

**Town of Winhall Selectboard**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 2, 2019**

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Pat Moyna (Stratton Resort), Daniel Peck (VHB Engineering)

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (None)

**ACCESS ROAD ENGINEERING STUDY: PRESENTATION:**

Daniel Peck (VHB Engineering) came before the Selectboard to discuss the engineering study for the Stratton Mt. Access Road. He explained crews were taking inventory of existing culverts; marking the roadway for geotechnical drilling and borings; checking the location and condition of the existing guard rails; and marking utilities. Discussion followed about traffic control and signage for two (2) days provided by the Town; the Highway Foreman, Chief Whitesell, and Moyna would coordinate scheduling through the Town Administrator. Discussion followed about existing issues on the Access Road; relocating water and sewer lines from under the pavement to ditches on the side; and assessing culverts at the intersections of Town roads and the Access Road. Other discussion included scheduling; cold patching culverts provided by the Town; finding several undersized culverts to date; hydraulic evaluation; and other potential costs. VHB Engineering would provide a final report to the Town in November.

**POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:**

Chief Whitesell and the Selectboard reviewed the monthly police report for September including traffic tickets and warnings, false alarms, animal control matters, property watch, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain resort. Chief Whitesell and the Selectboard discussed the convoluted traffic merge from Route 11 to Route 30; the State understood and would change the striping for improved driver clarity. Old Snow Valley Road now had only one entrance; the steep entrance had been eliminated. The cut-off at the bottom of Route 11 had been enlarged to accommodate truck staging. New sidewalk construction in Bondville was underway; the State crew was currently working on driveway aprons and ditching with a final blacktop coat imminent. Whitesell reported the Police Department was up to date on police cruisers. He added there was new shelving in the police garage; they planned to store the radar cart in the 4-bay; discussion followed to consider installing a permanent radar cart in the Village. Reminder: Employee luncheon at the Town Garage 10/4.

**AWARD VAULT DOOR RFB:**

After review, the Selectboard awarded the vault door bid to Stuart Coleman for \$101,00; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; passed (Coleman abstained).*

**ROAD & HIGHWAY REPORT:** (No report)

**ACCESS PERMITS:**

After review, the Selectboard approve access permits for William Mahlmann on #86 Sylvan Ridge Road; Elizabeth & Lawrence Grant for a lot on Signal Hill Road with no culvert required; and Andrew Moore, #18 Deer Street with an 18" culvert required; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

**TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:** (No report)

**TOWN MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT:** (No discussion)

**ROAD COMMISSIONER:** (No discussion)

**LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH FIRE & LIBRARY:**

The Fire Department lease agreement with the Town had been finalized with the exception of an insurance certificate from the Fire Dept; *motion by Isaacs authorizing Bill Schwartz to sign the lease; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* The Library lease was in process. Discussion followed regarding license plate renewals for the fire trucks.

**NEW BUSINESS: TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE DISCUSSION:**

The Selectboard and Town Administrator talked about the Transportation Alternatives Grant application from the State which is due in late November. Suggestions were funding for a feasibility study relative to a roundabout at the bottom of the Access Road, a replacement culvert on Cranberry Hill, a replacement culvert on the upper portion of the Access Road, and a municipal sewer system for the center of town. The Town Administrator would investigate grant requirements and project eligibility.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:**

1) After discussion, the Selectboard approved a response to a resident at #8 Road to Millbrook in which they explained that ditching was part of maintaining Town roads and that the resident's driveway culvert was undersized; discussion followed about the cost to gravel the Road to Millbrook.

2) After review, the Selectboard reappointed Vernon Jenks, Deputy Forest Warden; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

3) After review, the Selectboard agreed to take no action relative to a class action suit re: sale of opioids in Vermont; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

**WARRANT:**

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #10/02/19 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

**APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):**

After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of September 18, 2019 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary,  
Winhall Selectboard

  
Bill Schwartz, Chair

  
E. Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair

  
Julie Isaacs, Member