# Town of Winhall Selectboard Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 16, 2016

**PRESENT:** Stuart Coleman, Bill Schwartz, Dave Glabach, Lucia Wing (Secretary), Lissa Stark (Town Administrator), Trevor Dryden (Roads), Scott Bushee (Facilities)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Kris & Roseann Dennan, Josh Wylie

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS: TRAIL SYSTEM FOR TOWN LAND:**

Kris Dennan came before the Selectboard to talk about a concept to develop a recreational trail network on Town land at the end of Kendall Farm Road. The proposal would be for walking trails, mountain biking trails, and winter activities. Dennan explained other townships in Vermont had developed similar trails systems which had brought in huge revenue for local communities. Dennan's club had insurance and would volunteer to steward the property. Discussion followed about other projects proposed for the land including designating an area for a cemetery, logging trees, and refurbishing gravel pits. The Selectboard asked for more information from groups and clubs which had developed similar type trails in other parts of Vermont.

#### 911 COORDINATOR REPORT:

Scott Bushee came before the Selectboard to discuss naming a new road in Winhall off Winter Street in Manchester. The proposed name(s) were Upper Beach Ridge and Lower Beach Ridge Road(s). After review, Schwartz made the motion to name the road(s) as proposed; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.

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

**TRANSFER STATION REPORT:** (No report)

**FACILITIES REPORT:** (No report)

## **VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PROPOSAL: DISCUSSION:**

After discussion, Schwartz made the motion authorizing Stuart Coleman to contact Vermont Fish & Wildlife to discuss future proposals and uses for the 192 acre parcel owned by Michael Dritz. The property was being acquired by Fish & Wildlife which abutted Gale Meadow Pond; seconded by Glabach; unanimous. The Selectboard agreed they wanted more information and clarity before supporting Fish & Wildlife's acquisition of the land.

### **HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT:**

- 1) Dryden reported he had recently had a call relative to the condition of Kendall Farm Road. The caller deemed the road impassable because of mud. Dryden had improved the road with gravel. Dryden questioned which Selectboard member was the liaison for which department.
- 2) Therefore, after review the Selectboard agreed to the following: Stuart Coleman, roads liaison, Bill Schwartz, police liaison, and Dave Glabach, facilities liaison; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous. Next Dryden updated the Selectboard relative to happenings at the new Town garage.

Winhall Town Plan- April 5<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission informational hearing; May 17<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission public hearing.

Tank/Card Reader System- Negotiations for a better price was underway. Coleman questioned a bill from FPH Tank Installation Service for \$4,700 for a monitoring system for the fuel and gasoline tank at the Town garage. The Selectboard would delay paying the bill until they received more information.

**OLD TOWN HALL UPDATE:** Coleman reported he and Dave Glabach had had a meeting with the State Fire & Safety inspector as well as architects re: former Town Hall. From a safety perspective, the inspector supported the renovations to the building. Currently the architects were completing new plans.

<u>ADMINSTRATIVE:</u> No financials. Stark reported the server has been installed in the Town Administrator's office. A meeting with NEMRC would follow.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** (None)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 6:10 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to review Lower Taylor Hill Bridge proposals; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 6:25 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* No decisions were rendered.

<u>PAYORDERS:</u> After review, the Selectboard approved payorder(s) #3/7/16 & #3/16/16/as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* 

<u>PAYROLL:</u> After review, the Selectboard approved payroll #11 & #12 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* 

<u>APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:</u> After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of March 2, 2016 as amended; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous*.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 6:55 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters relative to the Mountain School; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Glabach; unanimous. At 7:15 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Glabach; unanimous. No decisions were rendered.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.

Meeting minutes submitted by,

Lucia Wing, Secretary Winhall Selectboard

Stuart Coleman, Chair

William Schwartz, Vice-Chair

Dave Glabach, Member