

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 1, 2020**

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

ALSO: None

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

The Selectboard voted to add a Liquor Board Meeting to the agenda; *motion by Coleman, seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

Chief Tienken and the Selectboard reviewed the monthly police report for June 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 newly hired officer, Reece Millington, would begin the Police Academy on July 6th part-time for two weeks followed by EMT training most likely in Bennington. Tienken reported there would be increased police training on subjects like communication, de-escalation, and excessive police force. He reported the Department had received a \$125,000 Cops Hiring Grant; Tienken suggested putting together a task force including a community member to review hiring a full-time police officer; the Selectboard agreed with the idea. Tienken reported the Police Department noted an increase in out-of-state traffic as a result of the upcoming July 4th weekend. Chief Tienken and the Selectboard reviewed Covid-19 “Police Protocol;” discussion followed.

COMMUNITY HEALTH DISCUSSION:

Tienken reported generally status quo; there were no known cases of coronavirus in Winhall.

TOWN-OWNED LOT SALE:

The Selectboard reviewed the upcoming legal public notice for “Sale of Town-owned property in Winhall” located off Slippery Fox Road pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1061 (a)(1). Discussion followed relative to (2) additional lots owned by the Town located on Lower Taylor Hill Road. A suggestion was to contact the Intervale Homeowner’s Association to see if they might be interested in acquiring the lots as Intervale abutted the property. The Town Administrator would calculate the amount of money the Town had invested in the two lots; both had wastewater permits from the State.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:18 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 5:45 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* No decisions were rendered.

ZONING APPOINTMENT:

After review, the Selectboard appointed Anne Filley to the Zoning Board of Adjustment replacing Julie “Cooky” Glass who had recently resigned her position; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

ROAD & HIGHWAY REPORT: (No report)

TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT: (No Report)

LIQUOR BOARD MEETING:

At 5:46 PM the Selectboard recessed its meeting and opened the Liquor Board Meeting; after review, the Liquor Board approved liquor licenses for Mistrals & CTL- Red Fox Inn; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* The Selectboard reopened the Selectboard meeting at 5:50 PM.

ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:

1) FYI: End of year financials. The Town Administrator reported- Town audit to follow July 16-17. Discussion followed re: Winhall garbage bag protocol.

2) Correspondence included an anonymous letter to the Town of Winhall Selectboard dated 6/15/20 and received on 6/20/20.

3) After review, the Selectboard approved a bid from First Line Security for a fire alarm system (total cost \$4,363) for the Library which included carbon monoxide and digital monitoring; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

4) After review, the Selectboard approved a “Story Walk” at the Winhall Library; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* The Selectboard unanimously commended the event.

5) The Selectboard had received a \$2,000 bond from Christina Mackenzie Boswell benefitting the Town of Winhall. The purpose of the bond was to install underground power to her lot off Beaver Street.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of June 17, 2020 as amended; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

WARRANT:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #07/01/20 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary,
Winhall Selectboard

Julie Isaacs, Chair

E. Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair

William Schwartz, Member