

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 3, 2021 (via Zoom)

PRESENT: Julie Isaacs, Stuart Coleman, Bill Schwartz; Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Lucia Wing (Secretary); Derrick Tienken (Police); Trevor Dryden (Roads)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Pat Moyna & Jeff Cavagnino (Stratton)

CALL TO ORDER: Isaacs opened the meeting (via Zoom) at 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

STRATTON ACCESS ROAD UPDATE:

Pat Moyna & Jeff Cavagnino (Stratton), the Selectboard, and Dryden discussed the current status of the Access Road. It was clear the road needed immediate attention in the area around North Brook Wood. The road was experiencing water issues; was sinking; and was causing a big bump in the travelled way. Moyna planned for Hunter Excavating and Fuller to temporarily repair the road the following day; cost \$10,000 to be shared equally by the Town of Winhall and Stratton Corp; everyone agreed. Further discussion included other Access Road pavement and surface deterioration; Moyna to immediately contact both Coleman and Dryden when a pavement problem arose; and making sure both Winhall and Stratton held an annual meeting to discuss the condition of the road per the Municipal Services Agreement. Coleman stated he would plan to meet with the Winhall/Stratton Fire District at the end of month to discuss the possibility of moving the watermain directly under the portion of problematic road. The watermain was a potential cause for all the water seeping out in that area. In the meantime, the Town Administrator would reach out to the State to see if the hydraulic study on the culvert could be expedited.

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

1) Chief Tienken and the Selectboard reviewed the monthly police report for February including traffic tickets and warnings, false alarms, animal control matters, property watch, medical assists, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain resort. Chief reported he was exploring uniform changes from belts to vests to decrease weight on the lower back and hips; the police force was signing up for health and wellness benefits through fitness training; a 10AM meeting for the following day was scheduled to review locations for the speed carts; Coleman would join.

2) Tienken reported Officer Corey Revett, who also served in the Vermont National Guard, had recently been deployed to Washington DC to join 20,000 other Guard members in securing a peaceful inauguration at the White House. He was scheduled to deploy to Kosovo in support of NATO; he will be missed while he is away.

3) Chief Tienken commended Officer Jeremiah Rogers and canine, Gunner for their outstanding job in finding a lost snowshoer in Arlington. The Selectboard thanked Rogers and Gunner for their extraordinary effort.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:30 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss police personnel matters; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* At 5:40 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* No decisions were rendered.

STRATTON LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT & RENEWAL:

The Selectboard, Town Administrator, Chief Tienken, and Stratton representatives reviewed the current status of the above Law Enforcement Agreement between the Town of Winhall and Stratton. The contract was up-to-date with some minor language changes. All agreed that services would continue without interruption.

COMMUNITY HEALTH UPDATE:

Chief Tienken reported Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations were going down across Vermont. The Town Administrator reported Winhall had received \$27,000 in Covid-19 funding to reimburse the Town for Covid-19 related expenses.

COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT UPDATE:

Fred Schwacke had sent a letter to the Selectboard asking them to consider a Town-wide mailing relative to broadband. The Selectboard agreed to put Schwacke on the agenda for the following meeting to further discuss it.

ADMINISTRATIVE & CORRESPONDENCE:

1) FYI: Financials; discussion followed relative to revenues.

2) The Selectboard had received correspondence from the Bennington County Child Advocacy Group requesting Winhall support Child Abuse Prevention Month on April 2nd by displaying a pin wheel garden in the front of the Town Hall. The Selectboard agreed; the Town Administrator would order the pin wheels.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

After review, the Selectboard virtually approved the meeting minutes of February 17, 2021 as presented; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

WARRANT:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #03/03/21 as presented; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.***

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.***

Lucia Wing, Secretary,
Winhall Selectboard

Approved virtually on 03/17/2021

Julie Isaacs, Chair

E. Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair

William Schwartz, Member