

**Town of Winhall Selectboard**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

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**PRESENT:** Julie Isaacs; Stuart Coleman; Bill Schwartz; Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (Absent); Trevor Dryden (Roads); Scott Bushee (Facilities); Derrick Tienken (Police)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** None

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

The Selectboard added the following agenda items: Liquor Board Meeting and Derrick Tienken (Police) discussion; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**OFFICER TIENKEN: VEHICLE DISCUSSION:**

1) Officer Tienken came before the Selectboard to discuss current police cruiser inventory and an additional police utility vehicle for him to drive back and forth to work which could also be used for police work if needed. Tienken reported all police cruisers were in good condition with relatively low mileage; currently there was no need for a trade-in. Tienken stated there would be no need to outfit the additional vehicle. Colonial Municipal Group's estimate of \$35,000 was considerably less than cost for a full-on police cruiser (approx. \$50,000); Tienken further stated the vehicle could easily be outfitted for future police use if necessary. The Selectboard agreed and authorized Tienken to move forward with the purchase.

2) Former Chief Whitesell asked the Selectboard if he could keep his 7-yr. old Apple computer for personal use; all pertinent police information on it had been transferred to the Winhall Police Department; discussion followed. After review, *Coleman made the motion granting Whitesell's request for the computer; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

**HIGHWAY REPORT:**

1) Dryden reported that Christie Mackenzie was requesting underground power to be located under the Beaver Street cul-de-sac and onto her lot. Dryden stated Hunter Excavating would have to dig down 48" or power would have to be encased in concrete; discussion followed about a bond to benefit the Town. After further review, *Coleman made the motion permitting Mackenzie to go under Beaver Street with power with the following stipulations; a one year bond benefitting the Town of Winhall in the amount of \$5,000; and the work must be completed within a reasonable time frame with no inconvenience to owners on Beaver Street; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* The Selectboard agreed to discuss a policy for underground power for future projects at the next meeting.

2) Dryden reported the highway crew was working on dust control for Town roads as a result of very dry conditions. The cost for dust control was \$14-\$15,000. Dryden reported a barrage of signs had been stolen from a variety of Town roads. He reported there were hydraulic studies for Signal Hill, Sullivan Ridge, and Access Road. The highway crew would start roadside mowing to following week. Sand and paving RFP's were out to bid.

**TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:**

Bushee reported he planned to open the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station on Friday with CDC guidelines in place. In addition, he would install signage; limit the number of people in the Swap Shop; masks would be mandatory; social distancing would be mandatory; limit what the Transfer Station would take in; and post a list of unacceptable items. Volunteers would help out. He would close the Shop if guidelines weren't followed. Hazardous Waste Day was scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> 9AM-1PM. The electronics building was open; the construction bin was open; and the clothes bin was open. Bushee reported he had installed a speed bump as a

“slow-down” deterrent; discussion followed about installing speed signage as well. Bushee reported the Transfer Station was seeing an increase in bears in the Transfer Station; he was looking into several solutions. Bushee and the Selectboard discussed the Library and Community Center closures and when they might safely open. All agreed to wait while the Governor’s state of emergency was still in place. Bushee reported stone work at the Middletown and South Road Cemeteries was needed.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH DISCUSSION:** Status quo.

**NEW BUSINESS:** After review, the Selectboard approved and signed the corrected cost of living (hourly) for the PD; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

**SALE OF TOWN LAND:**

The Town of Winhall owned a 1.2-acre lot (through a tax sale) located on Slippery Fox Road which they intended to sell. Discussion followed. After further review, *Coleman made the motion to sell the lot for what the Town had in it financially; Coleman would contact Attorney Kevin O’Toole to get accurate numbers; seconded by Isaacs; passed (Schwartz abstained).* *As it is dictated by law.*

**SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE:** The Selectboard agreed to review the Winhall Solid Waste Ordinance relative to garbage at the next meeting; discussion followed. In the meantime, the Town Administrator would have a look.

**LIQUOR BOARD MEETING:** At 6:10 PM the Selectboard closed its meeting and opened the Liquor Board meeting. After review, the Liquor Board approved a liquor license for the Red Fox Inn; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* At 6:15 PM the Selectboard meeting reopened.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:**

1) The Selectboard reviewed an anonymous letter written on May 29<sup>th</sup> stating the Selectboard minutes had not been posted on the Website within the required five (5)-day posting period. Per recent Covid-19 guidelines which the Selectboard researched, meeting minutes were allowed up to ten (10) days to be posted online.

2) Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> Julie Isaacs would become the roads liaison; Stuart Coleman the police liaison; and Bill Schwartz the facilities liaison.

**APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:**


After review, the meeting minutes of June 3, 2020 were approved as amended; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*


**WARRANTS:** No warrants

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary  
Winhall Selectboard

  
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Julie Isaacs, Chair

  
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Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair

  
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William Schwartz, Member