

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 21, 2021 (via Zoom)

PRESENT: Julie Isaacs, Stuart Coleman, Bill Schwartz; Lissa Stark, (Town Administrator); Lucia Wing (Secretary); Derrick Tienken (Police); Trevor Dryden (Roads); Elizabeth Grant (Town Clerk); Scott Bushee (Facilities)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: (None)

CALL TO ORDER: Isaacs opened the meeting (via Zoom) at 5:00 PM. A Liquor Board meeting was added to the agenda with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

1) Chief Tienken and the Selectboard reviewed the monthly police report for March including traffic tickets and warnings, false alarms, animal control matters, property watch, medical assists, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain resort. Chief reported the clicker campaign was underway; Jacob LaCasse was enrolled in firearms instructor training; “drug take-back” was Saturday at locations across Vermont where expired or unwanted medications could be disposed (including pet flea and tick medicine).

2) Tienken reported Officer Corey Revett, who also serves in the Vermont National Guard, would be deployed to Kosovo in support of NATO beginning in May; he would be away approx. (10) months; part-time officers would be assigned to fill his time. Tienken stated while Revett was deployed, another officer would be assigned as the Mountain School liaison considered an important community policing activity for the Town of Winhall. Revett will be missed while he is away.

3) After review, the Selectboard approved and adopted the Local Emergency Plan as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

ROADS UPDATE: ACCESS PERMITS:

After review, the Selectboard approved access permit(s) for Frank & Lenore Gregory, #6 Green Tree Road for a second access with 18” culvert; and final access approval for Alex Juhasz, #24 Wall Street; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

FACILITIES REPORT:

Bushee reported there was an uptick in construction debris; Airbnb garbage was considerably less (end of season); Bushee and Rowe were now State certified composters; fire extinguisher inspection had been performed at all municipal buildings; the overhead police doors were fixed; and the 4-bay water problem had not yet been resolved to date; discussion followed. Bushee discussed the ongoing Casella invoice (not yet paid) regarding composting; discussion followed.

TOWN MEETING:

Bushee reported he had help from Dryden and others to set-up for Town Meeting, which would be held Tuesday, April 27th. They would follow all Covid-19 and CDC guidelines. The Town Clerk reported she was organized to set-up voting booths and cleaning on-site. Isaacs reported that Green Up Day bags would be distributed at Town Meeting for upcoming Green-Up Day on May 1st.

GREEN-UP DAY:

Green-Up day was scheduled for Saturday, May 1st. Discussion followed relative to hours and green bag pick-up; lunch pick-up from 11AM-12:30PM (80) lunches ordered; and the Community Arts Center volunteering to take

over Green-Up Day the following year. Dryden added the Highway crew would help out by using the Town truck to get garbage to the Transfer Station.

TOWN CLERK REPORT & POSTAL DISCUSSION:

The Town Clerk reported the BCA Meeting was scheduled for 4/22 at 8AM at the Town Hall. Relative to mail, mail was delivered by the carrier to the Town Hall Mon-Sat and put on the Town Clerk's counter for distribution by the Town Clerk the following morning; the Town Clerk said the plan worked well for employees. The Town Administrator reported that her mail had been opened regularly by someone other than her, which was unauthorized. The Select Board suggested the Town Administrator discuss with the Postmaster having her mail distributed directly to her box in the front lobby.

COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF BUILDING:

The Zoning Administrator had issued a zoning permit for the food shelf to be relocated to the Community Arts Center; the Selectboard had approved; the structure would be moved the following day.

COMMUNITY HEALTH UPDATE: Vaccines were now available in Vermont to anyone 16 yrs. or older.

COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT UPDATE:

Fred Schwacke had sent a comprehensive update to the Selectboard per broadband in Winhall with a fiber optics hybrid option; Schwacke was waiting to see what State and Federal funding would be available. Discussion followed.

ADMINISTRATIVE & CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence

LIQUOR BOARD MEETING:

At 5:55 PM the Selectboard voted to recess its meeting and open the Liquor Board Meeting. After review, the Liquor Board approved a liquor license for the Bromley View Inn; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 6:00 PM, the Selectboard re-opened its meeting.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

After review, the Selectboard virtually approved the meeting minutes of April 7, 2021 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

WARRANTS:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #04/21/21 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:05 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* At 6:20 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* No decisions were rendered.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary,
Winhall Selectboard

Julie Isaacs, Chair
E. Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair
William Schwartz, Member

Approved Virtually 05.05.2021