

**Town of Winhall**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

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**PRESENT:** Stuart Coleman (Absent); Bill Schwartz; Julie Isaacs; Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Trevor Dryden (Roads), Scott Bushee (Facilities)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Kate Coleman (Delinquent Tax Collector), Deb Avison (Town Treasurer), Beth Grant (Town Clerk)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Schwartz called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall in Bondville.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (None)

**POLICE REPORT:** (No report)

**HIGHWAY REPORT & ACCESS ROAD UPDATE:**

Dryden reported his last order for salt was scheduled; he hoped it would be enough until spring; if he required more he would use moneys from the reserve fund; the new backhoe was scheduled for delivery the next month; the new Dodge truck was being outfitted; he reported one hydraulic study (Access Road) was complete; more to come. Relative to the Benson Fuller Intersection project, still no response from Flemings to date. Discussion followed about hiring an engineer first and investigating the potential to use eminent domain.

**CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE:**

After review, the Selectboard approved and signed the above; motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.

**TRANSFER STATION:**

Bushee reported books had been delivered to the Swap Shop for use by Transfer Station permit holders; Bushee was adding additional signage for clarity; there was continued abuse of the Transfer Station speed limit; he reported there were plenty of green bags available; the Town Hall elevator recently flooded- 100 gal of water had been removed from the basement; Manchester carpet care was hired to remove the mold. There may be a case for an insurance claim; the elevator was undamaged. PD would need a new floor which would have to be entirely dug up; discussion followed relative to sub pump technology. Bushee reported he and the Fire Department would get together for discussion next month; discussion followed relative to cleaning service complaints in all municipal buildings. The Town Administrator would contact the cleaning service to discuss their service.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

After a general overview and discussion of several items in the upcoming budget for clarification, *Isaacs made the motion to increase the Fire Department's appropriation to \$68,000; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* After review and further discussion of the budget, *Isaacs made the motion to approve budget items as discussed and amended; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

**TOWN MEETING:**

Articles approved; location approved from the Town Garage to the Mountain School.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:**

Isaacs reported one volunteer had come forward relative to serving on an affordable housing committee. Isaacs and Schwartz had recently attended an affordable housing seminar in Wilmington, Vermont; much information had been offered.

**CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD:**

The Selectboard was currently the cannabis control board in Winhall. To date not much was going on; Jessica Crandall had recently been issued a conditional use and site plan permit for a mixed use of residential and cannabis retail operation.

**MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM:**

The Town Administrator reported grants for wastewater projects were available and in process; more information was required; she would stay on top of it.

**COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT UPDATE:**

FYI: Fred Schwacke extended his feedback to the Selectboard and would stay in touch with them relative to expanding broadband in Winhall.

**SHORT-TERM RENTALS UPDATE:**

The STR Committee comprised of three (3) WPC members was working on a short-term rental ordinance.

**TOWN-WIDE REAPPRAISAL:**

The Selectboard had signed the contract with NEMRC for a Town-Wide Reappraisal to commence in 2026. Discussion followed.

**TOWN OFFICE COMPUTER SYSTEM (IT) UPDATE:**

The Town Clerk reported the new printers were working well.

**NEW BUSINESS:** FYI: Upcoming Winhall News Letter; employee lunch; and equalization study for Winhall; the CLA was at 78%.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:**

FYI: Included a letter of legal notice and audit update.

FYI: Policy updates; discussion followed

FYI: No access permits

**PAST MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of 1/4/23 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

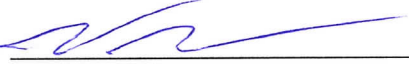
**WARRANTS:**

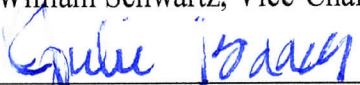
After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 1/18/23 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing,  
Secretary Winhall Selectboard

  
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Stuart Coleman, Chair

  
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William Schwartz, Vice-Chair

  
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Julie Isaacs, Member