

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Bondville, Vermont 05340
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 5, 2018

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Wally Endrus (Police), Steve Avison (Fire Department)

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Steve Avison came before the Selectboard to talk about the \$8,000 per year funds earmarked for fire equipment and truck repairs; \$7,000 was currently in the budget; discussion followed about creating a reserve fund for the future where monies could accumulate and grow. There is already such a reserve fund. Avison stated he needed immediate truck repairs and would take them to Pierce in Boston; the Selectboard agreed. New tires for the fire truck would also become necessary soon. Avison and the Selectboard would review funding requirements for the upcoming budget year.

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE: REPORT:

Chief Whitesell and the Selectboard discussed the August monthly police reports including traffic tickets and warnings, alarms, property damage, citizen public assists, property watch, medical responses, public outreach, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain Resort. Whitesell introduced Walter "Wally" Endrus, the new part-time police officer, who would fill-in especially during the busy winter months; he was enrolled for training. Endrus spoke about his work background. After further review, *Coleman approved Endrus' appointment to the Winhall Police Department; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* Whitesell reported the replacement cruiser was due in late October/November; compliance inspection by the State Department of Health did very well; a fall push to dispose of expired drugs, sharpies, and others was scheduled for 10/27/18; and a thank you letter from Marilyn Rice commending the Police Department for their help with her late husband. Officer Revett was taking practical testing; Whitesell reported the police were involved with handguns/ firearms testing, etc. for recertification at the end of Kendall Farm Road; and reimbursement funds earmarked for search and rescue endeavors were available; discussion followed about putting together a new emergency pack for snowmobile rescue.

ROAD & HIGHWAY REPORT:

1) Dryden reported a line striping bid @ \$14,150 had been proposed by L & D Marking & Safety for Winhall Hollow Road, Old Town Road, the Access Road, and Upper Taylor Hill Road; it was the only bid proposal submitted to the Town. *After further review, Coleman made the motion to lower the cost up to \$10,500 by eliminating the Access Road from the proposal; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* The Administrator would contact L & D to see if this is feasible. Discussion followed about bidding out line striping to more companies and with more advance notice the following year. Dryden and the Selectboard also discussed a reserve fund for guard rail improvement on several Town roads including portions of Upper Taylor Hill.

2) Discussion followed relative to South Road repair which included adding large stone, cutting back the bank, and seeding. Coleman reported he had conferred with Robert Crabtree, neighboring landowner.

3) Dryden reported he had received two (2) bids for culvert replacement in front of the Old Town Hall- Wesley Ameden @ \$4,320 and Chaves Excavating @ \$4,920. After further review, *Coleman made the motion awarding the project to Wesley Ameden; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* Discussion followed about road improvement at the intersection of River Road and Route 30. A State permit would be needed. A site visit had been conducted with potential bidders on the reclaiming/repaving of that section of River Road.

4) Next the Selectboard discussed the "Welcome to Winhall" signs. The Jamaica/Winhall sign should be replaced as it was in disrepair from several years of winter snow plowing. The replacement of the sign on the Access Road, demolished in a motor vehicle accident, may be covered by insurance. The Town Administrator had been trying to reach the insurance agent to discuss the claim.

5) Potential purchase of a giant leaf blower was tabled indefinitely. Dryden reported Fuller Sand & Gravel would begin paving Benson Fuller & Todd Hill Road(s); Town road ditching was finished. Dryden and the Selectboard discussed the actual amount of sand on the trucks getting delivered to the Town. There was a question that 18 yards rather than 20 yards was being delivered. Coleman would look into it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:10 PM, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss prior personnel matters; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 6:18 PM, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* No decision was rendered.

OLD TOWN HALL: REPORT:

Almost ready to re-open. The Selectboard would come up with a revised Facility Use Policy with rules & regulations relative to future use of the Community Center. The Town Administrator had revised the original policy and sent a draft to the Board previously. Isaacs mentioned that she would like to see the inside of the building before the next meeting.

HEALTH OFFICER APPOINTMENT: After review, *Coleman made the motion appointing Bill Schwartz as the Winhall Town Health Officer; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

SOUTH ROAD CEMETERY BURIAL:

At the request of the Halletts, *Coleman made the motion authorizing a Hallett family member to be buried in South Road Cemetery; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* It was noted that the site location of the burial within the cemetery should be marked on a map for reference.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:

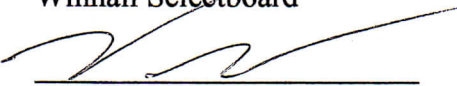
- 1) No financials.
- 2) Personnel Policy update for review at a future Selectboard meeting.
- 3) Facilities Use Policy update for review at a future Selectboard meeting.


WARRANT: After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #09/05/18 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*


APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S): After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of August 2, 2018 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

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

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard


Bill Schwartz, Chair


E. Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair


Julie Isaacs, Member