

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 1, 2021

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Pat Moyna & Jeff Cavagnino (Stratton), Peter McDermont, Camille Holm Pedersen, Luc Holm Pedersen, Estelle Holm Pedersen, Sheri Lindner

CALL TO ORDER: Coleman opened the meeting at 5:00 PM at the Town Hall in Bondville.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Tienken and the Selectboard discussed the monthly police report for August to include traffic tickets and warnings; traffic hazards; noise disturbances; alarm calls; animal control issues; property watch; criminal & disorderly conduct; medical & citizen assists in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain Resort. Chief reported the speed carts were effective in slowing down traffic and working well; more, depending on State funding, were in the pipeline. He reported he received an updated and new fingerprint machine; Chief reported he had a full police staff onboard.

STRATTON ACCESS ROAD: CULVERT REPLACEMENT:

The Selectboard, Pat Moyna, and Jeff Cavagnino met to discuss updated information relative to the culvert replacement project on the Stratton Mt. Access Road. Coleman reported Fitzpatrick Excavating was working with the State to conclude all the State's requirements prior to starting the project. Culvert construction was underway with two more sections left to go. Project start time was scheduled for September 7th; the crane was scheduled for September 14th. The Selectboard and Stratton discussed a contingency plan if the project got started later than scheduled; they also talked about moving Fire District water/sewer lines currently in the road; and stream alteration deadlines.

HIGHWAY REPORT: OLD SNOW VALLEY ROAD PROJECT:

1) Dryden reported the Old Snow Valley Road Project was underway and mostly complete; Weaver Excavating had also been hired privately to repair Chickadee Lane. The larger 2 ft. culvert had been installed along with stone work, and ditching. Four inches of gravel would cover the road. Discussion followed relative to throwing up the Town's portion of Old Snow Valley Road. Part of the trail portion also needed to be repaired. After further review, *Isaacs made the motion authorizing Stuart Coleman to sign the paperwork allowing Vast Associates to repair the trail; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* A Better Roads grant had been awarded to the Town to cover much of the cost to improve the road.

2) Dryden reported Stoney Hill Road was scheduled for paving along with portions of Winhall Hollow and French Hollow Road(s). Winter sand had been delivered. Washouts on Town roads as a result of recent excessive rain had been repaired.

TOWN HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE:

The Town Administrator was preparing a job posting ad to be released to the Vermont News Guide. Discussion followed relative to the expanding duties of a Town Health Officer.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS: CONTINUED DISCUSSION:

Several homeowners in Strattonwald came before the Selectboard to discuss the negative impacts of short-term rentals in their immediate neighborhood to include excessive noise late into the night and general disruption overall. Discussion followed relative to writing an Ordinance which would address issues surrounding short-term rentals including noise, garbage, septic failure parking, and compliance with State health, fire, tax, and

environmental requirements. Hiring a Town Health Officer would also help with the above. The Selectboard was well aware that short-term rentals required regulations with the ability to enforce.

COMMUNITY HEALTH UPDATE: FYI: Status quo.

COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT UPDATE: No update.

WINHALL LIBRARY: DISCUSSION:

Coleman reported the windows below grade at the Winhall Library needed to be replaced which would require the building to be elevated. Discussion followed about providing space for Winhall Historical Society items to be on display.

VILLAGE OF BONDVILLE: SEWER DISCUSSION:

After discussion of increasing sewer capacity in the Village of Bondville, the Selectboard agreed to hire Ed Floyd (Technicon) up to a cost of \$2,000 to come up with a preliminary report; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

ADMINISTRATIVE & CORRESPONDENCE:

FYI: Financials

FYI: Correspondence (none)

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

Minutes of 8/18/21 were tabled until the following meeting.

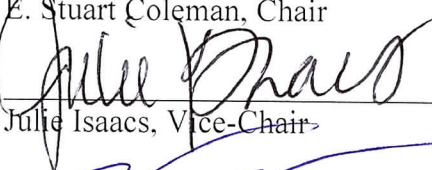
WARRANTS:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #09/01/21; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

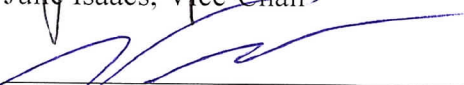
As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary,
Winhall Selectboard

E. Stuart Coleman, Chair



Julie Isaacs, Vice-Chair



William Schwartz, Member