Town of Winhall Selectboard Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 2, 2022

<u>PRESENT</u>: Stuart Coleman (Absent); Julie Isaacs; Bill Schwartz; Lissa Stark, (Town Administrator); Lucia Wing (Secretary), Chief Tienken (Police), Trevor Dryden & Donald Derby (Highway)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Susan Howard (President, NRS Board of Trustees)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters; *motion by Schwartz;* seconded by Isaacs; unanimous. At 5:15PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous. Out of executive session, no decision was rendered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

NORTHSHIRE RESCUE SQUAD PRESENTATION:

Susan Howard, representing Northshire Rescue Squad, came before the Selectboard to make a positive and supportive presence. She explained Northshire Rescue was an independent, non-profit organization providing emergency medical services to (5) towns in southern Vermont including Winhall; its mission was to provide prompt, professional EMS service to everyone in the communities it served; it operated (3) ambulances. The Town of Winhall currently appropriated \$4,500 to support the rescue squad. The Selectboard thanked Howard for her presentation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Tienken and the Selectboard reviewed the police report for January 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 January; he reported there were several serious motor vehicle accidents; a missing person incident; was awarded a \$4,000 grant to upgrade bullet proof vests; a training grant; and \$5,000 Homeland Security grant for distracted training.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: REPORT:

The Selectboard briefly discussed the Benson Fuller intersection. Dryden reported he had contacted Gary DiMaggio, resident on #3 Benson Fuller Drive; they would review the end of his driveway in the spring and come up with a plan. Dryden reported he had ordered small quantities of salt to get thru the remainder of the winter; he stated he had documented a formal complaint against American Salt along with multiple photos of the chunky salt to use for future purchases. The Highway crew were gearing up for an extreme winter weather event the following day; the new Town truck had not yet been delivered.

ACCESS PERMITS: (None)

SHORT-TERM RENTALS:

FYI: The Zoning Administrator reported the Planning Commission would begin work on a short-term rental section to be added to the Winhall zoning ordinance.

COMMUNITY CENTER & HEALTH UPDATE: FYI: status quo

COMMUNITY UNION DISTRICT: UPDATE:

Fred Schwacke had not yet submitted a survey as discussed; the Town Administrator would reach out to him for a status report.

TOWN MEETING:

Town Meeting would be held on March 1, 2022 at the Town Garage; both the Selectboard and School Board would attend; discussion followed relative to seating.

MUNICIPAL WASTERWATER: DISCUSSION:

State funding was available for municipal wastewater projects; discussion followed.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: DISCUSSION;

The Selectboard discussed the idea of affordable housing development on Town-owned land located at the end of Kendall Farm Road; affordable housing was an increasing necessity in Winhall as well as all over Vermont. The Selectboard discussed investor incentives and ideas.

LIQUOR BOARD MEETING:

At 6:10PM, the Selectboard closed its meeting and opened the Liquor Board Meeting; in the meeting, the Liquor approved a liquor licenses for the ADT Hospitality LLC dba as the Bromley View Inn; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* The Liquor Board reopened the Selectboard meeting at 6:15PM.

ADMINISTRATIVE & CORRESPONDENCE:

After review, the Selectboard approved and signed the yearly contract with Cartographics Tax Mapping; *motion* by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

After review, the Selectboard approved the emergency meeting minutes of 1/13/22 and the meeting minutes of 1/19/22 as presented; *motion by Isaacs*; *seconded by Schwartz*; *unanimous*.

WARRANTS:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #02/02/22; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.

Lucia Wing, Secretary, Winhall Selectboard

F. Stuart Coleman, Chair

Julie Isaacs, Vice-Chair

William Schwartz, Member