

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Winhall, Vermont
"Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 2, 2013"**

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

ABSENT: Randy Kimball (Roads), Barbara Ferguson (Buildings)

IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Glabach (Health Officer), Robert Crabtree, Marcel Gisquet, Bob Maisey

CALL TO ORDER: Oakes called the Selectboard meeting to order at 4:35 PM at the Town Hall, #115 Vermont Route 30.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Crabtree came before the Selectboard to talk about access onto Kendall Farm Road for his all-terrain vehicles; Crabtree lived on Rocky Dell Road off Kendall Farm Road and was asking permission to ride his all-terrain vehicles down Kendall Farm Road (about 1 mile) to the end where he could hook up to the sand pits rather than load them onto a trailer. Whitesell stated it was illegal to drive uninsured, unregistered vehicles on Town roads and suggested that Crabtree contact the private landowners along Kendall Farm and ask for permission to ride on their land; Crabtree stated he would consider that. After discussion, the Selectboard agreed they did not feel comfortable giving their permission as it could set a precedent for others to misuse the privilege.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT:

Glabach reported he wanted to replace a damaged culvert on Winhall Hollow Road. Did he need an access permit? Discussion followed. The Selectboard agreed that Glabach would have to fill out an application for a permit; the Selectboard would not charge him a fee. Next Glabach discussed crossing the Access Road at the intersection with North Branch Road with septic lines to connect to the sewer treatment center for a property on North Branch Road; discussion followed about getting an easement to proceed. The Selectboard thought the easement and resulting sewer hookup would most likely be up to the Winhall/Stratton Fire District. They suggested Glabach contact them.

PARK & RIDE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT & PAVING: UPDATE:

Marcel Gisquet reported that any signs referring to "park & ride" would be installed by the State; handicapped parking signs would be installed by the Town. Gisquet reported the State would issue the final curb cut permit. Paving had been completed several weeks ago. Discussion followed about hydro-seeding the area; the Selectboard agreed to proceed. The Selectboard questioned Gisquet about the curb; Gisquet explained that it was originally instituted to help with traffic flow; however it was clear that winter plowing preempted moving forward with the curb. Gisquet suggested stone in the back for the Casella trucks to drive on to remove the dumpster. Blanchard suggested a structural mat which was equally as good as stone. After further discussion, Oakes suggested the Selectboard along with Gisquet meet on Tuesday, October 8th at 5:00 PM to review the access permit process.

POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE REPORT:

1) Next Chief Whitesell and the Selectboard discussed the Winhall Police & Rescue Report for September including traffic tickets and warnings; animal control problems; false alarms; property watch; medical assists, and law incidents in and around Winhall and Stratton and the surrounding

neighborhoods. Whitesell stated the new report titled "Incident Analysis Report" was way more detailed than the old one and depicted graphs along with detailed categorical information.

2) Stark reported Stratton Corporation had paid the Winhall Police Services Agreement.

3) Whitesell and the Selectboard discussed speed limit signage for several residential areas in Winhall including Strattonwald. The Selectboard recommended lowering speed limits from 30 mph to 25 mph in some areas. Discussion followed. The Selectboard would investigate further.

4) Next the Selectboard discussed the dog issues at the snowmaking pond off Kendall Farm Road as reported by Pat Salo, Animal Control Officer. Schwartz felt that any issues, including animal issues, were the responsibility of Stratton Corporation who was the landowner. Blanchard would contact Sky Foulkes and discuss recreational uses at the pond.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:45 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters; *motion by Blanchard; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.* At 6:35 PM, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* No decisions were rendered.

CULVERT: FRENCH HOLLOW ROAD: UPDATE:

Stark updated the Selectboard relative to the French Hollow culvert replacement project. She reported that most of the wing walls had been constructed; the remainder would be constructed in the next week. She reported Mathew Beck, Beck Engineering had applied for an extension for the project until October 15th. October 1st was the deadline to get out of the water. The road should be passable thru traffic by October 15th. The Selectboard would ask Beck to attend the next Selectboard meeting and report on the project's progress as well as its finances.

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT:

1) After review, the Selectboard approved final access permits for: Winhall Partners, #9 Falling Leaf Road in Ravenwood- *Bob Maisey* had come before the Selectboard and submitted the signed permit. H. Blake & Katherine Ives, #16 Loop Road for Lots 5 & 6 in Vermont Ventures for a curb cut; Audra Campbell, #27 Black Cherry Ridge for an AT & T cell tower road; Edward Jesser, #523 Winhall Hollow for a new driveway; Darlene & Ernie Palola, #101 Upper Taylor Hill Road for a curb cut; and John Vacovec, #102 Benson Fuller Road; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

2) The Selectboard discussed paving Benson Fuller Road as a result of letters written by homeowners. The Selectboard felt lowering the speed limit with signage was a better remedy.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: No report

BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE REPORT: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

Stark reported she had met with the Windham Regional Commission who had offered to help with Winhall village center designation concepts and ideas. The Selectboard questioned what the restrictions might be? Discussion followed about village designation delineation lines. They authorized Stark to continue to gather more information.

NEW BUSINESS: EMPLOYEE NOTICE OF HEALTH INSURANCE:

Stark reported she had sent a notice to all Winhall employees as of 10/1/13 informing them that the State of Vermont and the Federal government had implemented mandatory changes to the health care system through its Affordable Care Act. Stark had assured employees that the Town would continue to offer health insurance; the goal was to make a smooth transition with minimal changes. Discussion followed. At this juncture there were more questions than answers. Stark would keep the Selectboard updated.

TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Schwartz, who was duly authorized by the Selectboard, had signed a check in the amount of \$22,025.00 for a grant reimbursement. Stark commented that the Fire Department was signed up with Comcast in the amount of \$178.26 per month for internet, phone, and television. After discussion, the Selectboard agreed that the Town would pay for the internet and phone service but not for television service: *motion by Oakes; seconded by Blanchard; unanimous.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:35 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 8:15 PM the Selectboard voted come out of executive session; *motion by Blanchard; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* Out of executive session, the Selectboard agreed to give Winhall employees Thanksgiving gift certificates in the amount of \$50.00 in lieu of turkeys and hams; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

PAYORDER(S):

After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #7 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

PAYROLL: No payroll

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

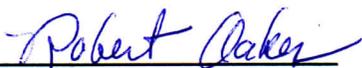
After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of September 18, 2013 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Benson Fuller Drive letter
- VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation Wastewater Letters

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 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