

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 18, 2020

PRESENT: Julie Isaacs; Stuart Coleman; Bill Schwartz; Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (absent); Trevor Dryden (Roads); Scott Bushee (Facilities); Chief Whitesell (Police); Nicole Dernier (Police)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Laura Gianotti via conference call; Eric Miller

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

EMERGENCY HEALTH ORDER:

By order of the Winhall Health Officer and Winhall Selectboard, *Coleman made the motion to approve the Emergency Health Order closure sign(s) to be posted at the following locations: Town Hall, Winhall Library, Winhall Community Arts Center, Fire Station, Town Garage, and Swap Shop at the Transfer Station; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Eric Miller, second home owner at #46 Beaver Street, voiced his concerns relative to an access off Beaver St. He commented trees near his driveway had been flagged; in addition, there was open water in the area. The Selectboard assured him an Access Permit had been applied for by the property owner; subsequently, the access had been reviewed by the Highway Foreman and deemed safe and in the correct location; an 18" culvert was required. The Selectboard recommended that if he was worried about the location of the flagged trees, he should consider a survey of his property. Sec. Wing produced a map of the area showing the location of the access; no wetlands were near the proposed driveway. Miller thanked the Selectboard and would look into a survey.

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT: (No report)

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Dryden reported the new Town plow truck had been delivered to the Town Garage. He commented re: Brian Whatley, Road To Millbrook; his mailbox had been relocated for easier mail delivery access; discussion followed about drafting a letter per mailbox locations for the following winter season. Dryden reported he had taken an inventory of sand, fuel, and gas; discussion followed relative to topping off fuel when half-way empty.

ACCESS PERMITS:

1) After review the Selectboard approved an access permit and 911 number for Christy Boswell, off Beaver Street with a required 18" culvert; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* Discussion followed relative to putting utilities underground. The owner would have to follow State regulations.

2) After review, the Selectboard approved a 911 number (#273 VT Rt. 30) for a 68-acre lot owned by N Acre LLC; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* A curb cut permit onto Route 30 would have to be applied for and approved by the State

TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:

Bushee reported he planned to order another box for shingle materials; discussion followed relative to limited space at the Transfer Station and ways to enlarge. Discussion followed regarding Coronavirus protocol at the Transfer Station including closing down access to the Swap Shop. Bushee reported Sparky Electric was replacing lights in the municipal buildings with LED lights; discussion followed per LED electric savings. Discussion followed per hand sanitizer located in the lobby of the Town Hall.

COMMUNITY HEALTH DISCUSSION:

Chief Whitesell gave an overview of implementing emergency measures per the Town of Winhall re: Coronavirus pandemic. It included a flow and organizational chart; operations plan; who be responsible for what; and response

to all medical calls with careful consideration; the virus was a priority. He talked about necessary equipment including masks and fit testing by Bennington Rescue for handling the virus; discussion followed about duties of the Winhall Health Officer and contacting Dr. Ron Valerio or Matt Beck to potentially take on that role; currently Julie Isaacs was the Town Health Officer. He also talked about the role of the local ambulances. Whitesell talked about Stratton Resort as offering their resources; discussion followed about the many resources available throughout Vermont. Discussion followed relative to responder protocol; medical control; identifying and developing a list of vulnerable people and families in the community; children out of schools; meals for those in need; and purchasing and finance pandemic documentation for possible renumeration. If needed, emergency meetings could be called without notice. Chief Whitesell would keep the Selectboard up to speed.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: (No discussion)

TOWN MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT: (No discussion)

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

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:


After review, the meeting minutes of March 4, 2020 were approved as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

WARRANTS:


After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 3/18/20 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

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


Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Julie Isaacs, Chair



Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair



William Schwartz, Member