

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 16, 2019

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Laura Gianotti & Jessica Flannery (Community Arts Center)

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Whitesell and the Selectboard reviewed the monthly police report for December including traffic tickets and warnings, false alarms, animal control matters, property watch, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain resort. Whitesell reported there were several DUI's in December, a canine bite, and several drug related incidents. The Police Department was gearing up for MLK weekend and incoming weather issues including significant snow. Whitesell reported that Officer Corey Revett would be training troops in Macedonia from mid-February to mid-March.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:10 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss police legal matters; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous*. At 5:30 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous*. Out of executive session, Whitesell agreed to keep the Selectboard up-to-date regarding an ongoing investigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:40 PM the Selectboard voted to go back into executive session to discuss highway personnel matters; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous*. At 6:15 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaac; unanimous*. Out of executive session, the Selectboard agreed to review the Town of Winhall Personnel Policy relative to paid time off, paid vacation & holidays. In the spring Dryden agreed he would attend highway management courses.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Coleman reported he and Dryden had reviewed Michael Turner's driveway entrance located at #7 Benson Fuller Drive. They agreed to improve the approach to the driveway in the spring by putting down a load of gravel at the entrance and making it level with the roadway. The Town Administrator would contact Turner by email letting him know the Selectboard's decision. Coleman and Dryden had also reviewed Pearl Buck Drive re: Karen Shaw's request for guardrails; Dryden would get a price and review the location again in the spring. The Town Administrator would follow up with an email to Shaw. Dryden reported Bushee had received the snow pusher; the Highway Department had also gotten a demo loader which they would try out on the upcoming snow storm.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

OLD TOWN HALL/COMMUNITY CENTER: UPDATE:

Schwartz reported that the Town attorney had stated the lien against the Old Town Hall did not prevent the Community Arts Center from moving into the building. After further review, the Selectboard agreed to re-open the facility and adopt the current Facilities Use Policy; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous*. The Selectboard would continue to review and update the Facilities Use Policy as needed. Schwartz reported

that the Town's attorney had informed him that the attorney for the elevator company and Dave Brenner of Martello Brothers had been in contact regarding the lien and were working out a final payment solution.

TOWN MEETING ARTICLES:

After review, the Selectboard approved the Town Meeting Warning/Articles as written; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Selectboard reviewed a letter from Bak Hee Lee regarding his 1.92-acre lot #16 located in Forest Farms which he wanted to donate to the Town of Winhall; however, the Town could not accept donations. According to Lee he had hired Beck Engineering to see if a septic system could be built on the lot; Beck stated a mound system could be installed. Subsequently, Lee had offered the lot to the abutters who were not interested in purchasing it. Lee was now looking for guidance from the Town. The Town would respond to Lee's letter suggesting Lee donate the land to a charitable organization or potentially obtain a Wastewater Permit from the State.

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE:

After review, the Selectboard approved the Certificate of Highway Mileage as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

The Town Administrator reported she had received the results of the Town Audit which the Selectboard would review.

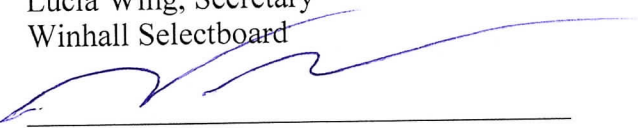
APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:

After review, the Selectboard approved the regular meeting minutes for January 9, 2019 as amended; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*


WARRANTS: (None)

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

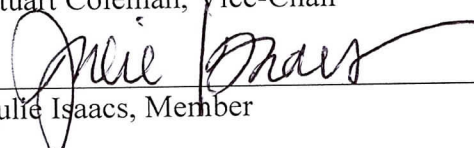
Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



William Schwartz, Chair



Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member