

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 21, 2015

PRESENT: Bob Oakes, Bill Schwartz, Steve Blanchard, Lucia Wing (Secretary), Scott Bushee (Facilities), Lissa Stark (Town Administrator)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Larry Wohler, Thom McMahon, Patricia Stanley (Mountain School), Dave Glabach (Health Officer), Marcel Gisquet (Clerk of the Works)

CALL TO ORDER: Oakes called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM at the Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: MOUNTAIN SCHOOL AT WINHALL:

Larry Wohler spoke with the Selectboard about continuing the lease with the Town of Winhall re: Mountain School. He commented that they would like to open up discussion about revisions to the current lease and discuss options for the upcoming lease. Patricia Stanley, new headmistress of the Mountain School, personally invited the Selectboard to speak with her about changes she had made; the Board had every intention to visit and would discuss the lease moving forward.

POLICE/RESCUE REPORT: (No report)

HEALTH OFFICER: REPORT:

Glabach stated he would be interested in serving another three years as Health Officer. He reported he was getting more involved with State recycling requirements and would be attending a seminar. Discussion followed about mandatory recycling at the Winhall Transfer Station and upcoming changes. After review, the Selectboard re-appointed Dave Glabach, Winhall Health Officer; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT:

1) After review, the Selectboard signed the 911 number on Gleason Hill Road for lands of Pinto/Kintzing off Route 30; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.*

2) After review, the Selectboard signed the Certificate of Highway Mileage as corrected from the previous year.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT:

Bushee reported the mix-up about when to pick up the containers as a result of a new driver had been resolved.

FACILITIES REPORT:

Library: (No report); Fire Station: (No report); School: (No report)

Town Hall: Discussion included the high cost to keep the old generator going versus purchasing a new one. Discussion followed about using the building as an emergency center and therefore the need for a working generator. The Selectboard asked Bushee to get an estimate from Bob Bentley. Oakes submitted information about a bottle filling station for the Town Hall to replace the current water fountains which were not utilized much. Bushee reported TAM would be replacing Casella for waste pickup at the Town Hall- less money.

Old Town Hall: Bushee reported the alarm had gone off; discussion followed about the high cost of maintaining the building and potentially shutting off the power and draining the pipes as one solution. The Selectboard were unclear as to the future of the building but would be meeting with Cotton Architects to discuss renovation cost.

TOWN GARAGE UPDATE:

Gisquet reported that all the trusses were up. Next he discussed the change orders, electric, plumbing, and others which were mostly resolved. Discussion followed regarding the details which included future solar panels; changes to the breaker box; on-demand hot water heater- what kind- how much; and boiler re: heat loss calculation and energy code requirements- put on hold. The plumber had recommended a different location for faucet installation- decided to leave it. Gisquet reported he had reduced electric service by half- \$4,200 versus \$2,400. After review, the Selectboard approved and signed the change orders for the on-demand hot water system for \$3,076 and revised electric service for \$2,424; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.* Gisquet and the Selectboard briefly discussed the Rutland's stand on solar energy which they had submitted to all towns in Vermont. Gisquet updated the Selectboard relative to the Planning Commission's recommendations to the Public Service Board for the proposed solar farm in Winhall which included complying with local setbacks and considering soil erosion impacts on adjacent properties.

BUDGET UPDATE: The Selectboard would review the final budget figures for 15/16.

PRIVATE ROAD SIGN POLICY: The Selectboard had reviewed revisions to the above policy and found them acceptable.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT WITH STRATTON:

Stark reported to date the contract with Stratton had not been signed. The Winhall Police Department was patrolling the resort.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Selectboard reviewed the Town Meeting Warning. Discussion followed about leaving the Article relevant to the Old Town Hall or deleting it; the Selectboard agreed to delete it. Discussion followed about the cost of renovations to the Old Town Hall, impacts as a result of the fluvial erosion zone, selling it, leasing it, and other options. The Selectboard would be meeting with Cotton Architectural firm relative to the above.

ADMINISTRATIVE: REPORT: No financials to review.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Selectboard (Bill Schwartz opposed) approved the letter to Jeremy Dworkin re: Capen Road.

PAYORDERS: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #1/21/15 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.*

PAYROLL: After review, the Selectboard approved payroll #1, #2, #3 & #4 as presented; *motion by Blanchard; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:

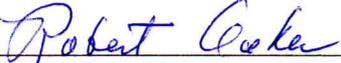
After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of January 7, 2015 as amended; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:00 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.*** At 7:15 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.*** No decisions were rendered.

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

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Robert Oakes, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Steve Blanchard, Member