

**Town of Winhall Selectboard  
Bondville, Vermont 05340  
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 6, 2014**

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**PRESENT:** Bob Oakes, Bill Schwartz, Steve Blanchard, Lissa Stark, Town Administrator, Lucia Wing, Secretary

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Marcel Gisquet (Clerk of the Works), Oliver Olsen, Fred Hartman, Sherie & Roger Judge

**CALL TO ORDER:** Oakes called the regular meeting to order at 4:35 PM at the Town Hall.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1) *Roger & Sherie Judge* came before the Selectboard to comment on Read Road Extension, a Class 4 road; Judge commented that he was the only person living on the road and had maintained it for many years. Currently “Horses For Hire” trail rides used the road on a daily basis and dug it up by riding on the grass versus riding in the road. Judge was asking the Selectboard if they would be interested in throwing up the road and making it a private road; currently the road was a public road which allowed public access. The Selectboard would schedule a site visit and come up with a solution; they would also confer with the Town attorney. Discussion followed about a “pent” or gated road.

2) *Fred Hartman* came before the Selectboard to comment on Town highways specifically and what was allowed in the Town right-of-way; Hartman felt vehicular traffic should remain in the traveled way and not in the right of way. He currently had lawn growing in the Town right of way which his neighbor regularly drove over and ruined the grass. The Selectboard concurred they did allow peaceful use of the Town right of way and did not have the answer about traffic remaining in the traveled way. After further discussion, the Selectboard agreed to contact the Town attorney for his legal advice.

3) *Oliver Olsen* came before the Selectboard to comment that he was running this November as State representative on the republican ticket and asked Winhall to support him. Discussion followed on current affairs such as health care and education.

**POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE: REPORT:** (No report)

**TOWN GARAGE CONTINUED DISCUSSION:**

Gisquet reported he was making progress with the Town garage relative to moving and replacing the tanks; the Town Administrator had sent RFP's to approximately twenty (20) companies; several had responded. The Town Highway crew had cleaned up the area in preparation for tearing down the building; the electrician had fixed the four-bay garage; and Green Mountain Power was on board relative to temporary power while the new garage was being constructed; Gisquet had scheduled a meeting. Gisquet reported on his call to Highland Tank to purchase fuel tanks directly; Highland Tank recommended three companies who could take care of installation of new tanks, removal of old tanks, and storage and removal of potential contamination of soils. Gisquet had contacted them and felt he was now dealing with the right people. He was waiting for prices along with a schedule and further details. Gisquet and the Selectboard talked about potentially grading the fuel tank area, water and drainage concerns, constructing a metal roof over the tank area, and excavation. Gisquet was looking into getting a portable bathroom during construction. Temporary storage had been provided by Dorr.

**HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT:** (No report)

**TRANSFER STATION: REPORT:** (No report)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Oakes asked the Town Administrator about her emailing the Selectboard regarding public complaints, especially prior to Selectboard meetings.
  
- 2) Whiskey Dick's was requesting a memorial party on the lawn, deck and lower patio for Alex Klemchuck on August 10<sup>th</sup>. from 2PM to 5PM. The Selectboard approved.
  
- 3) The Selectboard reviewed the Weaver letter relative to replacing the culvert on French Hollow Road and recent flooding during a rainstorm which undermined concrete efforts. The Selectboard agreed the Town was not responsible for the damage; Stark would contact Weaver directly.

**OLD BUSINESS: TOLLGATE ROAD:**

The Selectboard agreed to contact the Town attorney for legal advice relative to the State's request to take over maintenance of Tollgate Road.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- 1) No financial report
- 2) The Selectboard approved an Access Permit for the entrance to Strattonwald; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.***
- 3) The Selectboard approved two E & O Certificates one for a house sold in Ravenwood; the second a land correction; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.***
- 4) The Selectboard approved and signed the letter to Stone's Lodge relative to cleaning up the debris caused by the recent fire.
- 5) The Selectboard signed the contract for Marcel Gisquet as Clerk of the Works on the Town garage project; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***
- 6) After review, the Selectboard approved and signed the employee wage increase document effective July 1<sup>st</sup>; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.***
- 7) Stark asked the Selectboard if they would like to reinstitute the Safety Committee; she reported a grant for \$10,000 was available for a number of safety items like back-up cameras. Discussion followed. The Selectboard agreed to have Stark go ahead.

**PAYORDERS:**

After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #3 as presented; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.***

**PAYROLL:**

After review, the Selectboard approved payroll #27, #28, #29 & #30 as presented; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.***

**APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):**

After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of July 16 as amended and July 31 and August 1, 2014 as presented; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

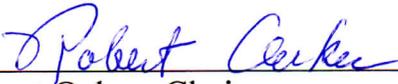
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:35 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss contracts (Chapin property) and a personnel matter; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** At 7:05 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*** Out of executive session the Selectboard voted to list the two lots for \$175,000; ***motion by Schwarz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.***

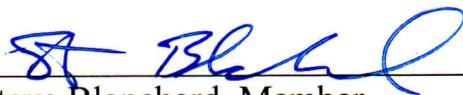
**CORRESPONDENCE:** (None)

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

Lucia Wing, Secretary  
Winhall Selectboard

  
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Robert Oakes, Chair

  
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Bill Schwartz, Vice-Chair

  
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Steve Blanchard, Member