

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 1, 2015**

PRESENT: Bob Oakes, Bill Schwartz, Stuart Coleman, Lucia Wing (Secretary), Lissa Stark (Town Administrator), Trevor Dryden (Roads)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Myer

CALL TO ORDER:

Oakes called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM at the Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Randy Myer, who had donated the large flag to the Town Hall, was asking the Selectboard if they would be interested in the Town taking over his private road called Valley View off Deep Woods Road in Winhall. Myer explained there were four (4) houses on the road which currently was in poor shape and needed repair which the residents on the road were willing to undertake along with potentially paving it and bringing it up to Town road standards; the road was approximately 500 ft. with long driveways off the road. The Selectboard thanked Myer for coming in but responded they had not taken over a road in many years and felt it was not a benefit to the Town of Winhall.

POLICE/RESCUE REPORT: (No report)

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT:

1) Dryden relayed an inquiry about the wingwalls on the Strattonwald dam; the Selectboard responded it was the responsibility of the Strattonwald Homeowners Association to maintain the dam; there was extensive documentation alluding to the subject. Dryden reported he had attended a recent supervisor class which he found very helpful. Dryden was looking into purchasing a 1600 gallon liquid dust control tank which he felt would be way more efficient than the current smaller tank. Dryden stated he would like to meet with Stuart Coleman and Randy Ameden about the ongoing water problem on Ameden Road and hopefully come up with a solution.

2) Dryden submitted prices to replace a culvert on Todd Hill. Hunter Excavating quoted \$14,500; Chaves proposed \$7,725; gravel would be supplied by the Town. After review, *Coleman made the motion to accept the bid proposed by Chaves Excavating; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*

3) Dryden reported that Chaves quoted \$16.00 per yard of sand; Lawrence White Construction quoted \$14.50 per yard; and Eastman quoted \$15.50 per yard; discussion followed. Chaves and White proposed identical prices for gravel- \$17.00 per yard delivered; Chaves' trucking costs were higher; discussion followed about asking Chaves to lower his trucking costs. Scott Howe had quoted \$16.00 per yard for gravel delivered. After further discussion, *Oakes made the motion based on Dryden's approval to buy winter sand from White Construction; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* After review, *Oakes made the motion to buy crushed gravel from Chaves Excavating; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* Trevor would question Chaves about his trucking costs.

4) Dryden reported the bucket loader needed work- approximately \$2,000. Dryden reported he had received three (3) prices for a new truck- two from Ford and one from Dodge; discussion followed about the size of the truck 350 versus 550; diesel versus gas; and prices which ranged from \$28,000-\$41,000. The Selectboard leaned toward a smaller 350 one ton with a plow and liked gas versus diesel. Dryden was leaning toward the Dodge based on price and use. The Selectboard asked Dryden to confirm the warranty with Brown's (Dodge) along with the municipal rebate. After further review, ***Oakes made the motion to purchase the one ton Dodge 350 (gas) truck from Browns Motors at a cost of \$28,500; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous- Dryden to confirm the warranty.*** Discussion followed about the cost of installing the dump body and plow; the Selectboard liked stainless steel and asked Dryden to get more prices before making a decision.

5) Coleman reported he had conferred with a tree outfit about cutting the three (3) large trees on Capen Road as discussed at the site visit. The tree company felt there was no danger of the trees falling on Fred Hartmann's house. The Selectboard agreed not to cut the trees as they presented no danger to the residence.

TOWN GARAGE UPDATE:

Gisquet had emailed the Selectboard relative to the progress of the Town garage. In it he reported sheet rock was hung and being taped; the garage door vendor had confirmed that prep work for the doors was ready; the painter was ready to go; electricians continued work and anticipated delivery of the service cable next week; FLS confirmed their devices were not buried under the sheet rock; VMS was making the extensions and trim for the windows and doors; Irving would pump out the propane tank; and site work would begin as soon as the overhead doors had been installed. Gisquet there were several change orders to include credit for electrical changes (\$1,758); credit for concrete aprons at garage doors (\$2,750); and charge for connecting 4 bay e-panel to new garage. Gisquet concluded change was needed at the venting setup at the fuel tanks. Before the shed was installed requirements had been met. Currently both the diesel and gasoline terminated inside the shed that covered the tanks. The VT AST rules required the vents terminate outside the building and the NAT Fire Code stated terminate 12 ft. above grade. Gisquet felt concern as he had been responsible for installing the tanks. He would like this issue looked into and resolved. Discussion followed about installing a generator

LOWER TAYLOR HILL BRIDGE: Coleman reported he was still working on prices regarding the bridge matter.

LOWER TAYLOR HILL CHAPIN LOTS: Stark reported MSK would begin engineering work on the Chapin lots on Lower Taylor Hill Road relative to State permitting.

NEW BUSINESS: SLADE ROAD:

Coleman reported the old ambulance was ready to sell. There were a number of individuals interested; the Selectboard would put it out to bid. Coleman also reported he had had a complaint from a concerned Winhall resident who was asking why the Town continued to plow Slade Road which was a private road; the Town had plowed the road for a very long time. The Selectboard suggested an attorney's opinion before making a decision.

OLD BUSINESS: TOWN PARCEL- KENDALL FARM ROAD:

Coleman reported the forester he had contacted, who was investigating logging the 250 acre parcel owned by the Town at the end of Kendall Farm Road, would begin to tag trees for cutting in the fall. Coleman would like the first gravel pit located off Kendall Farm Road cleaned up.

ACCESS PERMIT: After review, the Selectboard approved replacement of an 18” culvert for Nick Blaylock, #45 Lake Road in Winhall; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Town Administrator was working on rural route delivery for the Town Hall. The State mandate for garbage bags “Pay As You Go” was instituted on July 1st. Stark reported the forester who was reviewing the Town Forest (509 acres) was in the second half of tagging trees for logging purposes. RFP’s had gone out for Town auditing purposes.

PAYORDERS: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #6/24/15 & 6/30/15 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

PAYROLL: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #25 & #26 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES: After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of June 17, 2015 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: MOUNTAIN SCHOOL LEASE:

At 7:30 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.* At 7:50 PM, the Selectboard came out of executive session; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* No decisions were rendered.

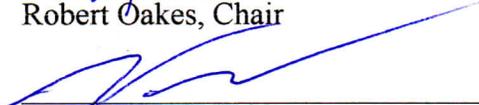
As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by,

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Robert Oakes, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair

Stuart Coleman, Member