

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 20, 2014

PRESENT: Bob Oakes, Bill Schwartz, Steve Blanchard, Lissa Stark, Town Administrator; Lucia Wing, Secretary; Jeff Whitesell (Police); Trevor Dryden (Highway), Scott Bushee (Facilities)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Marcel Gisquet (Clerk of the Works), Fred Hartmann, Roger & Sherie Judge

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1) *Fred Hartmann* commented that the police department had acted in a professional capacity relative to his issue concerning Capen Road. Next the Selectboard reviewed the letter from Jeremy Dworkin relative to Dorothy Capen's concerns re: Capen Road, the Town right of way, and the travelled way. The Selectboard agreed to write a letter asking Hartmann to remove the white buckets from the Town right of way and a letter to Jeremy Dworkin acknowledging receipt of his letter re: Capen's concerns.

2) *Roger & Sherie Judge* came before the Selectboard to see if they had come to any conclusions relative to Read Road Extension. Judge reported Horses For Hire was now aware of not riding on their grass and tearing it up. The Selectboard had contacted the Town attorney; he suggested the Selectboard write a letter to Horses For Hire first, then consider creating an ordinance; discussion followed relative to throwing up the road and reaching out to the Town of Peru. The Selectboard agreed to have the Town attorney write the letter to Horses For Hire; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.***

POLICE/RESCUE REPORT:

Chief Whitesell submitted the police activity report for July including traffic tickets and warnings, false alarms, property watch, animal control problems, medical assists, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Resort area. Whitesell reported two burglaries had been attempted in Winhall; firearms training was scheduled at the end of Kendall Farm Road; Whitesell would notify Richard & Sonia Myer living at the end of Kendall Farm Road; the cruiser was mostly ready; and CPR and First Aid training had been offered at the school by Officer Gould- a thank you letter from Trish Stanley, headmistress had followed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:00 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss police personnel matters; ***motion by Blanchard; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*** At 5:20 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.*** Out of executive session the Selectboard agreed to have Chief Whitesell begin advertising for a new officer.

TOWN GARAGE: CONTINUED DISCUSSION:

Gisquet reported TAM was ready to tear down the garage on 8/21/14; all the electric, etc. had been disconnected. Gisquet had worked on site plans with the engineer; he reported he had met with excavators Lawrence Grant, Hunter Excavating, Wesley Ameden, and Chaves; they would submit bids for the excavation work. He reported most of the tanks were empty except for the diesel. He reported the WPD had made arrangements to get fuel from Seven Eleven. The quote for moving and replacing the fuel tanks was \$48,800; the cost did not include the potential of finding any contaminated soil. After review, the Selectboard authorized Gisquet to sign the contracts with the tank company; ***motion***

by Schwartz; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous. Gisquet reported Cotton Design had emailed Gisquet about insurance matters including builders' risk and bid bonding, sheet rock and insulation details; discussion followed. A contractor "bid meeting" was scheduled for 8/22/14 at the Town garage. Discussion followed relative to contractors picking up plans.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT:

Gisquet asked for a resolution from the Selectboard approving an application for a municipal planning grant for \$8,000- \$12,000 (no Town matching funds up to \$8,000) for help from the Windham Regional Commission re: zoning changes in Winhall; *Schwartz made the motion to approve; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.*

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT:

Dryden reported that Flood Brook School was requesting use of South Road for its school bus route; the Selectboard agreed. Dryden reported there were wash outs on the Access Road; maintenance was Stratton Resort's responsibility. Dryden reported the State line stripers were in the vicinity and would get to Winhall in approximately two weeks. Chandolin Road off Bromley Woods needed gravel; the Selectboard approved. However in further discussion the Selectboard would consider throwing up that road as well as Read Road Extension. Dryden reported Ameden Road was narrow and difficult to maintain with continued water problems; discussion followed. The Selectboard and Dryden talked about servicing the 08' grader. Next the Selectboard and Dryden discussed the salt contract with Carghill; Carghill had increased the cost per ton considerably. The Selectboard asked Dryden to contact American which was cheaper, but they did not offer a fixed price per ton. Dryden reported on the progress on the culvert on French Hollow Road. There was no information on the new trucks. The small dump truck was working well. The welder had shown up. Dryden reported that plastic culverts were deteriorating on roads in Town.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT:

Bushee reported he had moved the fence for excavation work on the Town garage; the portable bathroom was on site; and the old plow was crunched in the metal container. Bushee talked about fencing at the gable end of the new garage as problematic for the Transfer Station container. Electronics was booming.

FACILITIES REPORT:

Library: Bushee reported on the RFP for replacing the siding at the Library; it would go out to bid. Bushee reported on the progress of the Library steps and cutting trees; discussion followed about looking into precast steps.

Fire Station: Bushee reported he had ordered a new boot for the Fire House; he had met with Gary re: water samples from the Town garage and fire station.

School: The school had submitted a list of repairs to include even out bark mulch; make sure everything was safe with the playground equipment; clean the brick, rock and debris around the grates; fix broken trim and doors that needed it; and repairs to the fields- discussion followed. Bushee had completed most tasks.

Town Hall: Bushee reported Sparky would provide a new trim kit at the Town Hall.

Cemeteries: Oakes commented that Mark Shea had done a great job on the stones on South Road, but the grounds still needed work. Oakes commented that some brush and a tree needed removal. The

Selectboard would put money in the budget for the following year. Shea would move forward with work at the cemetery at Lampson's Turn.

OLD BUSINESS: CHAPIN LAND:

Schwartz and Stark had worked on the listing for the Chapin lots including compiling deeds, grand list assessment, survey, and septic information.

NEW BUSINESS:

A house on Snowflake Lane had needed a replacement septic system; the owners had hired Chris Heinz who would apply for a wastewater permit from the State.

ADMINISTRATIVE: REPORT:

- 1) No financials to review.
- 2) Stark reported the Mountain School was requesting an October 18th "fun run" with barbeque events at the Winhall Library. Discussion followed about hosting the barbeque at the school. The Selectboard approved their event; Stark would write a letter to the school.
- 3) After review, the Selectboard signed the letter from Favor re: audit

PAYORDERS: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #4 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

PAYROLL: After review, the Selectboard approved payroll #31, 32, 33 34 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

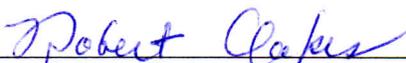
APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES: After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of August 6, 2014 as revised; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

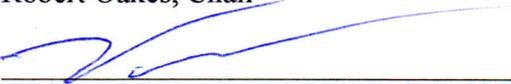
At 7:30 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss employee matters; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 8:00 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

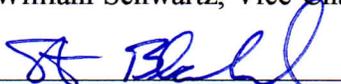
Lucia Wing, Secretary
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Robert Oakes, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Steve Blanchard, Member