

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 17, 2021 (via Zoom)

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

JOINING ZOOM: None

CALL TO ORDER: Isaacs called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM via Zoom.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Dryden reported the backhoe problem had been finally resolved; a concrete pillar on Loop Road required work due to winter plowing; discussion followed about the upcoming mud season. Dryden brought up a future project necessary for safety purposes to improve and move the intersection of Benson Fuller and Upper Taylor Hill Road(s). Estimated cost \$80,000-\$100,000. The Selectboard agreed and would discuss further. Coleman reported he would go to the next Winhall/Stratton Fire District meeting to discuss permanently moving leaky waterlines out of the traveled portion of the Stratton Mt. Access Road. The Town Administrator reported she had contacted the State and Winhall was at the top of the list to complete the hydrological study on the Access Road once the snow melted.

ACCESS PERMIT:

After review, the Selectboard voted a final approval 911# for Donna Evans, #215 VT Route 30; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:

1) Bushee reported he was dealing with an overwhelming amount of Airbnb trash brought to the Transfer Station by renters. He suggested a letter to homeowners informing them of the Transfer Station rules and regulations. The Selectboard agreed; Bushee would get together with the Town Administrator to draft a letter.

2) Bushee also reported the bill he had received from Casella for smaller containers (totes) for compost material was incorrect. The Town had been overcharged; if Bushee received no answer from Casella by the end of the week, Coleman would personally contact them.

3) Bushee reported he was still investigating the best location for a man-door at the 4-bay garage; constructing a retaining wall was recommended; Coleman and Bushee would have a look the following week. Bushee suggested a carport at the back of the Town Hall as ice and snow build-up made it difficult to plow during the winter months. The flagpole in front of the Town Hall needed to be replaced. The flags did not fly!

TOWN MEETING:

Bushee reported chairs and tables would be moved to the Town Garage for Town Meeting scheduled for April 27th. They would set-up with social distancing in mind; Town equipment would be moved off-site to allow for parking; the Highway Crew would help Bushee get ready. Any Covid-19 expenses associated with Town Meeting would be reimbursed to the Town by the State.

COMMUNITY HEALTH DISCUSSION:

Status quo. Vaccine distribution was underway in Vermont; everyone would be eligible by May 1st to receive the vaccine.

COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT: UPDATE:

The meeting with Fred Schwacke, who was unable to attend the Zoom meeting to talk about a town-wide mailing, was put on temporary hold until the following meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:

1) FYI: No correspondence.

2) FYI: financials.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting minutes for March 3, 2021 were approved as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

WARRANTS:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant dated 03/17/21 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard

Julie Isaacs, Chair

Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair

William Schwartz, Member