

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 17, 2014

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Fred Hartmann, Dave Glabach (Health Officer)

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *Fred Hartmann* came before the Selectboard to discuss his letter concerning ongoing issues on Capen Road.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT: Glabach reported he was aware that a resident on Stratton Mountain had complained about an individual dumping sewer into the existing lake at the golf course; discussion followed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 4:40 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to interview a candidate for the position of WPD police officer and to open bids for the Town garage; ***motion by Blanchard; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.*** At 5:30 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.*** Out of executive session no decision was rendered relative to hiring a new police officer. After review of the four (4) bids submitted, the Selectboard agreed not to award the Town garage contract and decided to pursue further discussion with VMS who was the low bidder. Stark would inform the other bidders that all bids were higher than anticipated, and no contract had been awarded.

POLICE/RESCUE REPORT: (No report)

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT:

1) Dryden reported work was still required at the new fuel tank area. He reported more gravel was needed. Dryden would discuss the fuel tank project with the Clerk of the Works once he returned from vacation.

2) Next Dryden and the Selectboard discussed the possibility of purchasing a front mounted self-contained mower which could be installed on the bucket loader; it would be less money than buying a new mower. Dryden would pursue it further and get some prices.

3) Dryden reported he had hired Lafayette to install the new Town signs along Route 30; the police would provide traffic control. Dryden asked about an ordinance and placement relative to outside mailboxes; the post office provided the specs for mailboxes. Dryden reported the French Hollow culvert replacement project would be finished by the end of the week. The recently hired highway crew member, Ken Chase, was working out well. Dryden commented that he, Ken Chase, and Avison were inspecting the new Town trucks tomorrow. Dryden and his crew were grading a number of Town roads. Next Dryden and the Selectboard discussed salt fees; Dryden recommended buying salt from Cargil.

4) After review, the Selectboard approved access permits with conditions and culverts approved by the Highway Foreman for #16 Highwood Road; #217 Winhall Hollow Road; #35 Glendon Hills Road; #48 Cranberry Hill Road; and #144 High Meadow Road.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT:

Bushee suggested the Town should consider selling the clean fill excavated from the Town garage site to local residents; 2000 yards of dirt had been removed; discussion followed about selling the fill cheaply or just giving it away. Bushee reported that November 1, 2014 was scheduled for Hazard Waste Day. All the temporary fencing was up. He was rearranging some of the boxes at the Transfer Station for easier access. At this juncture he was not sure how the traffic flow at the Transfer Station would be impacted by the new Town garage building.

FACILITIES REPORT:

Library: Bushee reported he had not received any bids on the Library siding project; he would contact other contractors in the area.

Fire Station: None

School: Bushee reported the water fountain at the school which continuously froze in the winter was now in complete disrepair; to replace it cost approximately \$1,000; Bushee would get another estimate. He also reported on water tested at the Town garage facility; the water test came back good.

OLD BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS: (None)

ADMINISTRATIVE: REPORT:

- 1) No financials to review.
- 2) No E & O Certificates to review.

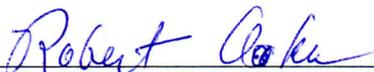
PAYORDERS: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #6 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

PAYROLL: (No payroll)

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES: After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of August 29 and September 3, 2014 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

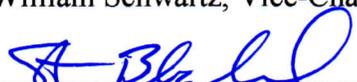
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