

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 19, 2020

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

1) Dryden reported the Cranberry Hill culvert project was complete; Coleman reported the job was well done. Dryden reported Fuller Paving was underway and the winter sand pile was almost complete (Hunter Excavating). Discussion followed regarding taking down the snowmobile sign at the beginning of Kendall Farm Road which was confusing; the Selectboard would take up the issue of snowmobiles and ATV's on Kendall Farm Road at a future meeting.

2) Discussion followed regarding roadside mowing and wild parsnip, an invasive weed which could burn skin. A recommendation was to mow earlier before the weed went to seed. Bushee added a State Forest botanist was available to work with the Town to get wild parsnip under control and come up with a plan for next year.

3) Discussion followed relative to a letter to the Town regarding a Todd Hill Road property; the owners were complaining about water run-off from the Road onto their land; they suggested a number of resolutions. In addition, a Signal Hill homeowner complained about a similar water run-off issue and suggested the Town build a concrete barrier to redirect water. The Selectboard agreed it was not up to the Town to make improvements to either property; it was up to the homeowners to fix their respective properties and obtain the appropriate local permits. Dryden reported there had been no response from the ad for an additional highway crew member. Coleman recommended asking the Town Administrator to get the study going relative to the culvert on the Access Road between North Brookwood and Founders Hill Road.

ACCESS PERMIT:

After review, the Selectboard approved a road access to Lot 63 (off Slippery Fox Road) for Whispering Pines Lodge LLC; no culvert was required; *motion by Coleman; seconded Schwartz; unanimous.*

TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:

Bushee reported the Transfer Station was overwhelmed with use; discussion followed for the need for more attendants; the large amount of trash being removed regularly; and higher demand from residents. Bushee and the Selectboard talked about replacing the too small propane tank for the generator at the Fire Station. Bushee reported the garage door motor had failed on the 4-bay garage; it would need to be replaced. Bushee reported the entry door at the back of the police department needed to be replaced; he planned to remove the dead apple tree at the Town Hall.

The Selectboard talked about starting up the popular employee lunches at some point.

EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS:

The Selectboard postponed scheduling employee evaluations until the following meeting.

COMMUNITY HEALTH DISCUSSION: FYI: Status quo

SALE OF TOWN LAND: FYI: Status quo

ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:

1) Isaacs reported she would reach out to CB Hall, Vermont Business Magazine, who was writing an article about the impact on the local economy due to the influx of new residents in Winhall. The Selectboard agreed.

2) The Town Administrator reported she was still working with the Town Auditors on policy updates; she was also working with FEMA for reimbursement of Covid-19 expenses.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:

After review, the meeting minutes of August 5, 2020 were approved as discussed and amended; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

WARRANTS:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant dated 08/05/20 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

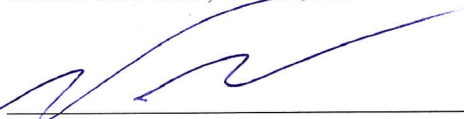
As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Julie Isaacs, Chair

Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair



William Schwartz, Member