Town of Winhall Selectboard Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, May 5, 2021 (via Zoom)

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Fred Schwacke

CALL TO ORDER: Isaacs opened the meeting (via Zoom) at 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

ELECTION OF SELECTBOARD CHAIR & VICE CHAIR:

After review, Isaacs made the motion to elect Stuart Coleman as Chair; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous. After review, Schwartz made the motion to elect Julie Isaacs as Vice-Chair; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.

APPROVE BOARD MEETING DATES & TIMES:

After review, Coleman made the motion to approve continuing to meet on the first & third Wednesdays of each month at 5:00PM; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.

APPROVE MEDIA OF RECORD:

The Selectboard delayed approval and would revisit at the following meeting; the Town Administrator would research alternatives.

APPROVE MEDIA AREAS OF POSTING:

After review, Coleman approved the Town Office, Winhall website, and Bondville Post Office as official posting sites; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous. Other locations could be added.

APPOINTMENTS:

After review, the Selectboard approved the following appointments: Pound Keeper-Patrick Salo; Animal Control Officer-Patrick Salo; Tree Warden-Stuart Coleman; Town Service Officer-Elizabeth Grant; Windham Regional Representative(s)- Travis Dobson (one vacancy); Selectboard members to sign checks and pay orders between meetings- any member; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* Isaacs agreed to serve as interim Health Officer until a replacement was found.

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

- 1) Chief Tienken and the Selectboard reviewed the monthly police report for April 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.
- 2) Tienken reported Patrolman Mitchel Maynard was leaving the police force on 6/2; he recommended that Greg Eckhardt, currently part-time, replace him as a full-time officer; the Selectboard unanimously agreed to support Chief's choice. This would leave one part-time position to be filled.

ROADS: AWARD PAVING & GRAVEL BIDS:

After review, the Selectboard awarded the paving contract to Fuller Sand & Gravel @ \$374,750.25; motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous. Other bidders included Springfield Paving, Pike Industries, and Peckham Industries. After review, the Selectboard awarded the gravel contract to Hunter Excavating @ \$18 per yard delivered at any location; motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous. The other bidder was Chaves Excavating.

ACCESS PERMITS:

After review, the Selectboard approved a final access permit for Brian Weiner, #9 Bethy Lane; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* Dryden and the Selectboard discussed Robert Crabtree (South Road) running a fiber optic line underground in the Town ROW. All agreed that Crabtree must obtain an access permit from the Town to work in the Town right-of-way stating Crabtree was responsible for any maintenance or repairs to the lines. Dryden would let Crabtree know the Selectboard's requirement.

COMMUNITY HEALTH UPDATE:

Vermont was leading the country in numbers of vaccinations administered.

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 suggesting Winhall form its own Union. The Selectboard agreed to put Schwacke on the agenda for the following meeting to discuss in detail.

ADMINISTRATIVE & CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) The Town Administrator reported the Workers Comp Audit was in process; she planned to update the Winhall Personnel Policy.
- 2) Coleman asked the Town Administrator to prepare an RFP for culvert replacement based on the State hydraulic study of the Stratton Mt. Access Road. The Town Administrator reported the study was nearly complete, per the State, and she would prepare the RFP as soon as the study is received.

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 Work Horse Café LLC, 59 Vermont Route 30; *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 approved the meeting minutes of April 21, 2021 as amended; *motion by Coleman*; *seconded by Schwartz; unanimous*.

WARRANTS:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #05/05/21 as presented; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.

Lucia Wing, Secretary, Winhall Selectboard

E. Stuart Coleman, Chair

while Isaacs | Vice Chair

William Schwartz, Member