

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Bondville, Vermont 05340
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 2, 2014**

PRESENT: Bob Oakes, Bill Schwartz, Steve Blanchard, Lissa Stark, Town Administrator, Lucia Wing, Secretary, Jeff Whitesell (WPD)

ABSENT: Randy Kimball (Roads), Scott Bushee (Transfer Station)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (No public comments)

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT: (No report)

TRANSFER STATION: REPORT: (No report)

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE: REPORT:

1) Chief Whitesell submitted the police report for the month of March including traffic tickets and warning, false alarm calls, animal control matters, neighborhood watch, and law incidents in and around Winhall and Stratton Resort.

2) Whitesell reported there had been a fatality at the Stratton Mountain Resort and a snowmobile accident in Winhall. The new police cruiser was in and ready for outfitting; discussion followed about the old cruiser. Whitesell submitted several letters commending the Winhall Police Department. Whitesell reported he had contributed to an article in the Stratton Magazine titled "Winter Roads." Discussion followed relative to eligibility for the WPD to apply for a grant for a generator. It would require ICS class time. Whitesell reported two officers would be enrolling in an EMT class.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 4:45PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters per WPD; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 5:00 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.* No decisions were rendered.

WORLD CLAIM: At the request of the Selectboard, Stark had written a letter to World Claim terminating the contract between them and the Town of Winhall re: insurance matters relative to the Town garage fire. The Selectboard had never received any communication from World Claim after the Selectboard meeting on March 19, 2014; as a result the Selectboard agreed to terminate the contract with World Claim.

TOWN GARAGE FIRE: CONTINUED DISCUSSION:

1) After review, *Schwartz made the motion authorizing Bob Oakes to sign the bill of sale thru VLCT for the two (2) Town trucks that had been totaled in the fire; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.* Discussion followed relative to the salvage cost for the existing grader totaled in the fire versus the benefits of purchasing a slightly used 772 John Deere grader to replace the damaged

grader. Kimball had also driven a new smaller 120 Cat with modern technology. The Selectboard authorized Kimball and Blanchard to go ahead and make a final decision by the following week.

2) Stark reported that the Windham Regional Commission had on file overlays of the Town Garage lands which were somewhat unclear. The Town would need an updated survey of the property to determine more accurate site information relative to moving the Transfer Station across the road along with constructing a new septic system and well. Stark reported she had spoken with an engineering firm specific to solid waste permitting. Before hiring any engineering firm, Schwartz would write up an RFP to go out to bid; the RFP would include the scope of the project. The Selectboard would like the project to go out to bid by May.

3) Next the Selectboard discussed rebuilding the Town garage which included the possibility of a bond- voted on at a special Town meeting and also finding a building contractor. Oakes reported that he and Blanchard had visited two new Town garages in Wilmington one built by the State and the other by the Town of Wilmington. They had also visited the building in Townshend which they really liked; it was simple as well as functional.

4) The Selectboard also discussed replacing the small 550 Town dump truck. Several car dealerships had submitted quotes. A question was- should the Town replace the 550 this year or next year, and should the replacement vehicle be smaller? The Selectboard felt they had a lot going on as a result of the Town garage fire and agreed they would wait until the following year to purchase a new 550 truck.

OLD BUSINESS: STRATTOWALD SPILLWAY:

The Selectboard continued discussion of the Strattonwald spillway relative to whose responsibility it was to repair the spillway- the Town's or the Strattonwald Recreation Club. It was clear from past correspondence that the liability rested with Strattonwald. At this juncture, the Selectboard agreed to leave the matter alone unless it was brought up again.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE: The Town Administrator reported that council was reviewing both the Highway and Traffic Ordinance(s). Council commented that the Selectboard might consider making them policies versus ordinances which was a simpler process. Stark reported on the Lower Taylor Hill bridge; the Windham Region had asked Stark to get them information relative to the bridge so that they could put it on the list for future funding. Schwartz felt that a round-about at the intersection of Route 30 and the Stratton Mt. Road was still the best option.

LIQUOR BOARD MEETING: At 6:45 PM the Selectboard closed the Selectboard meeting and opened the Liquor Board meeting. The Liquor Board unanimously approved liquor licenses for the Red Fox Inn; two for the Fox Stop; and two for Tenderloins. At 7:00 PM the Selectboard reopened the Selectboard meeting.

PAYORDERS: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #18 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*

PAYROLL: After review, the Selectboard approved payroll #11 & #12 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*

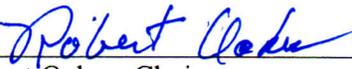
APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of March 10 & 18, 2014 as amended; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

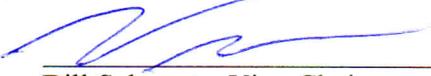
CORRESPONDENCE: None

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



Bill Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Steve Blanchard, Member