

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Special Meeting: Wednesday, July 26, 2023**

PRESENT: Stuart Coleman (Chair); Bill Schwartz; Julie Isaacs; Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Lucia Wing (Secretary); Trevor Dryden (Roads); Deb Avison (Town Treasurer)

ALSO PRESENT: Craig & Miles Weaver (Weaver Excavating Inc.); Bret Carver & Hunter Kolstas Excavating (Hunter Excavating), Patrick Moynan (Stratton)

CALL TO ORDER:

Coleman called the special meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall in Bondville.

After review, the Selectboard voted to add the revised tax rate to the agenda; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

AWARD WINHALL HOLLOW BOX CULVERT CONTRACT:

At 5:30 PM, the Selectboard held a special meeting to award the Winhall Hollow Road culvert bid. The only bidder was Hunter Excavating. After review and discussion, the Selectboard awarded Hunter Excavating the culvert contract @ \$190,000; the Town to provide the culvert and permits from the Army Corp. of Engineers; Hunter to provide the stream alteration permit; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* Start date in August.

STRATTON ACCESS ROAD CULVERT PROJECT:

Weaver Excavating came before the Selectboard to discuss the Stratton Access Road culvert project. Discussion included the delay of the Army Corp of Engineers permitting process which resulted in Weaver's inability to finish the culvert job in June as planned. Weaver stated he had installed two culverts with other culverts stockpiled and ready to go; the metal culverts were on hold; he had received the stream alteration permit from the State. Weaver stated he wanted to move forward and finish the job. After review, *Coleman made the motion to pay Weaver's invoice #8012 for \$81,401.02; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* Weaver would start as soon as the Army Corp. had issued the required permits.

APPROVE REVISED TAX RATE:

After review, the Selectboard approved the revised combined Town and Non-Homestead tax rate to 2.4091; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* The Town Treasurer submitted recent financials.

SIGNAL HILL SHOULDER UPDATE:

After review, the Selectboard approved an additional \$12,500 to Fuller Sand & Gravel for the Signal Hill shoulders as the Highway Dept. was currently out of gravel; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* The Town Administrator would adjust the contract to reflect the above increase.

ACCESS PERMITS & TOWN ROADS UPDATE:

1) After review, the Selectboard approved access permits for Andrew Goodman, #58 Cranberry Hill, (\$100 waived per flood damage); Robert Crabtree, #132 Kendall Farm Road to replace a culvert (not flood related); Ernie Muir; #125 High Meadow Road (flood related); final access permit for driveway construction at #142 High Meadow Road; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

2) The Selectboard and Dryden discussed installation of two squash-shaped culverts to replace (2) culverts damaged by the recent flood on Cranberry Hill Road- estimated cost \$28,400; the Town would supply the materials; FEMA most likely would reimburse the Town for a portion of the cost. The Town Administrator added all road repairs due to the recent flood event would be carefully documented to submit to FEMA for reimbursement.

3) Dryden reported River Road would be closed all day (6AM-2PM) the following Tuesday or Wednesday for road repairs. After review, the Selectboard approved repairs to the VAST trail system by VAST on Old Snow Valley Road; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

APPOINTMENT: FIRE WARDEN:

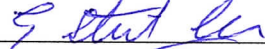
Stuart Coleman was duly appointed to the position of Fire Warden; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

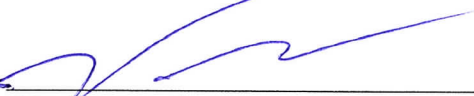
WARRANT:

After review, Warrant #7/26/23 was approved as presented; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

Lucia Wing, SB Secretary,

Stuart Coleman, Chair  _____

Bill Schwartz:  _____

Julie Isaacs:  _____