

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, May 18, 2016

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Lance Lemieux, Barry Sleath (Daniels Construction), Jane Lazorchak & Kim Royar (Fish & Wildlife); Aaron Hurst (Forest & Parks), Tom Fuller

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

LIQUOR BOARD MEETING:

At 5:05 PM the Selectboard closed the Selectboard meeting and opened the Liquor Board meeting. After review, the Liquor Board approved a liquor license for the Red Fox Inn; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* The SB re-opened the Selectboard meeting at 5:10 PM.

POLICE/RESCUE REPORT:

Chief Whitesell and the Selectboard discussed the April 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 was an upcoming law enforcement active shooter seminar at the Stratton base lodge on June 2nd & 3rd. Whitesell reported he was in the process of ordering a new cruiser for the Police Department with a delivery date of August/September. Whitesell would submit prices. Whitesell had attended a recent risk management training seminar; discussion followed.

Greg Gould reported on police events, curriculum, and interaction at the Mountain School; he stated that middle school kids had all gotten certified in CPR. Gould reported he would go to the school twice a month and offer a variety of topics for discussion and learning. He submitted posters created by the Mountain School students for the Selectboard's review. Gould reported that the Winhall/Stratton Community Food Shelf had been approved by the State and would operate out of the Music & Art Community Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:25 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to review personnel 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 the Selectboard authorized Chief Whitesell to begin advertising for a full time police officer; they also authorized Whitesell to begin a training program for Lance Lemieux as a part-time police officer; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PROPOSAL: DISCUSSION:

The Selectboard met with Vermont Fish & Wildlife personnel; Fish & Wildlife were looking for approval from the Town prior to closing on a tract of land owned by Michael Dritz; the 200 acre parcel

was adjacent to Gale Meadow Pond. Jane Lazorchak, Fish & Wildlife, gave an overview of the Selectboard's concerns relative to the purchase of the land which included a loss of tax revenue to the Town and a lack of management especially around the boat access to the Pond; a port-o-john had been delivered to the area for public use. Discussion also included the Selectboard's concern for continued use of existing mountain bike trails across Dritz land; Aaron Hurst, Forest & Parks, stated most likely they would come up with a proposal to continue using the bike trails for recreational use provided it would not disrupt the wildlife in the area which was a State concern. Cross country skiing in the winter was a go. Discussion followed relative to the entry gate and parking area off Winhall Hollow Road as problematic; Hurst would review that further. Hurst stated timber harvesting would be a part of the ongoing management plan for the Dritz property. After further review, ***Schwartz made the motion to support the acquisition of the 200 acre Dritz property by Vermont Fish & Wildlife with the understanding that the State would investigate continued bike trail use on the property; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.***

HIGHWAY & ROADS- PAVING BIDS:

After review of all the paving bids submitted, the Selectboard awarded the bid to Fuller Sand & Gravel for the low bid of \$178, 839.50. Shoulder gravel would be a separate item and would be installed within two weeks of paving; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.*** Dryden reported an individual had asked about taking away the old gravel pile leftover from the Town garage construction to be used as fill. The Selectboard agreed to leave the gravel there for now.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Policy Update- Coleman reported he had walked the Town property at the end of Kendall Farm Road; he was looking for a suitable site for a cemetery but had not found an ideal area as yet. The Selectboard was considering three (3) acres for a future cemetery.

Old Town Hall Update- Marcel Gisquet had reached out to the State Floodplain Management representative who would issue a report within the week based on improvements to the Old Town Hall. A public hearing, conducted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, had been scheduled for 6/13/16 at 5:00 PM.

*Mountain School Lease Update-*The Town Administrator updated the Selectboard on the status of the Mountain School lease and purchase and sales agreement between the Town and the Winhall School Board. After review, the Selectboard agreed to sign the purchase & sales agreement for \$875,000 and send it along to the Winhall School District/School Board for their signatures; ***motion by Schwartz authorizing Stuart Coleman to sign; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.***

LOWER TAYLOR HILL BRIDGE: AWARD CONTRACT:

The Town had received five (5) bids to replace the Lower Taylor Hill Bridge. Bids were submitted by Renaud @ \$475,000; Cold River @\$ 595,000; Daniels Construction @ \$310,000; Bean @ \$427,000; and Evans Construction @ \$471,000. Discussion with Barry Sleath (Daniels) included abutments, surfaces, maximum truck weight, guard rails, cutting trees, steel beams, concrete deck, safety, and other details. At the recommendation of Daniels Construction, the cost would increase to \$373,000 to include guard rails and added ledge digging (abutment) for safety and stability purposes. Sleath stated they could potentially start construction by fall once all the permits from the State were in place. After further review, the Selectboard awarded the bridge contract to Daniels Construction for \$373,000 as discussed above; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.*** Stark would look for the hydraulics study which the Town had conducted a few years ago.

BELL CULVERT PROJECT: PEARL BUCK DRIVE:

It was reported that Elizabeth Bell, homeowner, would be willing to pay the difference (approx. \$10,000) between Chaves' excavating bill and the Better Back Roads grant awarded to help pay for replacing the culvert on her property located on Pearl Buck Drive. Several bids had been submitted; Chaves was the low bidder. After further review, *Schwartz made the motion to award the bid to Chaves Excavating for \$15,000 with the agreement that Bell would be responsible for the balance between Chaves and the grant; a \$10,000 retainer paid by Bell would be held in escrow; Bell would also be responsible for any further funds if Chaves hit ledge or uncovered any other problems; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.*

ADMINISTRATIVE & NEW BUSINESS:

Stark reported the Town had received a grant for \$130,000 for the Raspberry Hill Project (culvert replacement).

CORRESPONDENCE: (None)

PAYORDERS:

After review, the Selectboard approved payorder(s) #5/10/16 & 5/18/16 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

PAYROLL:

After review, the Selectboard approved payroll #19 & #20 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:


After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of April 20, May 2 & 4, 2016 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 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