

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 20, 2016

PRESENT: Stuart Coleman, Bill Schwartz, Dave Glabach (Absent), Lucia Wing (Secretary), Lissa Stark (Town Administrator), Jeff Whitesell (Police), Scott Bushee (Facilities)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Marcel Gisquet

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

POLICE/RESCUE REPORT:

Chief Whitesell and the Selectboard discussed the March police report including traffic tickets and warnings, false alarms, animal control problems, medical assists, property watch issues, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mt. Resort. Whitesell reported there were only a couple of drug issues as a result of an electronic concert at the Stratton Mt. Resort. John Behan, full time police officer, was attending a task force training program; Whitesell reported he was reviewing (3) applications for part-time police officers and would keep the Selectboard updated.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

FACILITIES REPORT:

1) Bushee reported the well pump at the former Town Hall had burned out and had been replaced by Steve Avison re: shared well. The Town's half of the bill was \$1,039.27 to replace it. For the future, Bushee recommended a written agreement between Avison and the Town of Winhall. The Selectboard agreed; Avison would most likely be amenable; discussion followed. Stark would draft an agreement and send it to the Town attorney for review. Bushee would also get the water tested. After further review, *Schwartz made the motion to pay the above bill; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

2) Bushee reported he had received a letter from the Windham Solid Waste District relative to recycling; discussion followed.

VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PROPOSAL: DISCUSSION:

Tabled until Dave Glabach returned from vacation; Coleman reported he had contacted Fish & Wildlife with some questions but had not received a reply.

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT:

In response to Mike Wilson's inquiry about damage to Kendall Farm Road as a result of increased truck traffic during installation of solar panels, the Selectboard determined the damage was not significant; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

OLD BUSINESS:

Winhall Town Plan- Coleman reported he had read the changes to the Town Plan and commented most likely there would be a change in the status of the Windham Solid Waste District; Winhall was considering leaving the District. Gisquet added an overview of the Town Plan adoption process.

Cemetery Policy- the Cemetery Policy was ready for approval. Only Winhall residents could be buried in the cemetery; the Selectboard would earmark three acres at the end of Kendall Farm Road for a future cemetery.

Highway Policy- the Selectboard reviewed the revised Highway Policy; discussion followed. The Selectboard would wait until Glabach returned to vote to approve the policy.

Tank/Card Reader System- Coleman reported he had received a proposal for \$6,000 from Beardsley Company to install the tank card reader system. FPH had proposed \$12,000. The Selectboard would wait until they had a third proposal.

Kendall Farm Road Trail Proposal- There were no updates.

LOWER TAYLOR HILL BRIDGE UPDATE:

Stark reported there were 5-6 interested contractors in response to the RFP to replace Lower Taylor Hill Bridge. The Selectboard would schedule a pre-construction meeting on May 2nd at 10:00 AM at the site. All bids would be opened on 5/16/16.

FORMER TOWN HALL UPDATE:

Cotton Architects had designed plans to renovate for the former Town Hall including State requirements for an emergency access. Discussion followed about handicap access. Gisquet and the Selectboard discussed the Town Hall relative to flood hazard and fluvial erosion zones. The Town Hall was within 100 ft. of the Winhall River. The Zoning Board of Adjustment would have to issue a conditional use permit for the improvements per the Winhall Flood Hazard Regulations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:25 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to review contractual matters; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 6:45 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* Out of executive session, the Selectboard authorized the Town Administrator to inquire with a Town attorney whether or not the Town might have the right to purchase development rights from individual land owners; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

MOUNTAIN SCHOOL LEASE:

The Selectboard reviewed the lease between the Town of Winhall and the Mountain School to re-include an omitted paragraph regarding who was responsible to pay for fire & casualty insurance; discussion followed. The Selectboard determined the Town was paying for the insurance. After discussion, the Selectboard authorized the Town Administrator to reach out to extend the term(s) of the lease with the Winhall School Board; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* Discussion followed relative to voting by Australian ballot at a special meeting per the Town purchasing the school building from the Winhall School Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE & NEW BUSINESS: Stark reported she had applied for \$400,000 in grant money for a variety of Town projects; she reported a worker's comp audit and a VTrans audit were both scheduled for next week; she reported that she obtained salt shed design plans from the State and the Select Board authorized her to communicate with an engineer on site design. Stark reported that she is working with VTrans on the sidewalk replacement project in Town.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Selectboard reviewed the Rutland Resolution for towns to support more legislation relative to increased municipal input on where solar facilities could be sited. The Selectboard tabled the request to sign the resolution.

LIQUOR BOARD MEETING: At 7:15 PM the Selectboard closed the Selectboard meeting and opened the Liquor Board meeting. After review, the Selectboard approved a liquor license for Tenderloins; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* The Selectboard re-opened the meeting at 7:20 PM.

PAYORDERS: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder(s) #4/20/16 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

PAYROLL: After review, the Selectboard approved payroll #15 & #16 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES: After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of April 6 & April 11, 2016 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

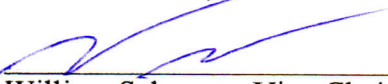
As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

Meeting minutes submitted by,

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Stuart Coleman, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Dave Glabach, Member