

**Town of Winhall Selectboard**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 6, 2021 (via Zoom)**

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**PRESENT:** Julie Isaacs, Stuart Coleman, Bill Schwartz; Lissa Stark, (Town Administrator); Lucia Wing, (Secretary); Derrick Tienken (Police); Trevor Dryden & John Kenny (Roads); Beth Grant (Town Clerk)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** Isaacs opened the meeting (via Zoom) at 5:00 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:**

Chief Tienken and the Selectboard reviewed the monthly police report for December including traffic tickets and warnings, false alarms, animal control matters, property watch, medical assists, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain resort. Tienken reported traffic studies were underway with the State to justify installing (2) speed carts- one at each end of the Village of Bondville. He reported there had been several DUI's during the Holiday period; a masking issue; a seizure of heroin; and a domestic dispute in Landgrove. Tienken reported the newly hired police officer had graduated from the Police Academy which had been closed temporarily due to a Covid-19 outbreak. He would be onboard starting in February.

**STRATTON ACCESS ROAD CULVERTS:**

FYI: No hydrological report submitted by the State.

**ROADS: ACCESS PERMITS:**

Final approval for M. Evans for a 911 number (#273) off Vermont Route 30. *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

**COMMUNITY HEALTH DISCUSSION:**

Chief Tienken reported he had been vaccinated at Grace Cottage along with other first responders including rescue volunteers and ambulance drivers. Discussion followed about the rising cases of Covid-19 in Winhall and the surrounding area; Tienken and the Selectboard also talked about ongoing vaccine distribution.

**TOWN MEETING/TOWN REPORT:**

After discussion about ongoing legislation, the Selectboard agreed to postpone Town Meeting Day from Tuesday, March 2, 2021 until Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at the Town Garage where doors could be opened and attendees spread out to maintain physical distance; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* The Town Clerk stated she was onboard. Isaacs would confer with the Winhall School Board to coordinate the revised Town Meeting dates. The Town Administrator would delay sending out the Town Report until early April. Dryden responded he would move Town vehicles to an alternate location so that voters would have ample room to park. Discussion followed about the State potentially sending ballots to all Vermont voters and a suggestion to close the Transfer Station on that day.

**TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:** (No report)

**BUDGET & FINANCIAL DISCUSSION:**

The Selectboard and Town Administrator discussed the current status of the budget as well as the current status of financials including the Town audit.

**TOWN PROPERTY TAX SALE:**

The Selectboard discussed the current status of the sale of the (2) Town Chapin lots to Travis Dobson. The Town Clerk responded Dobson’s attorney had researched the two lots; a deed was still outstanding. Dobson had been delayed due to family matters.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:**

FYI: The Selectboard had been sent a letter from the Stamford Selectboard re: suing the State of Vermont over covid-19 restriction matters.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 5:45 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss budget and personnel matters; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 6:20 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* Out of executive session the Selectboard unanimously agreed to grant John Kenny (Highway Dept.) his request for a 4-day out-of-state excursion. Discussion followed about highway “call out” protocol.

**APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):**

After review, the Selectboard virtually approved the meeting minutes of December 2, 2020 as presented and meeting minutes of December 16, 2020 as amended; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

**WARRANT:**

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #01/06/21 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary,  
Winhall Selectboard

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Julie Isaacs, Chair

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E. Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair

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William Schwartz, Member

*Approved  
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