

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 7, 2022

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Beth Grant (Town Clerk), Joe Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER: Coleman called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall in Bondville.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Joe Sullivan, who owned an unimproved lot at the intersection of Snow Valley Road and Sylvan Ridge, came before the Selectboard to discuss drainage and water issues on his property. Discussion followed relative to ditching to redirect water flow to the west side away from Sullivan's land and removing a lower culvert. Coleman recommended bringing in the State stream alteration engineer for advice; the Selectboard would let Sullivan know when the engineer could meet at the site.

POLICE REPORT: (No report)

SPECIAL TOWN VOTE:

The Selectboard reviewed the Town-wide special vote to either opt-in or opt-out re: cannabis retail in Winhall scheduled for 9/27/22 from 10AM-7PM at the Town Hall. The signed "Warning" was posted around Town in multiple locations as well as printed in the Vermont News Guide and also mailed to the entire Winhall voter list.

HIGHWAY REPORT: TRUCK& PLOW CONTRACT:

1) After review, the Selectboard agreed to the purchase of a Freight Liner 2023 medium-duty truck & plow from ATG with an increased trade-in for the existing Ram truck from \$25,000 to \$35,000; total cost of the truck \$152,435; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

2) Dryden reported sand had been delivered in total; Hunter Excavating had completed the bank repair on Kendall Farm Road; striping center lines on Winhall Hollow Road and other was complete; Winhall was in the queue for fog line striping; and speed bumps on Lower Taylor Hill were under discussion.

ACCESS PERMIT(S):

After review, the Selectboard approved a final access permit for Cheyanne Pugliese, #53 River Road, no culvert required; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

FYI: affordable housing on Town-owned land at the end of Kendall Farm Road. Discussion followed relative to municipal grants to hire an engineering firm to review possible sites.

MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM:

Schwartz reported he had researched available funding to bring sewer lines to the Village of Bondville; discussion followed. Coleman reported he had discussed the project with Ted Reeves who was currently working with Technicon and familiar with the Winhall/Stratton Fire District and the Municipal Services Agreement between Stratton and Winhall. Coleman planned to attend the next Fire District meeting.

COMMUNITY HEALTH: FYI: status quo

COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT UPDATE:

FYI: Fred Schwacke was staying in touch with the Selectboard relative to expanding broadband in Winhall.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS UPDATE:

FYI- the Planning Commission had formed a 3-person committee to draft an ordinance relative to short-term rentals in Winhall.

TOWN-WIDE REAPPRAISAL: UPDATE:

Doug Poulter had reached out to NEMRC who planned to give him a proposal re: Town-wide reappraisal.

TOWN OFFICE COMPUTER SYSTEM (IT) UPDATE:

All departments had contacted the computer contractor, E-Enable, with their final IT requirements. After further discussion, the Selectboard approved the IT order; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:

The Selectboard discussed information from Comcast relative to WIFI upgrades at the Town Hall; discussion followed. Additional research was needed about options, including fiber.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:35 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* At 6:55 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* Out of executive session, no decisions were rendered.

PAST MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of 8/3/22; 8/17/22; and special meeting minutes of 8/25/22; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*


WARRANTS:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 09/07/22 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

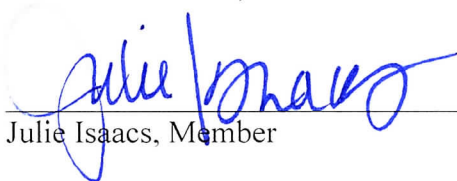
As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing,
Secretary Winhall Selectboard

Stuart Coleman, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member