

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, June 5, 2019

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Laura Gianotti, Greg Gould (Police)

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 May 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 May was typically a slow month with few traffic tickets and warnings. The Route 30 paving project was well underway with much of the road thru Bondville cut up and grooved. Whitesell reported the police were stationed in key areas along Route 30 to help monitor traffic.

TOWN EMPLOYEE WAGE & BENEFITS ADJUSTMENTS:

After review, *Isaacs made the motion to approve the Town employee wage adjustments as presented; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* After review, *Isaacs made the motion to approve the amendments to the Town employee benefits policy; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

ROAD & HIGHWAY REPORT:

- 1) After review, the Selectboard awarded the paving contract to Springfield Paving, the low bidder @ \$87,840; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* Discussion followed about contract details; the Town Administrator would follow up. Pike Industries bid was \$98,079; Peckham Paving bid was \$145,648.
- 2) Dryden reported the three (3) culverts on Lower Taylor Hill Road had been replaced. Read Road had been cleaned up by Hunter Excavating. Dryden planned on attending upcoming management courses.
- 3) The Selectboard discussed appointing the Town Administrator as Winhall Road Commissioner; they would bring it up for discussion at the next meeting when Stuart Coleman would be present.
- 4) The Selectboard and Dryden talked about the box culvert closure on Route 30. A weekend schedule was tentatively planned for the project; local businesses had voiced concern. The Town Administrator had explained these concerns to the State and Dryden and Coleman would go to the State pre-construction meeting to discuss Town concerns and a different schedule.
- 5) After review, the Selectboard approved an “approval to proceed” and 18-inch culvert access permit for Larry & Diane Kingsley on Winhall Hollow Road which included flashing lights on a timer; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* The access would primarily be used as a horse crossing.
- 6) After review, the Selectboard approved a final access permit for Christopher Kolk, #2 Bromley Forest Road; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* The Selectboard agreed to delay approving an access permit for Alex Westwood, #6 Quarter Mile Road until ownership was established; discussion followed about approving a second access onto a Town road.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER: REPORT:

Laura Gianotti came before the Selectboard to discuss the lease agreement between the Community Arts Center and Town of Winhall. The Selectboard and Gianotti discussed the Facility Use Policy to include a section on allowing alcohol use on-site for special events with conditions and adequate liquor liability insurance; VLCT had been consulted. Minor changes to the lease were also discussed as well as insurance costs. It was agreed that the Facility Use Policy and lease agreement would begin July 1, 2019. Gianotti also mentioned she had had to get a movie license (\$590 annually) thru fund raising. After further review, ***Isaacs made the motion authorizing the Town Administrator to sign the lease with the Community Arts Center; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

CEMETERY BUSINESS:

After review, the Selectboard approved replacing a stone marker with an upright stone in the Bondville Cemetery for future burial per Rosemary Strine's plot; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

ADMINISTRATIVE:

- 1) FYI: Fire Department and Library leases with the Town in process.
- 2) After discussion of the upcoming "Tax Sale" in Winhall, ***Schwartz made the motion that the Town would not consider purchasing any of the properties listed; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***
- 3) The Selectboard briefly discussed the new road & bridge standards per the State.
- 4) After review, the Selectboard agreed to pay for emergency equipment parts @ \$3,081.45 and take the funds out of the Fire Truck Reserve Fund. The Town Administrator would let the Fire Department know of this withdrawal.

WARRANT:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #06/04/19 as presented; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

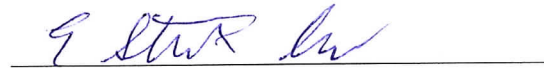
After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of April 3rd and May 15th, 2019 as amended and presented; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

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

Lucia Wing, Secretary Winhall Selectboard



Bill Schwartz, Chair



E. Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member