

**Town of Winhall Selectboard**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

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**PRESENT:** Stuart Coleman; Bill Schwartz; Julie Isaacs; Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Trevor Dryden (Roads); Scott Bushee (Facilities); Derrick Tienken (Police); Deb Avison (Town Treasurer); Al Bilka (Ass. Treasurer & Town Clerk)

**ALSO:** Randy & Theresa Ameden

**CALL TO ORDER:** Coleman called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall in Bondville.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (None)

**TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:**

1) Bushee, Theresa & Randy Ameden, and the Selectboard discussed the now joined roads- Rogues Ridge and Moose Hollow Road; 911 numbers; State standards; and variance options which as owners of the road the Ameden's were entitled to request. After further discussion about the various options, it was agreed by all parties present to rename the two joined roads- Moose Hollow Road; keep the same 911 numbers on the current Moose Hollow Road; renumber the five (5) houses along Rogues Ridge; and renumber the three (3) houses at the intersection of Signal Hill & Rogues Ridge. Bushee would contact all the homeowners about the 911 number changes. Vacant lots remained and when sold would be issued 911 numbers associated with Moose Hollow. Discussion followed relative to road maintenance agreements as Moose Hollow was a private road owned by the Ameden's.

2) Bushee reported Sugarbush Extension had been renamed Eagle View Road as required when three (3) houses shared the same road; discussion followed about a property owner's concerns about the name change; Bushee had recommended the homeowner construct a driveway onto Sugarbush Road and keep her existing address.

3) The damaged Town Garage door would have to be replaced; Bushee was getting estimates; the Town Administrator was looking into insurance covering the repair.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

1) Dryden reported he had signed up for a Leadership Course in Montpelier and would be gone one day per month; the SB supported his interest. Dryden reported he had had a request from a property owner in Stratton View for the Selectboard to consider taking over the entry of Stratton View Road which frequently flooded; the culvert was the issue; a larger culvert would reduce flooding risk. After discussion the SB agreed they were not interested in taking over the road. Dryden reported the washout on the Access Road had been fixed by Hunter Excavating.

2) After review the Selectboard signed the Certification of Compliance for Road & Bridge Codes and Standards as well as recertifying the Annual Financial for Town Highways; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

**ACCESS PERMITS:** (None)

**LIQUOR BOARD:** After review, the Liquor Board approved licenses for Seven-11 and the Bromley View Inn; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* Chief Tienken had no issues.

**ALARM ORDINANCE UPDATE:** The Town Administrator reported a Public Hearing was scheduled for 4/3 at the Select Board meeting.

**SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE:** Revision of the STR Ordinance per VLCT was still in progress.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING/WASTEWATER UPDATE:** Isaacs reported she planned to attend an upcoming Affordable Housing seminar; both she and Marcel Gisquet would attend a housing meeting at the Town Hall on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**TOWN PLAN UPDATE:** The Selectboard & the Planning Commission had received a letter from Windham Regional Commission congratulating them on the approval of the 2016 Town Plan Amendment.

**ENERGY APPOINTMENTS:** After review, the Selectboard appointed Ward Kane & Ryan James to the Energy Committee; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

**POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Tienken came before the Selectboard to report that Nicole Dernier, WPD administrator, had left her position with the Police Department effective immediately. He asked that a posting position be released ASAP to hire a new administrator; the Selectboard agreed. Dernier would help during the transition period. The Town Administrator would take over payroll in the interim.

**TOWN TREASURER REPORT:** A posting for the Delinquent Tax Collector position would be released ASAP. In the interim, Deb Avison would continue in her role as interim Tax Collector.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A recommendation per the “Policy Regarding Conflicts of Interest & Ethical Conduct for Federal Grant Programs for the Town of Winhall” was to keep the ethical policy more local and less State.

**POLICIES & PROCEDURES/AUDIT: UPDATE: FYI:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1) Discussion ensued relative to Meeting Events and text messaging which was expensive. A suggestion was to add a link on the website. Chief pointed out that Vermont Alert was a free system.

2) Schwartz reported that John Stasny, Town attorney, had reviewed the Municipal Services Agreement between Stratton and Winhall with regards to the Access Road maintenance and repair. For now, the Agreement would remain as written.

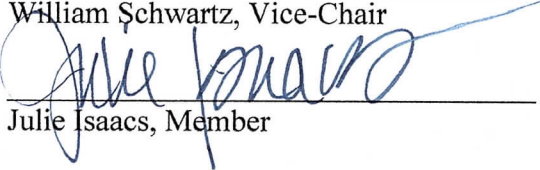
**APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:** After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of 3/6/24 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

**WARRANTS:** After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 3/20/24 as amended; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing,  
Secretary Winhall Selectboard

  
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Stuart Coleman, Chair

William Schwartz, Vice-Chair  
  
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Julie Isaacs, Member