

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 3, 2023

PRESENT: Stuart Coleman; Bill Schwartz; Julie Isaacs; Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Lucia Wing (Secretary); Derrick Tienken (Police); Beth Grant (Town Clerk); Al Bilka (Ass. Town Clerk)

ALSO: Gregory Jay, Mijung Jay

CALL TO ORDER: Coleman opened the Selectboard meeting at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall in Bondville.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gregory Jay, #46 Deep Woods Road, came before the Selectboard to discuss: 1) rocks moved by the Highway Dept. in the cul-de-sac to allow for winter plowing; 2) the three (3) culverts located under Deep Woods Road; and 3) the hairpin turn located above Jay's house. Jay was requesting the Highway Dept. move one of the smaller rocks back onto his property in its original location to allow for a septic ROW; unblock the larger culvert as a result of a fallen tree to improve water flow; and install guard rails along the hairpin turn for safety purposes. Coleman responded that he and the Highway Foreman would review all three sites and get back to Jay with possible solutions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief and the Selectboard reviewed the police report for December to include: Traffic tickets & warnings; animal control matters; property watch; alarm calls; DUI's; and agency, motor & medical assists in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain Resort. Chief submitted the yearly 2023 arrest summary report up 33% from the previous year; discussion followed. In total, there were 3,502 calls- up from the prior year. The new Chevy Tahoe had been delivered and was getting outfitted; the highway safety campaign was underway; and additional speed carts were planned.

ACCESS PERMITS: (None)

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD: (No Report)

24/25 TOWN BUDGET APPROVAL:

Department heads had met with the Selectboard on Saturday, 12/16/23 to discuss their proposed budgets. After review, *Schwartz made the motion to approve the 24/25 Town budget as discussed, amended, and presented; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

TOWN WEBSITE UPDATE:

Al Bilka brought up the current status of the Town website. The Selectboard reviewed the timeline for Revize to complete the Town website as approximately (24) weeks.

BENSON FULLER INTERSECTION UPDATE: (No Report)

TOWN PLAN AMENDMENT:

The Planning Commission had conducted a Public Hearing on 12/19/23 which it was resolved to deliver the proposed Town Plan Amendment to the Selectboard for their adoption process.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING/WASTEWATER UPDATE:

The Town Plan would be amended to add a Village Center section per the Windham Regional Commission. The amendment would enable the Town to apply for Village Center Designation and be eligible for additional grants.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS:

After discussion, the Selectboard tabled awarding the Short Term Rental Contract to manage short-term rentals in Winhall. They also tabled writing an RFP to hire a STR Administrator until they had reviewed the STR Ordinance currently under VLCT legal review; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** Discussion followed relative to the STR Administrator position.

TOWN CLERK UPDATE:

The Town Clerk reminded the Selectboard that a BCA meeting was scheduled for 2/29/24 at 8AM at the Town Hall. She also asked to see the Town Report ahead of time; the Board had decided that it would be dedicated to Kate Coleman and Jerry Driscoll.

APPROVE TOWN MEETING WARNING/ARTICLES:

After review, the Selectboard preliminarily approved the Town Meeting Warning/Articles provided there were no subsequent petitions filed; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

POLICIES & PROCEDURES: On hold: Alarm Ordinance.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of 12/6/23 & 12/20/23 as presented; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** The minutes of 12/16/23 were tabled until the following meeting.

WARRANTS:

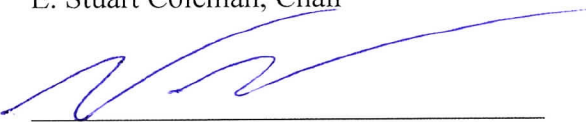
After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 1/3/24 as presented; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

Lucia Wing, Secretary,
Winhall Selectboard



E. Stuart Coleman, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member