

**Town of Winhall Selectboard**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

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**PRESENT:** Bill Schwartz, Stuart Coleman; Julie Isaacs, Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Jeff Whitesell (Police); Trevor Dryden (Roads); Scott Bushee (Facilities)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Pat Moyna (Stratton), Margaret Dwyer, Tom Snopek, Helmer Pearson, Ric Swenson, Jim Reynolds, (Winhall/Stratton Fire District), Andrea Ameden

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (None)

**POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:** Chief Whitesell and the Selectboard reviewed the monthly police report for July including traffic tickets and warnings, false alarms, animal control matters, property watch, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain resort. Whitesell reported that Officer Revett would be deployed to parts unknown for National Guard duty for one year; one of the cruisers had been damaged as a result of a faulty overhead garage door at the police station; storage cabinets had been installed; new carpet would be installed shortly. Whitesell reported police officers had been scheduled for the Bondville Fair this upcoming weekend; police personnel were on still vacation and one would be attending advanced training. He reported the WPD had issued a number of speeding tickets on Winhall Hollow Road. State troopers had issued a number of speeding tickets along Route 30.

**TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:** Bushee reported the police garage doors had been fixed by Overhead Door and were operating great. Relative to the 4-Bay garage, Coleman was still gathering information including elevations to give to Beck Engineering; Dryden had shot the elevations. The Fire Station parking lot needed work; the Transfer Station was operating smoothly; Bushee was still working with TAM; discussion followed about metal recycling and dropping steel prices. Bushee stated they were packing the metal boxes as tightly as possible. Money from bottle returnables was now going to the Transfer Station account to offset the decreased metal revenues. The electronics building was operating well; the Transfer Station crew was helping out with the sandpile.

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** Pat Moyna (Stratton) and the Select Board briefly discussed the five (5) bids for the Stratton Mountain Access Road engineering study; each proposal was different; discussion followed relative to time frames, needing time to review the bids thoroughly, and actual work performed. The Board agreed to discuss cost in the upcoming budget hearings. Moyna would come back to the next Selectboard meeting scheduled for 9/4 to award the contract. *Coleman made the motion to table awarding the bid until the next meeting; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

2) Dryden reported Lafayette had submitted guard rail proposals for a section of Pearl Buck Drive and a section of the Access Road in front of Intervale. After further review, the Selectboard agreed to table guard rail proposals and quotes until the following meeting on 9/4; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

3) Dryden and the Selectboard discussed a letter submitted by a resident on Cranberry Hill Road relative to continued water running onto his property as a result of a culvert mishap. The resident voiced concern about the Highway Department repairing a driveway on neighboring property and not on his. Coleman and Dryden would take another look and reassess the situation. The SB agreed to invite the Cranberry Hill resident to a meeting on 9/4 to help resolve the issue. The Town Administrator would respond to the letter.

**ACCESS PERMIT:** After review, the Selectboard approved an Access Permit for Stark Farm Properties on Stark Farm Road to include an 18" culvert; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

**WINHALL/STRATTON FIRE DISTRICT: ACCESS ROAD:** Members of the Winhall/Stratton Fire District Committee and the Selectboard met to discuss repair of a burst watermain between Founders Hill and Northbrook Road(s) on the upper portion of the Stratton Mt. Access Road. Tom Snopeck, member, explained the road had been repaired as a result of an emergency watermain break in the road; Hunter Excavating had been hired to repair the road because of a sink hole which developed in the road. Hunter had stabilized the road and culvert with a concrete underground bridge; the road had been temporarily closed. Discussion followed relative to a culvert below the repair, installed 40-50 years prior. The Selectboard stated that the Town of Winhall required an Access Permit for work in the ROW; none was ever issued. In addition, the Town required a competitive bid process for projects over \$5,000. The bill presented to the Town was for \$21,000 and had been paid by the Fire District; no bids with Winhall had ever been discussed as the District felt the repair to the road was an emergency and needed immediate attention. Further discussion included waterlines running in side ditches instead of underneath the road; Access Road engineering study to replace all the culverts; and future paving of the road. Isaacs suggested the Town contribute \$5,000 toward the repair. Coleman suggested splitting the \$21,000 bill with the Fire District the following fiscal year. There was currently no funding in the budget to pay any portion of the expense. After further review, *Coleman made the motion to include a line item in next year's budget for Winhall residents to discuss at Town Meeting in March and vote on to reimburse the Stratton/Winhall Fire District for half the bill (\$10,500) for emergency repair to the Access Road; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* The Committee agreed.

**TOWN MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT:** (No discussion)

**ROAD COMMISSIONER:** (No discussion)

**LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH FIRE & LIBRARY:** (In process)

**EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION LUNCHEONS:** Discussion; then tabled for future discussion relative to dates/times and location.

**ADMINISTRATOR/CORRESPONDENCE:** After review, the Selectboard approved signing a letter to the Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation Air quality and Climate Division designating a municipal burn site for natural wood across the road from the Winhall Transfer Station; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

**APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:** After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of August 7, 2019 and the special minutes of August 9, 2019 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

**WARRANTS:** After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 08/21/19 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* Discussion followed relative to the balance due First Line Security in the amount of \$5,200; owed by Martello Brothers who had been paid by the Town for fire alarm work on the Old Town Hall, but Martello Brothers had failed to pay the balance due to First Line Security. Coleman would speak with Martello Brothers regarding the outstanding balance.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary  
Winhall Selectboard



William Schwartz, Chair



Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member