

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Winhall, Vermont
“Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 7, 2013”**

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

ABSENT: Randy Kimball (Roads), Barbara Ferguson (Buildings), Steve Blanchard (SB)

IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Glabach (Health Officer), Marcel Gisquet

CALL TO ORDER: Oakes called the Selectboard meeting to order at 4:32 PM at the Town Hall, #115 Vermont Route 30.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT:

Glabach reported the Golden Triangle residence had cleaned up their septic area; Stone’s Lodge/Fat Spy Restaurant had cleaned up the garbage in the back; and Whiskey Dick’s (former Outback Restaurant) were parking cars over their septic system. Glabach would advise them as to where to park.

POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE REPORT:

1) Next Chief Whitesell and the Selectboard discussed the Winhall Police Report for July including traffic tickets and warnings; animal control issues; false alarms; property watch; medical assists, and law incidents in and around Winhall and Stratton and the surrounding neighborhoods; Whitesell stated no burglaries this month but several 911 hang ups. Whitesell reported that Stone’s Lodge/Fat Spy was making a big effort to cooperate with the Town; the owners planned to be there full time.

2) After review, the Selectboard signed the Agreement between the Town and the State Department of Justice & Treasury; *motion by Schwartz authorizing Bob Oakes to sign; unanimous.*

3) Whitesell reported that Josh Epstein was out of the Task Force as of September 1st and would be working for the Winhall Police Department full time. He reported the police cruiser was in and ready for detail; Whitesell planned to get the speed cart detailed as well.

4) From a safety perspective, Oakes was concerned about the steep drop off on both sides of newly paved Winhall Hollow Road; Whitesell would get some signage warning both vehicles and pedestrians. Fuller Paving would return to fix the shoulders at a later date. Whitesell reported that Scott Legacy (new hire) had started at the police academy.

5) Oakes reported that he observed several ATV’s and go-carts being driven by kids at excessive speeds in the High Meadow subdivision; Whitesell responded the roads in High Meadow were a public highway- ATV’s and go-carts were illegal. Schwartz questioned the services agreement between the Winhall Police Department and Stratton Corporation re: police services on the mountain.

VERMONT HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS:

The Town Administrator updated the Selectboard re: health care. The Selectboard discussed several options; the Town Administrator would keep the Selectboard updated along with insurance representative, Peg Lochner.

COST OF LIVING INDEX:

The Selectboard tabled discussion on cost of living and wage raises for Town employees until Steve Blanchard returned from vacation.

CULVERTS: FRENCH HOLLOW ROAD:

After review, the Selectboard approved and signed the contract for culvert replacement on French Hollow Road; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

GISQUET: TOWN HALL PAVING:

Gisquet reported that paving the Town Hall parking lot would start in a few days; they had to complete grading and some other work first. Gisquet and the Selectboard discussed where to put the handicap parking spaces. Gisquet and the Selectboard briefly discussed the Snow Valley project Act 250 Hearing on August 6th. They also talked about finalizing the punch list at the Town Hall along with air conditioning units and future generator; applying for a grant for the generator was also discussed.

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT:

After review, the Selectboard approved access/right of way permits for Carella, #4 Round Tree Road; for Vacoven, #102 Benson Fuller Drive (for excavation work in the Town right of way), and for Gomolka, #33 Aspen Lane; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE REPORT: (No report)

NEW BUSINESS:

Oakes asked the Town Administrator to contact Dauchy/Creamer, Surveyors to come and replace a boundary line pin at the Mountain School.

WINHALL MUSEUM REPORT:

Schwartz reported he had contacted a State historical representative asking for advice about moving Winhall Museum items to space(s) in the new town hall; discussion followed.

ERRORS & OMISSIONS REPORT:

The Selectboard approved the errors & omissions report re: Diana & William Mackinnon for a change of assessment; motion by Oakes; *seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

The Town Administrator reported that Barbara Little had resigned her long time position as “keeper” of the Winhall Museum; Vicki Hughes was resigning her position as Town Clerk assistant effective immediately. The Town Administrator was scheduling a special meeting on August 27th with the Town Treasurer and Selectboard to discuss Town finances. The Town Administrator updated the Selectboard that the Mountain School owed the Town for the last two quarters. They responded there

had been a mix up in the mail. Stark had also contacted Green Mountain Power to changeover the bill from the Town to the Mountain School.

PAYORDER(S):

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

PAYROLL:

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

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of July 17, 2013 as amended; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter to Woodbridge Farm from Vermont DEC re: wastewater system
- The Catamount Newsletter

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by,

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Robert Oakes, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair

Steve Blanchard, Member