# Town of Winhall Selectboard Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 18, 2019

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Laura Gianotti, Randy Ameden, Karen Brescia, Travis Dobson, Cindy Logan

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- 1) Karen Brescia came before the Selectboard to discuss replenishing the playground woodchips at the Mountain School. She explained no new material had been delivered since 2016. She was requesting use of a Town truck to get the chips, approx. 14 yards; the school would pay for trucking time; Dryden responded cost would be approx. \$150. After further review, the Selectboard authorized Dryden to truck the woodchips to the school provided it did not interfere with his regular Town highway schedule; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.
- 2) *Travis Dobson* came before the Selectboard to ask if they had any concerns or questions for him to pass on to the Windham Regional Commission; he would be attending a WRC meeting the following week. The Selectboard thanked Dobson for his service to the Town.
- 3) Laura Gianotti & Cindy Logan came before the Selectboard to discuss a memorial bench and garden commemorating Charlie Hatt. Discussion included a suitable location for the bench at the Community Arts Center. After review, the Selectboard authorized Bushee and Dryden to choose an appropriate location for the bench based on plowing and sanding needs; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous. Gianotti asked about closing the parking area for "trunk or treat." The Selectboard recommended asking Darrell Sherburne, the abutting landowner. Next Bushee, Gianotti, and the Selectboard discussed overuse of the side door at the Community Center.

## POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT: (No report)

### HIGHWAY REPORT:

- 1) Dryden reported a resident on the Road to Millbrook had sent a letter to the Town voicing concerns about the recent cleaning of ditches and potential increased waterflow as a result; the resident was worried about his culvert handling the increased water and potentially eroding his driveway. The Selectboard recommended the resident replace his 15" culvert with an 18" culvert; it was not a Town matter.
- 2) Dryden reported the Highway Dept. was in process of final fall Town road grading. He reported the Town Administrator had found a lower salt rate of \$65.82 instead of \$70.00 per ton; the Highway crew was constructing a new road across from the Transfer Station to access the clean wood burn area; and the crew would remove rocks in the parking area near the old fire station on Route 30 in preparation for eventual repaving.
- 4) Dryden reported he had met with the State relative to Kendall Farm and Lower Taylor Hill Road(s). Dryden requested keeping the intersection as is for winter plowing; he reported the new Town plow truck would be delivered shortly; he would keep the Selectboard posted.

### TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:

Bushee reported Sparky Electric had replaced the lights at the 4-bay garage with LED lighting and had tested other lights at the Transfer Station. Bushee recommended a solar light on a motion detector for nighttime use at the fuel station; currently, fuel users had difficulty seeing the meter. Bushee reported he planned to change the locks at the Town Hall for convenience; the Town needed a local locksmith. He reported he planned to change

all the fluorescent lights at the Town Hall eventually and replace them with LED lighting. Bushee had contacted Wesley Ameden about a one-year extension for municipal maintenance; he was waiting to hear back. Discussion followed about road construction at the Transfer Station burn area; Bushee reminded the Selectboard he would stay in charge of progress; he would gate the access and having it open during the Transfer Station's regular schedule.

ERRORS & OMISSIONS: CORRECTION: After review the Selectboard approved an Errors & Omissions correction relative to Randy Ameden's evaluation; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Issacs; unanimous.* 

**ROAD COMMISSIONER:** (No discussion)

TOWN MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT: (No discussion)

LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH FIRE DEPT. & LIBRARY: (In process)

ADMINISTRATOR/CORRESPONDENCE: (None)

**APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:** The minutes of 9/4 were tabled until the following Selectboard meeting.

<u>WARRANTS:</u> After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 09/18/19 as presented; *motion by Schwartz;* seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* 

Lucia Wing, Secretary Winhall Selectboard

William Schwartz, Chair

Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair

Julie Isaacs, Member