

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 21, 2016

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

SITE VISIT READ ROAD:

At 5:00 PM the Selectboard and members of the public met at the intersection of South Road and Read Road to discuss discontinuance of Read Road. Members of the Selectboard included Stuart Coleman and Bill Schwartz; also Lissa Stark (Town Administrator) and Lucia Wing (Secretary). Members of the public included Tim Apps (representing Robert Crabtree); Robert Crabtree (Owner); Roger & Sharon Judge (Owners); Trevor Dryden (Town roads); Kyle Farace (caretaker); Debra Hodis (Horses for Hire); Gene Morrison; Bob Whitney; and Barbara Coleman. Discussion on site included continued recreational use of the road; access; condition of the Class 4 section of road; layout of Read Road; and mapping. At 5:20 PM the Selectboard and members of the public reconvened at the Town Hall in Bondville to give testimony and continue discussion.

READ ROAD PUBLIC HEARING:

Coleman opened the public hearing at 5:30 PM. First order of business was to swear in the public present. Next Coleman asked for testimony from the public. *Debra Hodis (Horses for Hire)* questioned whether or not the road would still be accessible to trail riders especially when so much of the surrounding roads were paved; horses were not allowed on National Forest land. *Robert Crabtree (owner)* commented he had no problem with horses travelling thru his property; he would support recreational activity with his permission. He did not want vehicular traffic or strangers driving thru his property; privacy and security were important especially as residential homes lined Read Road; Crabtree stated he did not intend to gate the road. *Tim Apps (Crabtree representative)* commented privacy and security issues were the main reason for privatizing the road, and it made sense from the Town's perspective. *Bill Schwartz* added the Town discontinuing the road must be for the greater public good; discussion continued regarding the Class 4 Read Road extension- its condition and where it went. Crabtree added he wanted to improve the Class 4 section of road, but only if he owned it. Currently it was in rough shape and difficult for the Town to maintain and plow the road in the winter. *Bob Whitney*, a nearby Winhall resident, commented he supported non-mechanized use of the road but would like to continue walking it with his cat. *Roger Judge (owner)* stated he maintained a portion of Read Road Extension although he accessed his house thru Walt Camp Road in Peru. He added he would like to have more of a say regarding its use. *Trevor Dryden (Highway Foreman)* commented plowing was difficult in the winter because the turn-around for the Town plows was tight. *Gene Morrison* talked about the importance of appropriate signage. *Stuart Coleman* suggested *Crabtree* and nearby neighbors get together to discuss ongoing use of Read Road for recreational purposes. At 6:10 PM the Selectboard adjourned the meeting; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

CALL TO ORDER: Coleman called the regular meeting to order at 6:15 PM at the Town Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S):

At 6:20 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues both police and Lister matters; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** At 6:35 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*** Out of executive session, Bill Schwartz and Tim Apps (Lister chair) agreed to meet to discuss future appraisal processes; the Selectboard also agreed to hire Jacob Lacasse as a full time officer for the Winhall Police Department; ***motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (No comments)

POLICE/RESCUE REPORT:

There was no police report for the month of August; discussion followed. Chief Whitesell submitted a letter from William & Wendy Pollack of Long Island commending police officer Josh Rosenblum for his outstanding service and quick assessment of a head-on collision on Route 30 in which nobody was seriously injured. Whitesell reported he was waiting for delivery of the new police cruiser; the old one had sold for \$7,500.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

MOUNTAIN SCHOOL UPDATE: (No update)

OLD TOWN HALL: (Waiting for information from the State)

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE DISTRICT: UPDATE:

The Town Administrator reported the official letter stating Winhall was leaving the District had been sent; discussion followed relative to the financial obligation of the Town.

WINHALL LISTERS: ERRORS & OMISSIONS CERTIFICATE:

After review the Selectboard signed the E & O Certificate re: Velco, 366 Pinnacle Ridge Road, Rutland, Vermont; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:

After review, the Selectboard appointed Robert McIntyre to the Winhall Planning Commission to fill the vacancy left by retiring member Tony DeFrancesco; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Henry Shattuck, who recently passed away, requested burial in South Road Cemetery with his parents. After review, *Coleman made the motion to allow Henry Shattuck to be buried with his parents per his request; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

2) Coleman commented that he had been contacted to find out where three Ellingwood siblings, all of whom died on the same day sometime in the 50's or early 60's, had been buried; they were not buried in the Bondville Cemetery; Coleman would continue to research the matter.

3) Bryan Borgia had contacted the Selectboard per a 36.9 acre lot he was interested in purchasing approximately across from Golden Triangle. He was considering an access on land (near red farm house on Route 30 across from Old Town Road) which he thought the Town of Winhall still owned. Schwartz recommended Borgia contact the State Agency of Transportation to discuss a more appropriate access across from Beaver Street. The Selectboard agreed the access off Town land was unsafe.

4) After review, *Coleman made the motion to put an RFP out to bid relative to security cameras at two locations in Winhall- Town Garage and Town Transfer Station; a pre-bid meeting would be warned as well; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

HIGHWAY & ROADS ACCESS PERMIT:

After review, the Selectboard approved relocation of a driveway for Bruce Mack from #116 French Hollow Road to #124 French Hollow; an 18" culvert would be required; the Highway Foreman had checked the new access location; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

The Town Administrator and Selectboard discussed a charter for Winhall.

CORRESPONDENCE: (None)

WARRANTS & PAYROLL: After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #9/21/16 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES: After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of September 7, 2016 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*


As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

Meeting minutes submitted by,

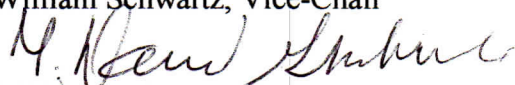
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Winhall Selectboard



Stuart Coleman, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Dave Glabach, Member