

**Town of Winhall Selectboard**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 10, 2019**

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**PRESENT:** Bill Schwartz, Stuart Coleman; Julie Isaacs, Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (Absent); Trevor Dryden (Roads)

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Amos Kempton & Bruce Martin (VTrans), Natalie Boyle (EIV). ALSO: Andy Gluss, Rita & Steve Crimmin, Steve & Linda Obletz, Carol Cantwell, Ellen Mallia, Mike & Eileen Muscatello, Michael Austin, Diane Hoit, Mark Mackintosh, Tom Maneggia, Randy & Teresa Ameden, Michael Stoll, Laura Gianotti, Robert & Ellen Giunta, Judy Gilmore, Eric Murphy, Rick & Joan Intervate, Diana Stugger, Bob Oakes, Cassie Russo, Scott Sargent (Miller Construction). ALSO: Jeffrey Cavanaugh & Pat Moyna (Stratton Resort)

**VTRANS PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING: ROUTE 30 CULVERT PROJECT:**

Members of VTrans and Natalie Boyle (EIV) addressed the public present relative to installation of a concrete box culvert (near the Norse House and old fire station) on Route 30. It would require Route 30 to be closed from Friday 6:00 PM, July 19<sup>th</sup> to 6:00 AM, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion and concerns at the Hearing included detour signage; road closure and current signage information as confusing to public travelling Route 30; alternate routes during the road closure; lost income to local businesses as a result of the road project; car troubles of all kinds- tires and windshield issues; insurance claims and where to make them; Route 30 complaints prior to construction; and not phasing the project. As Route 30 was a major reclamation project, construction of the road included replacing culverts, adding drainage, ditching, digging up the surface and subsurface, and regrading before paving could start. VTrans stated that paving would begin by July 17<sup>th</sup>. In addition to all the delays on Route 30, repaving on Route 11/30 was going on at same time. VTrans announced Route 30 would be a great road for a long, long time. VTrans encouraged travelers and residents alike to contact their office with further questions and concerns.

**CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING:** Schwartz called the regular meeting to order at 5:40 PM at the Town Hall. The Selectboard added setting the tax rate to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**HIGHWAY REPORT:**

1) Pat Moyna & Jeffrey Cavanaugh (Stratton) came before the Selectboard to discuss future road work to the Stratton Mountain Access Road. They discussed repair and/or replacing the culvert near North Brookwood Road; some work had already been done to the existing culvert. In addition to culverts, water, ditching, and drainage needed attention. All agreed that hiring an engineering firm to study culverts as well as the surface and base of the access road was necessary. Stratton and the Selectboard agreed that by working together and phasing the project in three parts worked- first replace culverts; second pave Birch Hill and up; third pave Birch Hill and down to the intersection with Route 30. Winhall would set up a reserve fund for the project and so would Stratton Corp. A timeline of 2021 was discussed. The Selectboard would have the Town Administrator put together an RFP to hire an engineering firm as soon as possible.

2) Discussion of "Codes & Standards" was tabled until the Town Administrator was able to attend.

3) Next the Selectboard discussed a complaint from a resident on Cranberry Hill Road who had recurring sand on his lawn. The culvert on the lower portion of Cranberry Hill needed to be replaced to fix the problem. Dryden suggested they put it in next year's budget. It was up to the homeowner to clean up his lawn and not the Town of Winhall who had repaired the existing culvert for now.

4) Dryden reported the backhoe needed \$600 worth of repair; the old bucket loader had been traded for new one; roadside mowing was underway as well as chloride spreading on Town roads

**TAX RATE:**

After review the Selectboard approved the "Town of Winhall Setting the Tax Rate- Computations for 2019-2020" as presented (see attached document); *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

**ZBA APPOINTMENTS:**

After review, Bob McIntyre was reappointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* After review, Julie Isaacs was reappointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; passed.* (Isaacs recused herself)

**ACT 48: DISCUSSION:**

After discussion, Health Officer reports and potential rental inspections was tabled until the following meeting.

**TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:** (No Report)

**TOWN MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT:** Tabled until the following meeting.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER:** Tabled until the following meeting.

**ADMINISTRATOR/CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Selectboard discussed Town Clerk recording fees and setting aside a portion of recording fees for the Restoration & Preservation Fund. The Selectboard agreed to confer with the Town Clerk.

Fire Department and Library lease agreements were in process.

**APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:**

After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of June 19, 2019 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

**WARRANTS:**

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 07/10/19 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:30 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

The Selectboard came out of executive session at 7:50 PM; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* No decisions were rendered.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

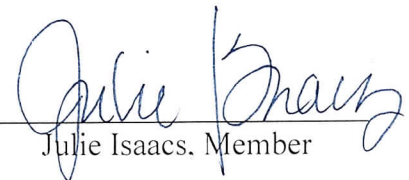
Lucia Wing, Secretary  
Winhall Selectboard



William Schwartz, Chair



Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member