

**Town of Winhall Selectboard**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 29, 2014**

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**PRESENT:** Bob Oakes, Bill Schwartz, Steve Blanchard, Lissa Stark, Town Administrator; Lucia Wing, Secretary; Scott Bushee (Transfer Station); Randy Kimball (WHD)

**ABSENT:** Jeff Whitesell (WPD); Barbara Ferguson, (Buildings)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Steve Avison (Fire Department)

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 4:35 PM, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 4:50 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Blanchard; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* No decisions were rendered.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (None)

**POLICE/RESCUE REPORT:** (None)

**HIGHWAY & ROADS: REPORT: TOWN GARAGE FIRE:** *Steve Avison* came before the Selectboard advising them to be careful about the procedure relative to insurance re: the Town Garage fire. He cautioned them to keep all the evidence until everything was settled with the insurance company. Avison also suggested hiring an independent insurance adjuster after VLCT insurance adjusters had come up with a number. Discussion followed about vehicle loss, amounts assigned to those vehicles, and leasing vehicles rather than purchasing new trucks. The grader appeared to be a total loss but no value had been assigned to it. The Selectboard felt the insurance numbers assigned to the trucks were fair; most likely they would not need to hire an independent insurance adjuster. They did agree to move forward on getting two new Town trucks to replace the ones destroyed in the fire; Kimball and the Selectboard would explore options and develop a RFP. The Selectboard would also begin to look at State and local town garages to get ideas for constructing a new building. Discussion followed about options to heat the portion of the building which still remained. Kimball reported they were still taking inventory. A suggestion was to take a multitude of pictures to help document the inventory which could not be removed from the premises until the insurance investigation had been completed. Kimball updated the Selectboard as to the status of the radios. Insurance should cover the loss of the four (4) radios. The Selectboard discussed ways to remove the boxes from the ancient records room to create more room. They decided to meet Friday morning.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 6:20 PM, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters; *motion by Blanchard; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 6:50 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.* Out of executive session, the Selectboard agreed to have Kimball take extra care relative to safety issues re: the Town garage fire and authorized Stark to release insurance funds as soon as they became available; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

**TRANSFER STATION: REPORT:** Bushee reported there was no new contract relative to garbage removal at the Transfer Station; currently the Town did not have a contract with anyone. Bushee was investigating which company offered the best overall deal; he was leaning toward TAM which he felt would offer the Town what the Town needed. A question was how the Windham Solid Waste District would fit in, or should the Town pull out of the District; discussion followed. After further discussion, *Oakes made the motion authorizing Scott Bushee to set up a contract with Tam for removal of metal, construction & debris, and municipal solid waste as soon as possible; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* Bushee would notify Casella of the Selectboard's decision. The Selectboard would have the Town attorney advise them relative to leaving the Solid Waste District.

**BUILDINGS: REPORT:** (No report)

**OLD BUSINESS: BUDGET:** The Selectboard discussed putting more money in the budget relative to the Town garage fire. They agreed to wait until the insurance numbers had been finalized.

**ADMINISTRATIVE: REPORT:** Stark reported she was hard at work completing the Town Report. Stark would send both the Highway and Traffic Ordinance to VLCT for review.

**LIQUOR BOARD MEETING:** At 7:15 PM the Selectboard closed the Selectboard meeting and opened the Liquor Board meeting. After review, the Liquor Board approved a liquor and cabaret license for Whiskey Dick's; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.* The Selectboard meeting re-opened at 7:20 PM.

**PAYORDERS:** (No payorders). The Selectboard agreed to sign the Letter of Agreement relative to the Marshall & Swift tables and pay the fee of \$238.81 per the Winhall Listers.

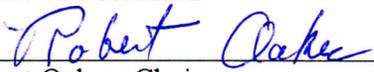
**PAYROLL:** (No payroll)

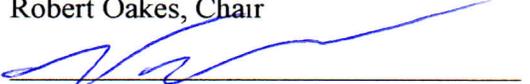
**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of December 18, 2013 as amended and January 15 and January 21, 2014 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT & CORRESPONDENCE:** (None)

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary  
Winhall Selectboard

  
Robert Oakes, Chair

  
William Schwartz, Vice-Chair

  
Steve Blanchard, Member