

**Town of Winhall Selectboard**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Jennifer Stromsten (Program Director- Brattleboro Dev. Credit Corp.)

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: BRATTLEBORO DEV. CREDIT CORP:**

Jennifer Stromsten representing Brattleboro Dev. Credit Corp. came before the Selectboard to present information about the Corporation, a private, non-profit economic development organization serving as a catalyst for industrial and commercial growth throughout southeastern Vermont. Stromsten explained that SeVEDS (Southern Vermont Economic Dev. Strategies) was an affiliate of BDCC that worked on behalf of municipalities in Bennington and Windham counties to build strong and sustainable communities; to foster economic prosperity; and to promote high quality of life for residents in the region. Goals were to strengthen current and proposed businesses and to support its people. The Selectboard thanked Stromsten for her presentation.

**POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:** (No report)

**HIGHWAY REPORT:**

Dryden reported that he had ordered the last batch of salt which should get the Town through the remainder of the winter; the Highway crew was currently winging back snow banks on Town roads; the new Town plow truck had not yet been delivered; they were still waiting for the dump body; and the current Town plow truck (getting traded-in eventually) was in for repairs. Discussion followed relative to the current NAPA bill. Dryden brought up the idea of a 4-man highway crew as currently there was no back-up person for plowing purposes and other; discussion followed about a part-time person; no decisions were made. Dryden and the Town Administrator reported there was an Overweight Truck Permit seminar scheduled at the Town Hall the following day- 2/20. Dryden, the Selectboard, and Town Administrator talked about time sheets and potential ways to make it simpler for the highway crew to fill it out.

**ACCESS PERMIT:**

After review the Selectboard approved an access permit for Mitchel Salzman, #20 Bromley Forest Road; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

**TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:**

Bushee reported carpeting at the Town Hall on the PD side would begin soon; he had researched CO2 monitors for the Library- only sleeping quarters required the units. Bushee reported the taxidermist shark mount had been stolen at the Transfer Station; it had been mounted 18 years prior; the culprit had been caught on camera but unclear who it was; discussion followed about filing a police report. Bushee brought up the (3) containers the Town owned; discussion followed. He reported Sparky Electric would review all the lighting at municipal buildings and potentially change them to down LED lighting. Next Bushee and the Selectboard discussed composting requirements at the Transfer Station. Bushee also talked about rebuilding some of the fence line at the Transfer Station; portions had been crushed. Bushee reported the back steps at the Community Art Center were icy; there was no cover. He stated the back door was not the main entrance but was supposed to be used for emergency purposes; discussion followed about installing signage to that affect.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER:** (No discussion)

**TOWN MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT:** (No discussion)

**LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LIBRARY:** (Not finalized but in process)

**ADMINISTRATOR/CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Selectboard commented that updated Town tax maps were available; discussion followed re: Cartographics contract for next year.

**APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:**


After review, the meeting minutes of February 5, 2020 were approved as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

**WARRANTS:**

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 2/19/20 as presented; *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




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William Schwartz, Chair



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Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair



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Julie Isaacs, Member