

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 20, 2016

PRESENT: Stuart Coleman, Bill Schwartz, Dave Glabach, Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark, Town Administrator

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: (None)

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (No public comments)

POLICE/RESCUE REPORT: The Selectboard tabled the report as Chief Whitesell was out of Town.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

NEW BUSINESS: TOWN FOREST TIMBER SALE BIDS:

After review, the Selectboard awarded BK Skidding & Timber the Town Forest timber sale proposal @\$56,842; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.* A total of seven (7) bidders including BK Skidding & Timber had submitted bids: Plumb Lumber, Hunter Excavating, Sheehan & Sons Lumber, L & T Timber Harvesting, GH Evarts & Co, and Cersosimo Lumber Company. Bids ranged from a low of \$30,000 to a high of \$56,842.

HIGHWAY & ROADS: READ ROAD REVIEW:

Next the Selectboard reviewed a 1996 survey of Read Road including lands of Signa Read and others. Read's property had recently been sold to Robert Crabtree, who along with adjoining landowner Roger Judge, was requesting the Town throw up Read Road. The Town's first step in the process was to establish a survey; the Selectboard discussed whether or not the 1996 survey sufficed. They agreed to send the survey to Paul Gillis who was an ancient roads specialist and an expert in the process of discontinuing roads and get his advice. Other discussion included the actual length of Read Road to be thrown up; how it connected to Walt's Camp Road in Peru; generating a new survey; and using the VLCT model for the discontinuation process.

LOWER TAYLOR HILL BRIDGE UPDATE:

Coleman reported he had not corresponded with Daniels Construction recently but assumed the company was involved in the State permitting process. The bridge start date was currently scheduled to start sometime in the late fall.

TOWN MEETING WARNING:

The Town Administrator submitted copies of the approved Town Warning set for a Town wide Australian ballot vote on August 9th. The Articles consisted of the sale of the school building to the Town of Winhall, and the Town of Winhall's intention to leave the Windham Solid Waste District; discussion followed.

WINHALL LISTER REPORT:

The Winhall Listers (Tim Apps & Lucia Wing) met with William Scranton (State), Hans Hussey (Birch Hill attorney), Brian DeCesare (Green Mt. Appraisers), and Stuart Underwood (Birch Hill manager) on 7/20/16. The purpose of the Hearing was to respond to Birch Hill's appeal to lower the current Town

assessment of \$14,400,000 to \$13,200,000. After review of the evidence presented which included Brian DeCesare's comprehensive appraisal of the Birch Hill property @ \$14,100,000 representing the Town of Winhall, Hans Hussey and the Winhall Listers settled for a reduced assessment of \$13,900,000.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1) The Town Administrator submitted comprehensive State plans to repave Route 30 through Bondville; the plans included replacing the sidewalks in Town; the Selectboard had set aside a sum of money for that project and would investigate what the State estimated for a cost.

The Vermont Challenge Bike Race scheduled for August 13th was requesting use of the parking lot at the Old Town Hall Community Center; the parking lot at the Town Hall; and the parking lot at the school. The Selectboard asked the Town Administrator to find out which, if any Town roads Vermont Challenge planned to use; the Selectboard would also inform the Winhall Police Department.

PAYORDERS: After review, the Selectboard approved payorder #7/20/16 as presented; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.***

PAYROLL: (No payroll)

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES: After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of July 6, 2016; ***motion by Glabach; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:55 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters; ***motion by Glabach; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** At 6:05 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*** No decisions were rendered.


As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.***

Meeting minutes submitted by,

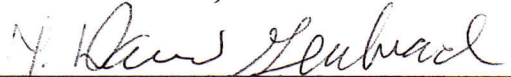
Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Stuart Coleman, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Dave Glabach, Member