

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 7, 2020

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Jennifer Stromsten (Brattleboro Dev. Credit Corp.)

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

The Selectboard added an Errors & Omissions Certificate to the agenda; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT ECONOMIC DEV. STRATEGIES:

Jennifer Stromsten, Program Manager, came before the Selectboard to talk about the current status of Brattleboro Dev. Credit Corp's development strategies including covid-19 responses to businesses in Vermont as well as non-profits, and other. Stromsten stated her company offered technical assistance to municipalities. Discussion included hiring needs for businesses as well as local municipalities; communication with the State and other; economic opportunities; local municipal resources; and Credit Corporation resources. Discussion followed about funding and available grants. The Credit Corporation was asking for an appropriation of \$2,300 from the Town of Winhall; voters would decide at Town Meeting Day in March.

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

Chief Tienken and the Selectboard reviewed the monthly police report for September including traffic tickets and warnings, false alarms, animal control matters, property watch, medical assists, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain resort. Tienken reported there were several Dui's issued during September; there had been (130) responses to the community survey- overwhelmingly positive; he had applied for a Federal grant for electronic portable speed carts; Labor Day traffic enforcement produced 107 stops, 14 tickets, and 2 arrests; he reported that new grant cycling was in place; and new signage would be installed on Winhall Hollow.

Tienken reported taser and cold firearms training was planned for the winter. The food shelf was full and very busy.

COMMUNITY HEALTH DISCUSSION:

Status quo. Preliminary discussion followed relative to providing Covid-19 protocol at Town Meeting Day in March.

ROADS & HIGHWAY REPORT:

The Stratton Access Road culvert replacement project was in the pipeline. The Selectboard would discuss it at greater length at the November 4th meeting. Dryden reported he had just received the 6th load of salt. The RFP for a full-time highway crew member would go out immediately.

ACCESS PERMITS:

After review, the Selectboard approved the following access permits: 1) Sarah & Gaetano Bavaro, 104 High Meadow for a circular drive; 2) Ski & Sport Consulting, #28 VT Rt 30 (Norse House); there was a question about State involvement and approval; 3) Matt & Pam Cocheouner, 7 Beaver Street- an 18" culvert was required to improve the access; David Key & Robin Mack, 506 Winhall Hollow Road to change the existing access and install cedar posts. Dryden added he had spoken with Key stating any damage to posts caused by winter plowing was Key's responsibility; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:

Dryden reported blocks for the new retaining wall at the Transfer Station had been installed.

ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:

1) VTrans had cancelled the Ruck-Up boot drop veteran fund raiser event for the Columbus Day Weekend on the bridge in Bondville as too dangerous.

2) After review, the Selectboard approved the Winhall Procurement Policy as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

3) The Town Administrator reported she had walked the Town-owned land at the end of Kendall Farm Road with the County Forester; planning for the timber harvest was currently underway; plans for recreational trails were in the works. The Selectboard suggested she include that information in the monthly Winhall Newsletter.

4) FYI: audit

E & O CERTIFICATE:

After review, the Selectboard approved an E&O change for David Key & Robin Mack relative to a revised tax bill; the value of their land had decreased as a result of current use criteria; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

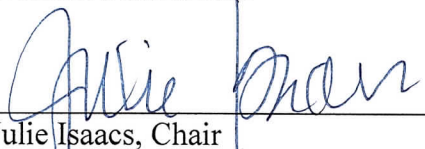
After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of September 16, 2020 and the emergency meeting minutes of September 29, 2020 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

WARRANT:


After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #10/07/20 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

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

Lucia Wing, Secretary,
Winhall Selectboard



Julie Isaacs, Chair



E. Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair



William Schwartz, Member