

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Bondville, Vermont 05340
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 15, 2015**

PRESENT: Bob Oakes, Bill Schwartz, Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Jeff Whitesell (Police), Trevor Dryden (Roads); Scott Bushee (Facilities) *Stuart Coleman (absent)*

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Laura Gianotti, Fred Hartmann, Andy Gluss, Maryann Morris, Irene & Marty Nadler

CALL TO ORDER: Oakes called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1) *Fred Hartmann* commented that the Highway Department had done a good job widening the traveled way on Capen Road. He asked about a post & rail fence along the right-of-way. He commented on the three (3) trees along Capen Road; a licensed arborist had looked at them and deemed them safe.

2) *Laura Gianotti* came before the Selectboard to discuss the status of the former Town Hall on River Road relative to using it for an art & crafts center; she wanted to use the first floor for the activity. Gianotti asked about painting the interior; she added several individuals were interested in using the second floor for yoga classes as well as a special needs theater group. The Selectboard stated the upstairs was not handicapped accessible, and they had made no decision relative to the future of the Winhall Museum. The Selectboard stated Gianotti could move forward with the first floor. After further review, *Oakes made the motion authorizing \$500 be appropriated to the Recreation Committee for supplies for the art center; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

3) *Maryann Morris*, representing The Collaborative- Supporting Substance Free Youth, came before the Selectboard to comment on health and wellness programs including "Refuse To Use;" steroid, alcohol, cigarette, and prescription drug use; driving, drinking, and drug issues; and working with local law enforcement. Morris commented on what municipalities could do to support their youth, educate their community, and encourage the programs associated with the above; discussion followed about what some other towns were doing relative to alcohol related events.

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT: Whitesell asked about improving a portion of the basement for a workout room; he reported equipment had been donated for that purpose. The Selectboard authorized Whitesell to move forward with the improvements.

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT: Dryden reported the Highway Department would use Whites for winter sand; he had widened Capen Road; and next brought up the possibility of paving a portion of South Road; discussion followed about budgeting for next year. Dryden brought up funds for a future salt shed; discussion followed. Dryden had researched a plow (\$5300), sander (\$5,000), and dump body (Lucky's \$12,630) & (Vassar's \$14,000) for the new 350 truck. Dryden would like to have one company install the dump body, plow, and sander for convenience. He would work on lowering pricing. Conversation followed about paving on Stoney Hill Road.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: Bushee reported the mandated bag rule at the Transfer Station was working smoothly. He did have to explain the new system to some residents and where the money for the bags went; most people assumed it went to the State. Recycling had increased as a result. Electronics were steady. He had ordered a new compactor.

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FACILITIES REPORT:

Police & Town Hall: Bushee reported the burnt out air conditioner with the attachments had been replaced by GSK at not cost; the generators (Bentley) at the Town Hall had been installed; roof repairs were complete on the PD side.

Town Garage: Bushee reported the 22K generator for the Town garage for a cost of \$4,403 had been ordered from Bentley. The well water had been tested and needed to be shocked; discussion followed about purchasing a water softener.

Dryden commented on cleaning up the extensive garbage at the second pit at the end of Kendall Farm Road; he stated it would fill a dumpster. The first pit also had garbage in it.

LOWER TAYLOR HILL: CHAPIN LOTS: FYI: The Town Administrator reported the engineers were working on the Chapin lots located on Lower Taylor Hill Road.

ADMINISTRATIVE: UPDATE: FYI: Discussion followed about hiring an audit company. After review, *Schwartz made the motion to hire Love, Cody & Co. for \$9,000; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence included a letter and information from Jean McIntyre relative to solar; discussion followed about the authority that town selectboards had to establish solar siting standings without going through the town plan process. The Town Administrator would contact the VLCT for more information and the Selectboard would meet with the Planning Commission to discuss the above. Taxes were going up on the Town Forest. The Selectboard received correspondence relative to installing LED street lights which would decrease the yearly electric bill. The Selectboard received a pamphlet about bridge replacement.

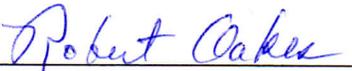
PAYORDERS: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #7/7/15 (approved by email) and #7/15/15 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*

PAYROLL: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #27 & #28 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S): After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of July 1, 2015 as amended and discussed; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by,
Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard


Robert Oakes, Chair


Bill Schwartz, Vice Chair

Stuart Coleman, Member