

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 3, 2022

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Kenny & Sheri Chase (Highway), Deb Avison (Town Treasurer)

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:30 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss highway personnel matters; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* At 6:00 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* Out of executive session the Selectboard agreed that Kenneth Chase could begin fulltime highway work once they had received a letter from his doctor allowing him to go back to work fulltime.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Tienken and the Selectboard discussed the Police report for July including traffic tickets and warnings, animal control matters, property watch, alarms and assists in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain Resort. Discussion followed relative to the increased number of emergency traffic calls. After review, *Schwartz made the motion authorizing Coleman to sign the Northshire Rescue squad medical services agreement for \$3,048; passed unanimously.* Chief reported the department was issuing an increasing number of traffic tickets and warnings for speeding as well as for DUI's. Chief reported officers had taken additional training which included a car seat technician designation. Chief submitted information to the Selectboard which talked about emergency communications and dispatch services relative to police, fire and rescue. Options included to shift dispatch services to contract with outside entities or work with other agencies to collaborate on a regional but locally controlled dispatch center. He would keep the Selectboard updated. Chief reported he had increased patrols on Jamie Lane.

HIGHWAY REPORT: TRUCK& PLOW CONTRACT:

After review, the Selectboard agreed to wait until the next meeting before making a decision on the purchase of an ATG heavy-duty truck & plow; Dryden responded he felt the trade-in value for the existing truck was too low.

ACCESS PERMIT(S):

After review, the Selectboard approved an access permit for Jeffrey Woszczak, Lightfoot Road with no 18" culvert required; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

STRATTON MT. ACCESS ROAD:

Dryden reported guard rails had been installed on the Access Road; line striping was potentially in the works.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:45 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel and treasurer matters; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* At 7:25 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman.* Out of executive session, no decisions were rendered.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: FYI: affordable housing on Town-owned land at the end of Kendall Farm Road.

COMMUNITY HEALTH: FYI: status quo

COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT UPDATE: FYI: Fred Schwacke recommended Bennington as a better solution for Winhall relative to expanding broadband in Winhall. He would stay in touch with the Selectboard.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS: FYI- the Planning Commission had formed a 3-person committee to draft an ordinance relative to short-term rentals in Winhall.

TOWN-WIDE REAPPRAISAL: UPDATE: FYI due mid-August.

MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM: FYI: Available Funding; discussion followed. *Motion for Schwartz to reach out to representatives regarding grant and other funding and Coleman to reach out to Ed Floyd for status, made by Coleman, seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

TOWN OFFICE COMPUTER SYSTEM (IT): Coleman reported that some staff were having difficulties downloading the remote access software so he would request that E-Enable, Inc. come to the Town Hall to assist.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:

After review, the Selectboard appointed Jeff Yates to the Planning Commission for the remainder of Pat Glabach's term (who resigned as she is no longer a Winhall resident); *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* We thank her for her years of service.

ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:

The Selectboard discussed potential Comcast WIFI upgrades at the Town Hall; Coleman had asked Comcast and the Town Administrator would look into it further; it is a free government account. The Town was in the middle of the Audit; a question relative to the Audit was discussed - it was determined that the \$500,000 borrowed from the Reserve Funds to pay bills was a loan that would be repaid by the General Fund as soon as possible.

PAST MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of 7/20/22 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

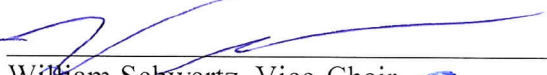
WARRANTS: After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 08/03/22 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

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

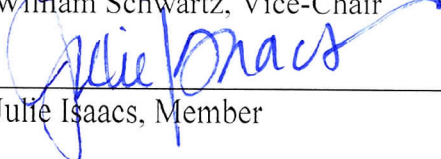
Lucia Wing, Secretary Winhall Selectboard



Stuart Coleman, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member