

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 20, 2016

PRESENT: Bob Oakes, Bill Schwartz, Stuart Coleman (Absent), Lucia Wing (Secretary), Lissa Stark (Town Administrator), Jeff Whitesell (Police)

ALSO: Nicole Dernier & Greg Gould (Police), Marcel Gisquet

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

HIGHWAY POLICY: *Gisquet* submitted revisions to the Town of Winhall Highway Policy. After review and minor changes, the Selectboard approved the Policy. Wing would email Lissa the updated document for final adoption and signatures.

POLICE/RESCUE REPORT:

1) Whitesell and the Selectboard discussed the police report for December including traffic tickets and warnings, false alarms, medical alerts, animal control issues, property watch matters, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain Resort. Whitesell reported he was looking for part-time police officers, but to date no one had qualified. Whitesell reported Stratton Resort was upgrading its Emergency Operations Plan; discussion followed.

2) Nicole Dernier and Greg Gould submitted a proposal for a year round food drive and food pantry to be located at the former Town Hall. Gould explained it would be a partnership between the Police Department and the newly formed Community Center. Food would be donated; storage was an issue. Discussion included where to store food stuffs off-site and then a means to bring it to the Center during posted operating hours. Food would be available to those in the community and surrounding neighborhoods who needed it. The Selectboard supported the proposal.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT: (No report)

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Town Meeting Warnings: Discussion included the order of the Articles; and the Article relative to the Town borrowing up to \$300,000 to replace Lower Taylor Hill Bridge with a pre-cast bridge. After review, *Oakes made the motion to approve the Warnings/Articles for Town Meeting as presented; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

2) Hazard Mitigation Plan: After review, the Selectboard approved and signed the Town of Winhall Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous.* Discussion followed that with an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan the Town would qualify for grant money for its projects.

3) Employee Evaluations: Employee evaluations would be scheduled during the Selectboard's regular meetings starting the second meeting in February.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:45 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters (school) *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous*. At 6:00 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous*. No decisions were rendered; the Selectboard was waiting for more information from the Winhall School Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Budget amendments: After review, the Selectboard added \$4,200 to the budget as an appropriation for "The Partnership" (Manchester Chamber of Commerce); \$750 appropriated to the "Collaborative;" and \$800 for tire disposal; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous*.

FYI: Cemetery Policy was on hold until Stuart Coleman returned.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence included a letter from a local resident requesting the bridge remain closed; discussion followed.

LIQUOR BOARD:

At 6:15 PM the Selectboard closed their meeting and opened the Liquor Board meeting. After review, the Liquor Board approved a liquor license for the Winhall Market; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous*. At 6:25 PM the Selectboard re-opened their meeting.

PAYORDERS: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #1/20/16 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous*.

PAYROLL: After review, the Selectboard approved payroll #53 & #54 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous*.


APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES: After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of January 6, 2016 as presented; *motion by Oakes; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous*.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Oakes; unanimous*.

Meeting minutes submitted by,
Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Robert Oakes, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Stuart Coleman, Member