

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, May 1, 2019

PRESENT: Bill Schwartz, Stuart Coleman; Julie Isaacs; Lissa Stark, (Town Administrator), Lucia Wing, (Secretary); Jeff Whitesell (Police); Trevor Dryden (Roads)

IN ATTENDANCE: Laura Gianotti, Jessica Flannery, Travis Dobson

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

Chief Whitesell and the Selectboard reviewed the monthly police report for April including traffic tickets and warnings, false alarms, animal control matters, property watch, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain resort. Whitesell reported there were several significant drug busts; paperwork had been sent to the Windham Regional Commission relative to the recent flooding in Winhall; he had met with Stratton Resort which included concerts and other events every month through October. Whitesell reported traffic control was in place per the Route 30 paving project; discussion followed.

ROAD & HIGHWAY REPORT:

1) After review, the Selectboard awarded the gravel (\$16.00 per cubic yard delivered to the site) & sur-pack (\$18.50 per cubic yard delivered to the site) bid(s) to Chaves Excavating and the sand bid to McClellan at \$14.75 per cubic yard delivered to the Transfer Station. Cersosimo had also submitted a higher bid.

2) Dryden reported the excavator on Cranberry Hill Road had been removed by the owner.

3) Dryden reported he and the Town Administrator had been coordinating with FEMA and VTrans per recent flood damage, which was approx. \$20,000 between Cranberry Hill Road and Bromley Forest Road. Green Up Day signage would be installed. Isaacs would forward the list of Green Up roads to the Police Department.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

TOWN MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

The Selectboard discussed information the Town Administrator had received from Stowe and Thetford, Vermont. The Selectboard would review the information for discussion at the next meeting.

WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION APPOINTEE:

After review, the Selectboard appointed Travis Dobson as Winhall representative to the Windham Regional Commission; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* Discussion followed relative to Dobson's first meeting with the WRC which included economic growth and its issues, Federal funding, and how to attract industry to southern Vermont, and keep young people here through employment opportunities.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Isaacs reported that the "Welcome to Winhall" signs located at the Peru, Stratton, and Jamaica Town lines would need to be replaced. The sign at the Manchester/Winhall Town line needed to be fixed.

COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER: REPORT:

Laura Gianotti and Jessica Flannery came before the Selectboard to discuss the lease agreement between the Community Arts Center and the Town of Winhall; minor changes to the lease were discussed. Gianotti and the

Selectboard also discussed the Facility Use Policy currently in place and ways to incorporate it into the lease agreement. Trash removal was a concern; it was agreed to that the Arts Center would bring trash to the dumpsters at the Town Offices and the Town Administrator would contact Catamount Restoration Services for a once per month cleaning of the Arts Center. Discussion followed about an option of changing the existing ordinance to allow liquor to be served or “bring your own” at the Community Center on occasion; the Selectboard would look into it; the Town Administrator would also contact VLCT for guidance.

LIQUOR BOARD MEETING:

At 6:37 PM, the Selectboard recessed its meeting and opened the Liquor Board Meeting. After review, the Liquor Board approved a liquor license for Mistrals Restaurant; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* The Liquor Board closed its meeting at 6:45 PM and reopened the Selectboard meeting at 6:50 PM.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

FYI: Town of Winhall Personnel Policy update. The Town Administrator and the Selectboard discussed the requirement for employee evaluations. *After review Coleman made the motion to postpone employee evaluations to a date uncertain; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* The Town Administrator will begin meeting with employees to review the new policies effective May 1st.

WARRANT:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #05/01/19 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of April 17, 2019 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*


Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Bill Schwartz, Chair



E. Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member