

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Bondville, Vermont 05340
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 4, 2015**

PRESENT: Bob Oakes, Bill Schwartz, Stuart Coleman, Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Jeff Whitesell (Police); Trevor Dryden (Roads)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Evarts (Landgrove), Marcel Gisquet

CALL TO ORDER: Oakes called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & DISCUSSION:

Jerry Evarts, Select Board member from Landgrove, came before the Selectboard to discuss the possibility of having the Winhall Police Department patrol their roads (approx. 15 miles of dirt) relative to traffic control and enforcement. Evarts explained speeding was a real problem in their Town. The Town of Landgrove would be willing to pay a flat fee to the Police Dept. for their involvement. The Selectboard had no real problem with the WPD patrolling Landgrove provided Winhall had full police coverage. Landgrove would like to start in December after a contract had been negotiated and agreed to by all parties; discussion followed about implementing speed signage.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:30 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.* At 5:45 PM the Selectboard came out of executive session; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.* Out of executive session, *Coleman made the motion to enter into an agreement with the Town of Landgrove for \$10,000 worth of Winhall police traffic control and enforcement or up to a year at which point the contract would be reviewed; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* The Selectboard authorized Whitesell to follow thru with the paperwork.

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

Whitesell and the Selectboard discussed the police report for October including traffic tickets and warnings, animal control issues, property watch, false alarms, medical assists, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain Resort. Whitesell submitted a letter from a citizen who had been stopped for a DWI thanking the WPD for their expert handling of his arrest. Whitesell reported Police Officer Derrick Tienken had been selected by the State to attend a Drug Evaluation & Classification Program; the State would cover the cost.

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT:

1) Dryden reported the Ford Expedition police vehicle which currently had 107,000 miles, was ready to be sold or traded to potentially purchase a vehicle to be shared between the Police and the Highway Department. The Selectboard liked the idea. Whitesell would submit some prices for new vehicles; discussion followed. Dryden reported the open house at the Town Garage was well attended; the Todd Hill culvert project was complete and the road paved; and the crew was finalizing fall projects before winter. Dryden had attended supervisor training on how to handle your employees. Homestead had submitted a proposal for sidewalk snow removal in Bondville. The Selectboard would put the project out to bid and include the bridge. Oakes asked Dryden to come up with a proposal for an added piece of highway equipment and present it at the budget hearing. Dryden reported the 4-bay garage needed repair work; there was water damage; the Selectboard would schedule a site visit to assess the situation. Dryden brought up the question of a new salt shed at the Town garage; discussion followed about consulting with an engineer. Stark updated the Selectboard on the status of the new 550 plow truck.

2) Oakes reported there was some concern regarding the narrowing of the Winhall River after Hurricane Irene along River Road. The Agency of Natural Resources, Industrial Society, and others would like to see the Winhall River widened again including stabilizing a steep bank on the River Road side; discussion followed about funding the project through State grants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:20 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Oakes; unanimous*. At 6:45 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous*. Out of executive session, the Selectboard agreed to authorize Stuart Coleman to begin conversation with John Spencer relative to putting solar on the roof of the 4-bay garage; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous*.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Marcel Gisquet came before the Selectboard to talk about the status of the Winhall Highway Policy document which had not yet been approved by the Selectboard; discussion followed. The Selectboard would like to review the document first before approving it. Gisquet commented that Wing had prepared a vendor ordinance draft which she would email to the Selectboard for their review; discussion followed. He updated the Selectboard relative to the Winhall Town Plan. The Planning Commission had made some changes to the Plan relative to the proposed commercial zone expansion; in addition they were currently working on a renewable energy resource section with an emphasis on solar; discussion followed about the importance of towns adopting siting standards in their town plans. Wing would email the Selectboard the current Town Plan changes and would email them the solar section once it had been written. The Planning Commission wanted to start the process to amend the Town Plan as soon as possible.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

ADMINISTRATIVE: UPDATE:

Stark reported she had been in contact with the various departments regarding the upcoming budget hearing. She reported she was working on a financial management policy which would be advantageous to the Town. Stark also suggested coming up with a policy for the former Town Hall regarding use; discussion followed.

TOWN GARAGE UPDATE:

Gisquet reported that two items at the Town garage were still outstanding: 1) a minor leak in one of the outside faucets and 2) locks. Both items would be resolved quickly. Gisquet wanted to close out the contract with VMS and pay them.

PAYORDERS:

After review, the Selectboard approved payorder(s) #10/13/15 & 10/29/15 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Coleman; unanimous*.

PAYROLL: (No payroll)

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of October 20 & 21, 2015 as amended; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Coleman; unanimous*.

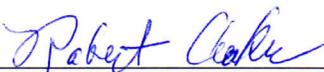
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:30 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** At 7:50 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*** No decisions were rendered.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM; ***motion by Oakes; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.***

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by,

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Robert Oakes, Chair



Bill Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Stuart Coleman, Member