

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, June 3, 2020

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:

Bushee asked the Selectboard to extend Alexander Bilka's temporary employment status for work hours at the Transfer Station; Bushee stated he really needed a third attendant as the Transfer Station was extremely busy due to Covid-19 and additional use. The Selectboard would consider this and look into the details. Discussion followed relative to FEMA paying for some portion of the extra expense. Bushee reported there had been (75) new Transfer Station permits issued; discussion followed relative to reopening the Swap Shop with CDC guidelines; Bushee reported he could utilize volunteers to help with sanitizing and other work in the Swap Shop; Bushee reported electronics collection would reopen soon; the clothes bin was already reopened. He would keep the Selectboard up to date.

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

Tienken and the Selectboard reviewed the monthly police report for May 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. He reported that the newly-hired officer would begin at the Police Academy on July 6th part-time for two weeks; hopefully a space in the full-time Academy class would open up in the summer. Tienken reported Officer Rogers and K-9 Gunner had successfully tracked a lost person. Discussion followed relative to police body cam videos which were operational during arrests; the Police Department was well aware of the current unrest in the US regarding excessive police force. Tienken reported part-time Officer Josh Rosenblum was a trained EMT plus a Physician's Assistant at Grace Cottage and would take over some of retired Officer Gould's duties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:30 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss police personnel and contractual matters; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 6:00 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* Out of executive session, the Selectboard approved the employment agreement between the Town of Winhall and Officer Derrick Tienken. *Schwartz made the motion authorizing Julie Isaacs, Chair to sign the contract as presented; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

COMMUNITY HEALTH DISCUSSION:

Tienken reported the snowmaking pond was typically crowded during the warmer weather; the police were monitoring the activity. No new Covid-19 cases had been reported in Winhall.

EMPLOYEE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT:

After review, the Selectboard approved the employee cost of living adjustments as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

PLANNING & ZONING REAPPOINTMENTS:

After review, the Selectboard reappointed Marcel Gisquet, Lucia Wing, and Jerry Driscoll to the Winhall Planning Commission and Doug Poulter and Dean Gianotti Sr. to the Zoning Board of Adjustment; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

ROAD & HIGHWAY REPORT: (No report)

GREEN-UP DAY UPDATE:

Isaacs reported that Vermont Green-Up Day had included residents cleaning up the excessive trash on Old Snow Valley Road.

ACCESS PERMIT:

After review, the Selectboard approved 911 numbers (#301 & #303) for Lot(s) #1 & #2 of the Franks Subdivision along Route 30 owned by Mathew Spear; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:

1) FYI: End of year financials. Discussion followed.

2) Correspondence included complaints from residents living on Old Snow Valley Road relative to the excessive trash dumped into the ravine behind #6 Old Snow Valley Road. The mother of the occupant of the property had returned to the residence and was in the process of resolving the issue. Discussion followed relative to Health Officer protocol for trash removal and amending the current Town trash ordinance.

3) Next the Selectboard followed up with discussion relative to the anonymous correspondence received April 28th regarding the Open Meeting Law following the 4/15/20 Selectboard meeting via Zoom; a second anonymous correspondence on the same subject dated 5/22 was received on 5/28/20. The Selectboard had responded to both correspondences in a timely manner by holding Selectboard meetings in person at the Town Hall in Bondville beginning 5/6/20.

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APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of May 20, 2020 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

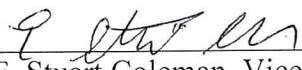
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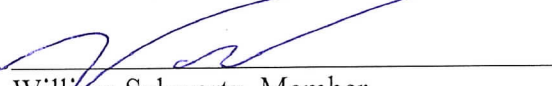
After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #06/03/20 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* Discussion followed about the Cota & Cota outstanding bill from 2014-2015. The Selectboard agreed to pay the bill less interest and penalties. Coleman would follow up by contacting Cota & Cota.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary,
Winhall Selectboard


Julie Isaacs, Chair


E. Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair


Willfam Schwartz, Member