

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Bondville, Vermont 05340
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, December 2, 2015**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Glabach, Jack Schwartz, Sandy Mackinnon

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS & DISCUSSION:

1) *Dave Glabach* commented he had observed that the road crew did not get out early enough to sand Town roads during the recent ice storm, especially the Strattonwald area. Dryden responded the crew started sanding around 5AM; Glabach was asking for an earlier start. Dryden suggested that he and Glabach drive around to see what could be improved.

2) *Jack Schwartz* commented that the stone wall behind the soccer field and on his property was missing a pin. He observed garbage and other debris along with a teepee and cut trees on his land. He was asking for the pin to be returned or he would have to post a "no trespassing sign" which he really did not want to do. The Selectboard agreed to find and replace the pin.

3) *Sandy Mackinnon* came before the Selectboard to discuss the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Joe Morein had recently resigned from the Board. Wing had posted an ad in the Vermont News Guide as required by the personnel policy. Robert McIntyre, a resident in Winhall, had expressed interested in serving on the ZBA and had attended a meeting. After further review, ***Coleman made the motion to appoint Robert McIntyre to the Zoning Board of Adjustment; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** Wing would notify McIntyre. Mackinnon also commented on the maintenance of Todd Hill Road during the recent ice storm.

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT: The police report for November was tabled until the next meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: PROPOSED BUDGET 16/17 EXPENSES:

Chief Whitesell proposed his budget for the 16/17 fiscal year. **Expenses:** *Animal Control* @\$4,000 the same; *Police Reserved Fund* @ \$40,000; *Police & rescue personnel- wages* increased with the proposal of another police officer; discussion followed; the Selectboard wanted to discuss it more before making a decision. *Administrative support*; *Court time* the same; *gas & oil* the same; *highway safety & education* (grants offset expenditures); *information systems*- same; *canine* at \$0; *medical expense* at \$0; *mileage reimbursement* the same; *office equipment replacement* the same. *WPD rescue training*- increased by \$500; *postage*- same; *prisoner transport* same; *radar equipment certification* same; *radios and pagers* all working; *repair & maintenance- cruisers* increased to \$9,800. *Rescue supplies & equipment* @ \$14,500 for updated cardiac equipment. *Snowmobile safety & education* the (grant offset); *supplies & other expenses* increased to \$15,800; *telephone* same @ \$8,500; *uniforms & equipment* decreased to \$10,000. *Vehicle purchase* leave in the line item. *Video equipment replacement* at \$0. Whitesell and the Selectboard discussed *dispatch services*.

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT:

Dryden and the Selectboard discussed scheduling start times during storms. Dryden reported he was concerned about the pond on Deer Run Road in Strattonwald overflowing onto the Town road; discussion followed. Oakes suggested adding a section in the Winhall Highway Policy addressing drainage & water

overflow issues. There was new signage at the beginning of Lower Taylor Hill Road in hopes to deter vehicles from entering. Oakes suggested adding a "No Outlet" sign as well. Dryden reported the new 550 truck was in; the Selectboard would sell the old one with a plow, sander, and tires; discussion followed about what price to ask. Coleman would look into it. Dryden reported that if Winhall purchased a roadside mower, Peru was interested in leasing it which could offset expenses. The Selectboard discussed the proposal for a radio tower. Next the Selectboard discussed the roof on the 4-bay which leaked. Coleman had met with Dennis Roy; they agreed there was little or no insulation in the structure; lowering the heat would help the leaking. Dryden and the Selectboard discussed the condition of Winhall Hollow Road; cost to pave it would be approx. \$400,000. A suggestion was to split paving the road over two years to stay within the budget. Discussion followed about the condition of the bridge near John Spencer's house; Coleman and Dryden would take a look. Dryden commented Raspberry Hill Road did not need paving improvement this year. The new Town garage parking area should be paved. Dryden reported he had reviewed some plans for a salt shed; discussion followed. Dryden and Bushee would double check anything else needed for the new Town garage.

LOWER TAYLOR HILL BRIDGE:

FYI: Coleman reported he had met with a private contractor who stated a pre-cast, metal replacement bridge could cost as low as \$300,000; discussion followed about State requirements for length of bridge and width of river. Coleman suggested creating a bridge reserve fund.

CEMETERIES: The Selectboard discussed creating a Cemetery Policy for the Town of Winhall; discussion followed.

WINHALL TAX SALES:

Next the Selectboard reviewed properties in Winhall to be considered for tax sales. After further review, *Oakes made the motion authorizing the Town Treasurer to move forward with all the tax sales she suggested; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

WINHALL RECREATION COMMITTEE:

After review, *the Selectboard appointed Debbie Peretz, Dean Gianotti, Jodi Morrison, and Megan Szkutak to the Winhall Recreation Committee; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

BUDGET ITEMS: The Selectboard discussed budget items which could either be reduced or eliminated altogether including sidewalks, paving, and funds for municipal buildings.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

ADMINISTRATIVE: UPDATE: (No update)

PAYORDERS: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder(s) #12/2/15 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

PAYROLL: After review, the Selectboard approved payroll #47 & #48 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S): The Selectboard tabled the meeting minutes of November 18, 2015.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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