

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Bondville, Vermont 05340
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, May 3, 2017**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Laura Gianotti, Ralph Meima (Green Lantern solar development), Robert Crabtree

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

After review, *Schwartz made the motion to add the following two items to the agenda: 1) Review Randy Kimball litigation and 2) discuss Veterans flags in Winhall; second by Coleman; unanimous.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE: REPORT: Whitesell and the Selectboard reviewed the monthly police report for April to include traffic tickets and warnings; alarm calls; animal control problems; property watch incidents; and medical assists in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mt. Resort. Whitesell reported the Minus Zero concert held at the Stratton Resort in April had been “sold out” with relatively few incidents occurring. After review, the Selectboard signed the Local Emergency Operations Plan; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.*

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT: Dryden reported they were closing a portion of Upper Taylor Hill Road on May 31st to replace culverts; RFP for the new Town plow had gone out to bid; RFP for paving Upper Taylor Hill and a portion of Winhall Hollow would go out to bid shortly. The Selectboard discussed the section of the Access Road at the bottom corner which was torn up; discussion followed including crack sealing and identifying wet spots on paved roads for immediate repair. Crack sealing would go out to bid. Dryden reported grading was underway on most dirt roads; rain was a deterrent. Trees needed to be cut back on Kendall Farm Road near the Stratton pump station; Coleman would inform Stratton; Dryden reported they were removing fallen, rotted trees from the sides of Town roads.

SOLAR DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION: Ralph Meima came before the Selectboard to talk about solar development and net metering in Vermont. He explained that if Winhall chose to contract with Green Lantern for solar credits produced by an investor financed solar project located in Springfield, Vermont, the Town could save approximately \$4,700 per year in electricity. The solar project in Springfield was generating more power than expected, and there were leftover credits which could be purchased by local towns. The Selectboard felt there was no downside to signing the contract; energy would stay in the area. *Coleman made the motion to review the contract prior to signing it; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.* The Town Administrator would send the contract to the Town attorney for review. Discussion followed about potential sites in Winhall and the solar array which already existed.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

READ ROAD: DISCUSSION: Robert Crabtree came before the Selectboard to discuss re-opening discontinuance of Read Road. He stated the road was slowly deteriorating, went nowhere, and was never used by anybody; he submitted a video. Crabtree would like to own the road for practical as well as security and privacy purposes. The Selectboard agreed to walk and review the entire road and decide whether Read Road should be Class 4, a legal trail, or throw it up. Crabtree added he would like to maintain the graveyard on South Road. After discussion about the impossibility of ever getting the road back, *Schwartz made the motion to make*

Read Road a legal Town trail from South Road to the end; seconded by Glabach; unanimous. The Selectboard agreed they would start the discontinuance process.

COMMUNITY CENTER:

1) Laura Gianotti asked about the Community Center using the Mountain School for functions during renovations to the Old Town Hall. The Selectboard asked her to check with the Mountain School first but felt it should not be an issue.

2) After reviewing Gianotti's request, ***Coleman made the motion allowing a one (1) hour per week supervised visitation at the Town Hall if they could not make arrangements to use the Library; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.*** Discussion followed about maintaining the generator as the Mountain School now owned the building.

OLD TOWN HALL UPDATE: Laura Gianotti came before the Selectboard to get an Old Town Hall update. Bids would be submitted by May 15th for Phase I. Coleman recommended renting a storage container for \$680 to store contents from inside the Community Center. After discussion, ***Coleman made the motion to rent the unit ASAP; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.*** Coleman would get the unit.

LOWER TAYLOR HILL BRIDGE: FYI: The Selectboard discussed signage for Lower Taylor Hill and the new bridge; the bridge would be in condition to open soon.

VETERANS FLAGS: Coleman reported the VSW would no longer be providing flags for the fallen veterans in Winhall; the Selectboard agreed to buy the flags directly (\$225 approx.); ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.***

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE: The Town Administrator reported a VLCT audit was pending and an RFP was out to bid for a Town financial audit.

PAYORDERS: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder/warrant #05/03/17 as presented; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.***


APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S): After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of April 18, 2017 as presented; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.***

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:52 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss the Randy Kimball vs the Town of Winhall litigation; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.*** At 7:00 PM, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.*** Out of executive session, the Selectboard agreed on a mediation settlement of \$33,000; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.***


OTHER BUSINESS: 4-BAY GARAGE: Coleman reported the 4-bay needed a new roof; he and Scott Bushee had looked at other roofs; discussion followed.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.***


Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Bill Schwartz, Chair



E. Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair



David Glabach, Member