

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 16, 2020

PRESENT: Julie Isaacs; Stuart Coleman; Bill Schwartz (Absent); Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Trevor Dryden (Roads); Scott Bushee (Absent); Derrick Tienken (Police)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: George Legace (Ruck-Up Inc); Travis Dobson & Evangelia Leontis; John G. Eckhardt (Police)

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

After review, the Selectboard added a cemetery burial request item to the agenda; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

George Legace, a Vietnam and Afghanistan war veteran representing a non-profit organization Ruck-Up, Inc, came before the Selectboard requesting a boot drop fundraiser potentially scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd (rain date October 4th) from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on the bridge in the Village of Bondville. Ruck-Up was an association of war veterans pledging to reach out to Veterans of Good Service, peacetime or war, active or reserve for the purpose of advocacy, peer consulting, support, and outreach aiding in time of need to Veterans who were in crisis, disabled or homeless. Legace and associates would provide signage, cones, colored vests, and wear masks and gloves. He explained their organization had held successful events around VT and NH and had raised donations up to \$3500. The Selectboard asked Legace if traffic got backed up thru Town, would he be willing to shut down the boot drop for a short while; Legace responded- no problem. Legace asked the Selectboard to issue a letter of approval; Ruck-Up would take out a liability insurance policy to cover the fundraiser. After further discussion, the Selectboard approved Legace's request for a boot drop; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*** The Town Administrator would stay in touch with Legace.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

1) Dryden reported the US Forest Service had contacted him; they would like to address the Selectboard to find out needs of the municipality; the Selectboard agreed. Discussion followed relative to winter salt and reaching out to the State for current prices.

2) Dryden reported the Highway Department was gearing up for winter, outfitting plows, etc. As of this date, there had been no response to an ad for a part-time highway crew member. Coleman added the highway crew needed to trim back bushes at the intersection of Winhall Hollow and Cranberry Hill Road(s). Discussion followed about getting out an RFP for the big culvert replacement on the Access Road; Stratton Corp would be contacted.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: HIRING OF PER DIEM OFFICER:

After review, the Selectboard signed the part-time police appointment letter for Greg Eckhardt who came to the Police Department with much experience; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

EMPLOYEE EVALUTIONS: The Selectboard scheduled employee evaluations on the following meeting dates: 11/18 Bushee & Dryden; 12/2 Town Administrator; 12/16 Chief Derrick Tienken.

COMMUNITY HEALTH DISCUSSION: FYI: Status quo

SALE OF TOWN LAND:

After review, the Selectboard signed the purchase & sales agreement at the agreed to price for the (2) Chapin lots on Lower Taylor Hill Road; the contract was between the Town of Winhall and Evangelia Leontis & Travis

Dobson; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*** The Selectboard noted the (30) day appeal period had passed, and the Town of Winhall had fulfilled all its legal obligations. Dobson would contact his attorney to prepare a deed and provide final paperwork.

CEMETERY REQUEST:

After review, the Selectboard granted the burial request for Alice Shattuck to be laid next to her husband in the South Road Cemetery on October 17th; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:

1) After review, the Selectboard approved the Town of Winhall Municipal Facilities Pet Policy as written and revised; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

2) The Selectboard and the Town Administrator looked at the Auditor Findings. They reviewed revisions and changes to the Procurement Policy per the Town Auditors; the policy seemed confusing. The Selectboard tabled signing the policy until the next meeting when they had had a chance to take a closer look at the Policy.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:


After review, the meeting minutes of September 2, 2020 were approved as amended; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

WARRANTS:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant dated 09/16/20 as presented; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Julie Isaacs, Chair



Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair



William Schwartz, Member