

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Bondville, Vermont 05340
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 1, 2015**

PRESENT: Bob Oakes, Bill Schwartz, Stuart Coleman, Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Jeff Whitesell (Police)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Marcel Gisquet, Pat Salo, Laura Gianotti

CALL TO ORDER: Oakes called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: OLD TOWN HALL:

Laura Gianotti, a resident on Wall St. in Winhall, came before the Selectboard to ask about the current status of the Old Town Hall. The Selectboard responded they planned to have a special meeting at some point to decide what to do with the building; the Selectboard had hired an architect to look at the structure and come up with a conceptual plan. Gianotti suggested the Old Town Hall might become a community art & music center, a place for young families to connect, and residents to hold events; currently community was lacking in Town. Gianotti was willing to spearhead the project. Along with other ideas, Gianotti talked about setting up a downstairs art studio and music center and leaving it in place for residents to use. Gisquet responded the downstairs needed some repair before it was usable. Coleman recommended Gianotti have a look at the inside before she decided to move forward; she agreed. Safety was a concern. All present at the meeting supported Gianotti's ideas.

MUNICIPAL PET POLICY:

Pat Salo (Animal Control Officer), Chief Whitesell, and the Selectboard discussed the current status of the municipal pet policy. Whitesell and Salo recommended constructing an outside dog pen in the back of the Town Hall which Salo agreed to maintain and install. The Selectboard went outside and reviewed the proposed location behind the building; they unanimously approved the location of the outside pen; they also wanted to review the proposed fencing along with cost. The Selectboard would review the pet policy for signatures at the next meeting; discussion followed about adding a clause in the policy regarding the headmaster's dog at the school and whether or not it was a service dog.

TOWN GARAGE UPDATE:

Gisquet reported he had recently attended a job meeting at which they agreed to disband with any heat; siding was close to being finished. They would start to install the bollards along with pouring the cement for the base of the radio tower; slab preparation would begin when the frost was out of the ground. Foam would be blown in when the temperatures increased. The electrician would also wait for warmer weather before starting any installation. Coleman reported the roof over the depot station would be finished by the end of the week; water in the diesel tank was still a concern. Gisquet discussed the location of the attic vents. Oakes recommended Gisquet keep the insurance carrier informed as construction progressed. Irving would supply fuel oil and propane to the four-bay garage. Cota & Cota would supply diesel and gasoline. Discussion followed about owning the tanks.

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

Chief Whitesell reported on the monthly police report for March including traffic tickets and warnings, dog control matters, false alarms, property watch, medical assists, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mt. Resort. He reported on an aggravated assault in the Norse House parking lot. One of the part-time police officers had resigned; Whitesell reported the Police Department was

now down a part timer and added it was difficult for part-time police officers to stay current with all the requirements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:00 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous*. At 6:50 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Oaks; seconded by Coleman; unanimous*. Out of executive session, the Selectboard agreed to review and update Chief Whitesell's contract beginning July 1, 2015.

LOWER TAYLOR HILL BRIDGE: DISCUSSION:

Coleman reported he had contacted VTrans to inquire about renting a temporary bridge; VTrans would get back to him. Discussion followed about the bridge's weight requirements and getting the bridge back on the Windham Region's list for grant funding.

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HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT:

Coleman reported the Highway Dept. was filling in soft spots with gravel. Coleman suggested documenting those areas for future drainage improvement.

OLD BUSINESS:

FYI: Make an appointment to visit the Mountain School and also set up an executive session with the Winhall School Board to discuss contractual matters.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coleman inquired about logging the 250 acre parcel owned by the Town at the end of Kendall Farm Road. The Selectboard agreed to have Coleman contact a forester to take a look.

ADMINISTRATIVE: UPDATE:

1) No financials; the Town Administrator commented on Nemric software, networking, and improved efficiency as a result. The Selectboard suggested a presentation by Nemric. Stark talked about the Better Back Roads grant re: Elizabeth Bell.

2) Coleman discussed the current status of the 550 Town truck; it needed immediate repair; the Selectboard agreed to get it done. They discussed what amount was in the budget to replace the 550. Coleman would talk with Highway to get input about a new truck.

3) Coleman brought up the condition of Bromley Forest Road which he had looked at and felt was potentially unsafe. Next they discussed the small side road in Vermont Ventures; four houses used the road; discussion followed about throwing up those roads.

LIQUOR BOARD:

At the 7:25 PM, the Selectboard recessed the Selectboard meeting and opened the liquor board meeting. After review, the Liquor Board approved a license for K & K Inc. (Bromley View Inn); *motion by Oaks; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous*. The Selectboard reopened the Selectboard meeting at 7:35 PM.

PAYORDERS:

After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #3/25/15 & #4/1/15 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oaks; unanimous*.

PAYROLL:

After review, the Selectboard approved payroll #13 & #14 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of March 18, 2015 as amended; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Robert Oakes, Chair



Bill Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Stuart Coleman, Member