

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 19, 2014**

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

ABSENT: Jeff Whitesell (WPD)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Robert Weseman & Ronald Bess (World Claim), Greg Murray (Tenco)

CALL TO ORDER: Oakes called the Selectboard meeting to order at 4:34 PM at the Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

POLICE/RESCUE REPORT: (None)

HIGHWAY & ROADS: REPORT:

1) Randy Kimball, the Selectboard, and Gregg Murray met to review Tenco's proposal relative to truck body types for the new Town trucks. Fairfield Trucks had also submitted a proposal. Discussion included the benefits of stainless steel versus steel as well as pricing. After review, ***Oakes made the motion to purchase two (2) stainless steel bodies from Tenco @ a total cost of \$142,400; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.***

2) Next Kimball and the Selectboard discussed body types including plow equipment for a smaller 550 Town truck. Kimball reported he had received two quotes to date from Osgood and Everest; Kimball was looking for two more quotes before making a decision. Pricing for the body and plow came to approximately \$35,000. The new truck was priced at approximately \$42,000. Discussion followed about selling the old 550 truck outright or trading it in.

3) The Selectboard discussed the grader, also damaged in the fire, which included its insurability; salvage title; Steve Avison fixing it versus a licensed mechanic and ensuing paperwork; number of years left for the current grader when it was fixed; buying a slightly used grader; and the benefits and opportunity now of buying a used grader versus fixing the current grader. It made sense for the Town to purchase the used grader which could last for twenty years versus fixing the current grader which would last for probably five years.

4) Kimball and the Selectboard had been reviewing recently constructed town garages including Stratton and Townshend. The Selectboard also discussed going out to bid for paving. To accommodate a timeline, the Selectboard would plan to hold April Selectboard meetings on April 2nd and April 23rd and open paving bids at the second meeting. The Selectboard discussed revising portions of the Winhall Purchasing Policy.

TRANSFER STATION: REPORT: Bushee and the Selectboard talked about charging no fees for metal. After further review, they agreed to leave the charges in place. They also discussed potential impacts of septic, well and wetlands on the new building including isolation distances, a new layout for the bins, and temporary restroom for the staff during construction. Discussion followed about hiring an engineer. Schwartz would contact Beck Engineering for ideas. Stark would contact a second engineer.

FACILITY REPORT: Bushee reported that he had contacted Vermont Mechanical to repair the “troop room” relative to heat. The school had contacted him about gas smells; Bushee had it fixed. Bushee reported that there was no heat in building #1 at the Transfer Station; therefore, he had upped automatic delivery so that they would not run out of fuel. Bushee reported it would cost \$3,000+- to fix the heating unit in the multi-purpose room at the school; the Selectboard asked Bushee to move forward with the repair. Bushee was also checking the old Town Hall on a regular basis; nothing to report.

WORLDCLAIM DISCUSSION: TOWN GARAGE FIRE: Robert Weseman, Ronald Bess, and the Selectboard continued discussion relative to the Town garage fire. The Town had hired WorldClaim relative to increased insurance figures. The Selectboard had hired WorldClaim at a fee of 20% over current offers written or implied. WorldClaim had come up with approximately \$43,000 more than VLCT’s insurance claim which the Selectboard felt was too small a number to negotiate. In the meantime, VLCT had confirmed that the Town garage was mostly totaled with a small portion of the building repairable. Stark reported that VLCT would be sending new figures which would include tearing down the structure. It appeared to the Selectboard that WorldClaim (Global Claims Management Company) had missed several meetings and generally seemed uninterested in the claim. The Selectboard felt there was a lack of communication between WorldClaim, the Town, and VLCT. Weseman stated he would meet with Andrew Fusco to see if it made sense for WorldClaim to continue investigating the Town garage fire or walk away with no hard feelings.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Because portions of Route 30 in Winhall were currently treacherous and unsafe, Oakes had had a conversation with a project manager from the Agency of Transportation who told him that Route 30 was going to be repaved by 2015.

ADMINISTRATIVE: REPORT:

1) The Selectboard would review the financials for the month of March.

2) After review, the Selectboard signed contracts for Barbara Ferguson to clean the Town Hall and water test at the Mountain School until June 30, 2014; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

3) After review, the Selectboard reappointed Adele Schwartz to the Council on Aging; *motion by Blanchard; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*

4) Stark reported that a homeowner on Benson Fuller had come into the Town Hall to say she was all in favor of leaving the dirt portion of Benson Fuller Road alone.

LIQUOR BOARD MEETING:

At 7:00 PM the Selectboard closed the meeting and opened the Liquor Board meeting. In the meeting, the Liquor Board approved a liquor license for the Bromley View Inn; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 7:15 PM, the Liquor Board closed the meeting. At 7:16 PM the Selectboard reopened at the Selectboard meeting.

PAYORDERS:

After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #17 as presented; *motion by Blanchard; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

PAYROLL: After review, the Selectboard approved payroll #7, #8, #9, and #10 as presented; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Blanchard, unanimous.***

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of March 5, 2014 as amended; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

ANNOUNCEMENT & CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Service Board had approved upgrades to the transformers on Mountain View Road (off the Access Road).

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Robert Oakes, Chair


William Schwartz, Vice-Chair
Steve Blanchard, Member