

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 19, 2014

PRESENT: Bob Oakes, Bill Schwartz, Steve Blanchard, Lissa Stark, Town Administrator; Lucia Wing, Secretary; Scott Bushee (Transfer Station); Barbara Ferguson, (Buildings)

ABSENT: Jeff Whitesell (WPD); Randy Kimball (WHD)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Fusco & Bob Wesman (WorldClaim)

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

POLICE/RESCUE REPORT: (None)

HIGHWAY & ROADS: REPORT: (Kimball was plowing snow.)

TRANSFER STATION: REPORT:

Bushee reported on the financial situation of the Windham Solid Waste District which Bushee stated did impact the Winhall Transfer Station which was a member. Bushee reported that TAM (new hauling company) was underway at the Transfer Station; he stated the driver had introduced himself and had asked Bushee how the yard worked best in hauling away and returning the boxes; Bushee stated he was impressed with TAM's professionalism. In addition to hauling, TAM was willing to maintain the boxes. Bushee reported the generator was at full capacity; electronic recycling was consistent and doing well. Bushee reported the dehumidifier had arrived and would be installed in the small room area from which Town records had been removed. Bushee added TAM was interested in bidding on taking down the Town garage.

WORLDCLAIM PRESENTATION: TOWN GARAGE FIRE:

Andrew Fusco, Bob Wesman and the Selectboard discussed the Town garage fire and what WorldClaim (Global Claims Management Company) could do for the Town relative to coming up with a fair and equitable price for the building. Discussion included how the Town garage insurance policy (VLCT) was structured and what it covered; how WorldClaim collected a fee based on percentages (20% over current offers written or implied); how the Selectboard wanted to proceed; and what WorldClaim could do to help the Town arrive at a fair structural replacement cost for the building. The Selectboard and Fusco discussed the current insurance claim of approximately \$376,000-\$383,000 to replace the garage; discussion and review followed relative to individual itemized cost(s). They also discussed how the inventory was being handled, and had a brief conversation relative to the vehicle replacement cost(s). After review, ***Oakes made the motion to hire WorldClaim at a fee of 20% over current offers written or implied; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** With the Selectboard's authorization, Oakes signed the contract with WorldClaim. Discussion followed about the future of the grader- whether it was considered totaled or fixable and how to proceed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:10 PM, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** At 6:40 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; ***motion by Blanchard; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** Out of executive session, the Selectboard agreed to accept Barbara Ferguson's resignation as facilities manager effective

immediately and hired her as a subcontractor until July 1, 2014 on a per hour basis for building cleaning and ongoing water testing at the Mountain School. On July 1st, the Selectboard and Ferguson would review her job performance; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

OLD BUSINESS: FRENCH HOLLOW CULVERT:

Beck Engineering had submitted an estimate for the second culvert on French Hollow Road. The Selectboard would review it and discuss it at a later meeting. After review, *Oakes made the motion to approve Beck Engineering's proposal to review the construction site of the westerly culvert on French Hollow Road at a cost of \$3,750-\$5,000; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

NEW BUSINESS:

The Selectboard discussed vehicles which went down Lower Taylor Hill Road and tried to go up Bob Sheridan's driveway only to get stuck in the snow. The Selectboard would ask Kimball to clean up the snow around the signs at the top of Lower Taylor Hill in hopes that it would help deter traffic.

2) After discussion about purchasing and maintaining generators, Blanchard would contact Bob Bentley to get additional prices before the Selectboard made a final decision.

ADMINISTRATIVE: REPORT: Stark talked about the incident command class; this could be taken either online or in the classroom. The Selectboard agreed to have Stark set up a couple of evening classes which Winhall employees and officials could attend.

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

PAYROLL: (No payroll)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of February 6, 2014 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

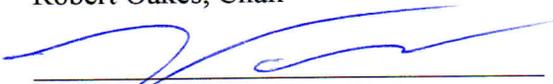
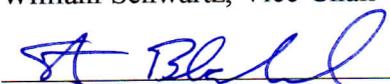
ANNOUNCEMENT & CORRESPONDENCE: (None)

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Select Board



Robert Oakes, Chair


William Schwartz, Vice-Chair
Steve Blanchard, Member