Town of Winhall Selectboard Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 15, 2018

PRESENT: Bill Schwartz, Stuart Coleman; Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Scott Bushee (Facilities)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Julie Isaacs

CALL TO ORDER: Schwartz called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM at the Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Julie Isaacs commented that the Winhall welcome sign on the Access Road needed to be replaced. It would cost either \$1700 installed or \$2800 installed for a more detailed sign. After review and discussion of an insurance claim since the sign was damaged by a motorist, the Selectboard approved the new sign installed for \$1700; motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous. Conversation followed relative to the "Welcome Sign" located on the Rawsonville/Winhall town line; the sign was damaged; the Selectboard agreed to delay paying for a new sign and repair the existing one. Coleman would inspect.

POLICE REPORT: (No report)

HIGHWAY REPORT:

- 1) The Town Administrator reported only one bid for \$14,150 had been submitted to the Town for line striping including Upper Taylor Hill, Winhall Hollow, Old Town Road (paved roads). The bid was from L & D Safety Corp and more than had been budgeted. The Selectboard agreed to table discussion until the Highway Foreman was present at the next meeting on 9/5 to explain the line striping plan.
- 2) Schwartz reported that extensive work had been done along South Road (ditching). There was discussion of easements and Right-of-Way; the proposed retaining wall might require engineering. Coleman would follow up with the Highway crew and report back.
- 3) The Selectboard discussed the status of River Road. The Town Administrator had applied for a grant available through the State of Vermont a couple of years ago; however, no engineering or design work had ever been done. She would contact Windham Regional Commission and the State to look into new grant program funding.
- 4) A grant for \$13,600 had been awarded to the Town to replace two culverts in front of the Old Town Hall. The Highway Foreman would be getting quotes from Chaves, Hunter, and W. Ameden Excavating. Work was scheduled to be completed by Oct 31, 2018.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT:

Bushee reported the periodic electronic inspection at the Transfer Station went well; he had taken an online recycling batteries course and was now certified; he had fixed the culvert behind the electronic building; and had received quotes for the electronics building door.

FACILITIES REPORT: Bushee reported he was putting together a facilities list for the upcoming budget hearings.

OLD TOWN HALL: CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

Coleman reported keypads and codes were installed; discussion followed about who should have access to keys. Coleman reported Brenner had finished the project with a couple of minor details remaining. The wrong fan had

been sent; they were waiting for the correct one at which time the elevator inspector would inspect and finalize the paperwork for the elevator.

PERSONNEL & FACILITIES USE POLICY:

The Selectboard tabled the personnel & facilities use policies until they had time to review them with a full Board.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:

After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of August 3, 2018 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

ACCESS PERMITS:

The Selectboard approved Access Permits for Albert Key, #499 Winhall Hollow Road and Tom Gibbons, #24 Nearing Road. In addition, the Selectboard signed the final Access Permit for Christie Mackenzie, #30 Stark Farm Road.

WARRANTS:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #08/15/18, motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:25 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss filling the Selectboard vacancy; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous. At 6:50 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous. Out of executive session the Selectboard agreed to appoint Julie Isaacs to the Select Board; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous. Other candidates discussed included Bob Oakes, Tony Carroccio, Tom Maneggia, Marty Nadler, Doug Velsor, Doug Poulter, and Scott Bushee.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.

Lucia Wing, Secretary Winhall Selectboard
William Schwartz, Chair
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Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair
Julia Kambar