

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

PRESENT: Stuart Coleman; Bill Schwartz; Julie Isaacs; Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Chief Tienken (Police)

ALSO: Deb Avison (Town Treasurer); Beth Grant (Town Clerk); Pat Moyna (Stratton Corp); Jeff Cavagnino (Stratton Corp)

CALL TO ORDER: Coleman opened the meeting at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

The Select Board & Chief Tienken reviewed the monthly police report for February. Tienken reported that calls / incidents are up 72% from this time last year (Dec – Feb). Lacasse has started DUI Instructor training, which is a 2-year process. The Highway Dept was commended on outstanding road maintenance and communication with the Police Dept.

ENGINEERING REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS - WASTEWATER:

Two engineering firms had submitted qualifications as of the deadline for consideration: Dubois & King and Otter Creek Engineering. There was discussion about having a local engineer involved. The Federal/State funding process is being followed. The decision about which firm to hire was tabled until the next meeting.

STRATTON ACCESS ROAD:

Moyna and Cavagnino discussed the planned culvert upgrades and paving to be done on the Access Road. There are two sections of road needing upgrades: from Mountain View to the Stratton Town line and from Mountain View to Summit View. There are a total of 14 culverts that require upgrading/upsizing, and some require State hydraulic studies; three studies have been received so far. There was discussion about the location of the snow-making pipe and additional hydraulic studies. *Isaacs made the motion and Schwartz seconded to put the overall project out to bid in 5 separate projects: paving section 1; paving section 2; culvert replacements in section 1; culvert replacements in section 2; culvert replacements along both sections 1 and 2. A mandatory pre-bid meeting would be planned and warned for early April. Motion passed unanimously.* There was also discussion about the municipal services agreement between Winhall and Stratton Corp.

BENSON FULLER INTERSECTION:

There was discussion about asking the engineers that submitted qualifications for the wastewater project about their experience/interest in this project; the Town Administrator would contact the engineers.

COMPUTER SYSTEM UPDATE:

Internet fiber was up and running at the Highway Garage and Transfer Station; cameras were on the fiber. Grant forwarded information from a company regarding website upgrades; costs to include \$600 for migration of data, \$2,000 for design of a new website, and \$1,200 for management/hosting/support.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

There was discussion about proposed legislation regarding school choice in Vermont, the Short Term Rental ordinance, and the Recreation Director position informational meeting on 3/2. There was discussion about the Communications Union District DV Fiber upcoming meeting. There was discussion about vacancies in the Fire Warden position, the Lister position, and the Windham Regional Commission seat.

REPEATER FOR RADIOS:

Coleman reported that the radio repeater on Stratton had been found, BearCom had repaired it temporarily, and then it had ceased working altogether. The cost to replace it would be \$12,296.40.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:

After review, the Select Board approved the meeting minutes of 2/15/23; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

WARRANTS:

After review, the Select Board approved warrant 3/1/23 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*


FINANCIALS:

The Treasurer handed out the Reserve Reconciliation of funds for Board review.

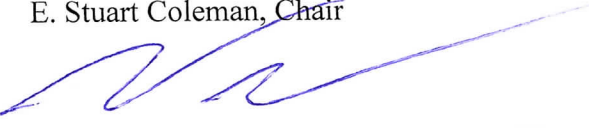
As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

Lissa Stark,
Town Administrator

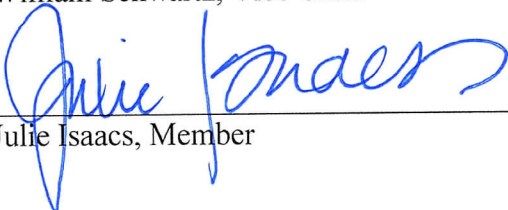
Winhall Select Board



E. Stuart Coleman, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member