

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 3, 2019

PRESENT: Bill Schwartz, Stuart Coleman; Julie Isaacs; Lissa Stark, (Absent), Lucia Wing, (Secretary); Trevor Dryden (Roads)

IN ATTENDANCE: Laura Gianotti

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

Additional agenda items included holding a Liquor Board Meeting and reviewing an access permit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Laura Gianotti commented that the Community Arts Center was currently operating in the same manner as previously until the lease agreement was signed between the Community Arts Center and the Town of Winhall; the Center was very busy. She reported she had formed a non-profit organization along with a Board of Directors. She asked if she could use stipend funds to pay for insurance for the non-profit. After further discussion, ***Coleman made the motion to allow the Community Arts Center to use its stipend to buy insurance; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** Gianotti questioned the Selectboard about finding the Community Arts Center telephone. They suggested asking the Facilities Manager.

Schwartz reported the Collaborative & Bennington County Regional Commission planned to come to the next Selectboard meeting on 4/17 at 5:00 PM to talk about drug related & prevention primaries. The presentation would take about an hour.

ROAD & HIGHWAY REPORT:

1) Dryden and the Selectboard talked about the “New Town & Bridge Standards” required by the State to go into effect by 2025. They discussed a survey recently sent out by the State. Items included how the Winhall Highway Department would manage waterways, streams, rivers, driveway entrances, and driveway culverts along with Town road protocol relative to maintenance. The Selectboard and Dryden discussed creating a policy to cover the above Standards. Dryden explained that at some point, more help will be needed for Highway Department for paperwork like grants and policies; the Town Administrator is getting overloaded and more is coming down to us for requirements. Regulations on maintenance of existing culverts and driveway culvert replacements should be in place due to new state mandates for water runoff; with details on how the town will force compliance.

2) Dryden reported there was an excavator in the right-of-way at Cranberry Hill Road. The Winhall Police had notified the owner to move it. Mud season was underway; Town roads were beginning to dry out. Dryden and the Selectboard discussed some complaints by residents on Pear Buck Drive. Dryden reported he had ordered more salt.

3) After review, the Selectboard approved an Access Permit for Tina & Zeljko Kureck, #16 West Branch Road; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT: (No report)

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

TOWN MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

The Selectboard discussed a presentation by VLCT for \$400 regarding the town manager form of government. After further review, ***Coleman made the motion to table the above; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Lease Agreements for the Community Arts Center, Library, and Fire Department were in process. The Town Administrator was reviewing the Winhall Personnel Policy which was way more involved than originally thought. The Selectboard agreed to schedule employee evaluations during regular meetings on June 5th & 19th; discussion followed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Isaacs reported that the "Welcome to Winhall" sign located at the Peru Townline would need to be replaced. She reported to date no one was interested in becoming Windham Regional Commission representatives. She had reached out to members of the Beautification Committee; Gianotti had also posted the vacancy notice at the Community Arts Center.

WARRANT:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #04/03/19 as presented; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

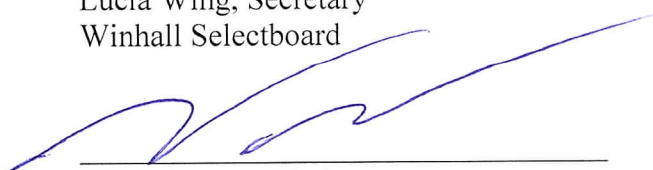
After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of March 20, 2019 as presented; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

LIQUOR BOARD MEETING:

At 5:50 PM, the Selectboard recessed its meeting and opened the Liquor Board Meeting. After review, the Liquor Board approved liquor licenses for Red Fox Inn; Stratton Corp. for Green Apron (outdoor & indoor); Grindstone Pub; and Bromley View Inn (outdoor & indoor); ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*** The Liquor Board closed its meeting at 5:54 PM and reopened the Selectboard meeting at 5:50 PM.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Bill Schwartz, Chair

E. Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member