquet would question the contractor. Discussion followed about heat in the structure during winter construction.

PAYORDERS: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #7 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*

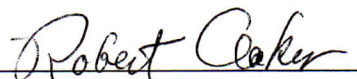
PAYROLL: (No payroll)

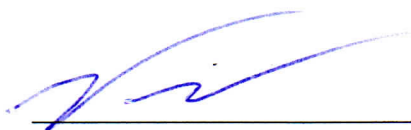
APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S): After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of Sept. 17, 2014 as amended; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

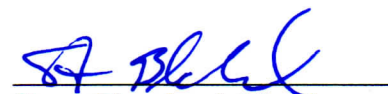
EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:30 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters; *motion by Blanchard; seconded Oakes; unanimous.* At 6:45 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Schwarz; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.* No decision was rendered.

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

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard


Robert Oakes, Chair


Bill Schwartz, Vice Chair


Steve Blanchard, Member