

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 15, 2020

PRESENT: Julie Isaacs; Stuart Coleman; Bill Schwartz; Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Trevor Dryden (Roads); Scott Bushee (Facilities)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Hunter Excavating

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 & Access Permit approval; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

1) Dryden reported that Hunter Excavating was planning to install an access drive for a 30-acre lot proposed by Robert Crabtree off Read Road Extension. Hunter would make improvements to the existing Town trail including upgrading two culverts and adding a third. After further review, the Selectboard approved improvements to the Town trail and an Access Permit and 911 number for Robert & Carolyn Crabtree, Read Road Extension; *motion Coleman; seconded Schwartz; unanimous.*

2) Dryden reported despite putting it out to bid, the Town had received no bids relative to sand purchase for this winter. Hunter Kaltsas, Hunter Excavating, announced he would like to bid; his price is \$18 dollars per yard delivered; in addition, Kaltsas stated sand would be stockpiled in his yard. After further review and discussion about added population in Winhall, *Coleman made the motion to order 3500 yards of sand at the above price; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

3) The box culvert replacement project on Cranberry Hill Road would begin on July 27th.

4) Dryden and the Selectboard agreed to send letters to 92 mailbox holders in Winhall outlining guidelines for location, etc. for this coming winter.

5) Dryden reported several signs in Winhall had been stolen including the poles. He stated road signs would be redesigned in the future per State mandate. Roadside mowing was starting on Monday.

6. Dryden and the Selectboard discussed the need for hiring an additional member to the highway crew. The Selectboard agreed to advertise the position and see what transpired; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:

Bushee reported he would shut the Swap Shop for now per increased COVID-19 cases in the area. Bushee also discussed an additional Transfer Station attendant for the future, especially as there were more residents living in Winhall full-time. For now, Al Bilka would stay on through August. Bushee would test the new green garbage bag to see how it compared to the current bag used at the Transfer Station. Bushee and the Selectboard discussed the Casella bill. Bushee added he planned to remove the dead apple tree at the Town Hall; the elevator at the Community Center had been fixed; the elevator at the Town Hall had been inspected; fire extinguishers had not been inspected lately; Coleman would follow up. As he was sold out, Bushee would order more compost bins for purchase by Winhall residents. Bushee talked about adding more speed bumps at the Transfer Station. The Selectboard recommended installing a sign stating "5 miles per hour."

COMMUNITY HEALTH DISCUSSION:

The Selectboard and Town Administrator discussed the current uptick in coronavirus cases in Winhall and the surrounding neighborhoods; mandating masks per a resident's email request; and food shelf use.

SALE OF TOWN LAND:

FYI: The Selectboard and Town Administrator discussed the (2) Lower Taylor Hill lots for sale- 2 acres & 1.8 acres respectively (\$16,000 for both) and reaching out to Intervale to see if the Homeowner's Association had any interest in purchasing them.

SET MUNICIPAL TAX RATE:

The municipal tax rate would be approved and set by special meeting of the Selectboard. It had been delayed because of late Homestead filings.

POLICE UPDATE:

After review, the Selectboard agreed to hire Tom Curran for the position of per-diem police officer; all agreed he was well-qualified; *motion by; Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

LIQUOR BOARD MEETING:

At 6:30 PM the Selectboard recessed its meeting and opened the Liquor Board meeting. After review, the Liquor Board approved a liquor license for the Bromley View Inn; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* At 6:35 PM the Selectboard meeting reopened.

ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) The Selectboard reviewed a class action law suit pending; no action was taken; the Secretary of the Interior had notified the Selectboard re: taxes paid regarding the Green Mountain National Forest; discussion followed.
- 2) The Town Administrator reported the Town Audit would take place Thursday and Friday, July 16 & 17 at the Town Hall; she had sent them as much information as possible electronically.
- 3) The Selectboard agreed to send Winhall residents Peter Cornell and John Waite a letter thanking them for putting up the new flags in Bondville.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:


After review, the meeting minutes of July 1, 2020 were approved as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

WARRANTS:

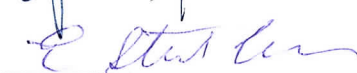
After review, the Selectboard approved warrant dated 07/15/20 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

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

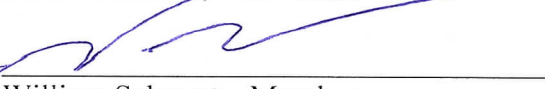
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Julie Isaacs, Chair



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