

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 5, 2022

PRESENT: Stuart Coleman; Julie Isaacs; Bill Schwartz; Lissa Stark, (Town Administrator); Lucia Wing (Secretary), Chief Tienken (Police)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Cynthia Gubb, Bill Drunsic, Bob Oakes, Fred Schwacke

CALL TO ORDER: Coleman opened the meeting at 5:00 PM at the Town Hall in Bondville.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

NORTHSHIRE COMMUNITY FIELD HOUSE PRESENTATION

Cynthia Gubb and Bill Drunsic, representing the Right Track Foundation, came before the Selectboard to present the proposed 14 million-dollar, 74,400 sq. ft. Northshire Community Field House project located on 1.2 acres on lands of the Manchester Center Recreation facility. When completed, the premier, one-of-a-kind Field House would meet the needs of residents in southern Vermont communities while making the region a truly four-season recreation destination. According to Gubb, the new facility would be a year-round operation, open 7-days per week and accessible to a variety of fitness activity for all age groups- seniors to toddlers. Memberships would be very affordable for residents of towns participating in the capital cost to build the facility. After outlining projected income and expenses as well as discussion of local town contributions, Gubb went on to say the oversight board would like to have the Town of Winhall warn an advisory vote- Article for Town Meeting to get a sense of the Town's reaction to the project. After further review *Isaacs made the motion to add the Article to Town Meeting on 3/1/22; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Tienken and the Selectboard reviewed the police report for December to include traffic tickets and warnings; agency assists; alarms; animal control problems; property watch, and citizen & medical assists in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mt. Resort. Chief reported there were multiple vehicle stops and other disturbances during the Holiday period; the (2) new snowmobiles and one (1) new trailer were arriving in January for winter use; Officer Corey Revett would be returning to duty in May after his deployment overseas; the police department was covered in the meantime; the 2022/23 budget was finalized.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: REPORT:

FYI: Benson Fuller intersection discussion.

ACCESS PERMITS: (None)

FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

SHORT-TERM RENTALS:

FYI: The Planning Commission would begin work on short-term rentals relative to the zoning ordinance.

COMMUNITY CENTER & HEALTH UPDATE:

FYI: status quo

COMMUNITY UNION DISTRICT:

Fred Schwacke came before the Selectboard to update them relative to broadband and improved internet in Winhall; discussion followed about conducting a survey amongst the townspeople; inviting broadband experts to a meeting for more information; AARPA funding; and other. The Selectboard asked Schwacke to come up

with a survey; he agreed. The Selectboard also discussed space available above the Town Garage for the above objective.

TOWN MEETING:

After discussion the Selectboard agreed to hold Town Meeting in-person at the Mountain School on March 1, 2022; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; passed (Isaacs against)*. The Selectboard also agreed to add the Industrial Society’ request for an appropriation to the list of current budgeted appropriations; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous*. After discussion, the Selectboard agreed that Northshire Day School’s request for a \$13,000 appropriation be handled by the Winhall School Board.

TOWN REPORT:

The Town Administrator reported she would be submitting the Town Report to the printer the following week; discussion followed about enlarging the Report for the following year. After further review, the Selectboard approved the Town Report as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous*.

ADMINISTRATIVE & CORRESPONDENCE:

1) After review, the Selectboard approved and signed the Certificate of Highway Mileage as presented; *motion to sign Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous*.

2) Correspondence included the 2021 Equalization Study Results from the State of Vermont- CLA @ 92.7% and COD @ 16.6%.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of 12/15/21 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous*.

WARRANTS:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #01/05/22; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous*. The Selectboard approved a bill for \$1,120 from the Fire Department for brakes on one of its emergency vehicles.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous*.

Lucia Wing, Secretary,
Winhall Selectboard

E. Stuart Coleman, Chair

Julie Isaacs, Vice-Chair

William Schwartz, Member