

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 19, 2016**

PRESENT: Stuart Coleman, Bill Schwartz, Dave Glabach; Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark, (Town Administrator); Jeff Whitesell (Police)

ALSO PRESENT: Travis Dobson, Alexandria Bosna, Julie Isaacs, Lorraine Neuhaus, Marcel Gisquet (WPC)

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

POLICE/RESCUE REPORT:

The Selectboard and Chief Whitesell discussed the police report for the month of September including traffic tickets and warnings; false alarms; animal control problems; property watch issues; medical assists; and law incidents in and around Winhall at the Stratton Mt. Resort; discussion followed. Chief Whitesell reported the WPD was investigating fake Id's presented at Seven Eleven; a drug case; a naked person on LSD at a recent Grateful Dead concert at Stratton; two aggravated offenses; and a grant to replace bullet proof vests. Whitesell reported newly hired police officer, Jake Lacasse, would be attending the police academy and would begin EMT training later in the year. The new cruiser had not arrived.

LOWER TAYLOR HILL BRIDGE: UPDATE:

*Julie Isaacs, Travis Dobson & Alexandria Bosna, residents on Lower Taylor Hill, came before the Selectboard to get an update relative to replacing the bridge; discussion followed about when the bridge would open; steep grades on Lower Taylor Hill; vehicular speed; the problematic intersection of the Access Road and Lower Taylor Hill relative to site distances and speed; and potentially making Lower Taylor Hill a two-way road as well as adding new signage; types of signs and wording was also discussed. A police presence on the road was deemed a good idea especially when it first reopened. Bosna reported construction trucks had created excessive dust. Coleman suggested contacting the State Highway Department for input. After further discussion, **Schwartz made the motion authorizing Stuart Coleman to contact Vtrans for input; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.***

READ ROAD UPDATE:

Next the Selectboard continued discussion of discontinuing Read Road off South Road in Winhall. Discussion included the importance of public access to the National Forest and making all of Read Road a Class 4 road to keep it accessible to the public; the Selectboard asked the Town Administrator to investigate the Class 4 road process. After further review, **Schwartz made the motion not to discontinue Read Road based on the greater good and the need to maintain public access now and in the future; seconded by Glabach; unanimous. Glabach then made the motion to look into making Read Road a Class 4 road; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.**

MOUNTAIN SCHOOL UPDATE:

Schwartz reported all contracts and legal documents were ready to sign by November 1st between the Winhall School Board and Town of Winhall relative to the sale of the Mountain School to the Town. After final review, **Schwartz made the motion authorizing Stuart Coleman to sign the contracts on behalf of the Selectboard; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.** After discussion relative to dates for an informational meeting and Town vote, **Schwartz made the motion authorizing the Town Administrator**

to set the appropriate date for the floor vote with the Town Clerk's consent; seconded by Glabach; unanimous. The Selectboard would also mail an informational flyer to all residents on the checklist prior to the vote.

OLD TOWN HALL UPDATE:

Schwartz reported the Project Review Sheet from the Agency of Natural Resources was being returned from the State, signed by Jackie Carr and ready to go relative to the septic system. The Selectboard agreed to review Cotton's architectural plans before bidding out the project and to take a closer look at all other State requirements. The project would most likely begin in the spring. Marcel Gisquet added he would be happy to be involved in the project provided the Town hired him for that purpose.

WINHALL TOWN PLAN: PUBLIC HEARING:

At 6:00 PM the Selectboard closed its regular meeting and opened the public hearing, duly noticed, to consider amendments to the Winhall Town Plan as submitted by the Planning Commission. Marcel Gisquet, Planning Commission Chair, gave an overview of the changes to the Plan including recommendations made by the Windham Regional Commission; those included a new renewable energy section and flood resilience plan. *Lorraine Neuhaus* a local resident and business owner asked about the proposed expansion of the commercial zone along Route 30 north of the Village; Gisquet elaborated. After further discussion relative to the amendments, the Selectboard would formally adopt the revised Town Plan at their November 2nd meeting.

SIDEWALK FUNDING IN THE VILLAGE OF BONDVILLE:

The Town Administrator reported that some budget money had been earmarked for the sidewalk project in the Village of Bondville; grant funding was also available, and she planned to apply to the State. VTrans had informed the Town they planned to repave a portion of Route 30 from the intersection of Rt. 100 and Rt. 30 to the intersection of Rt. 11 and Rt. 30 sometime in 2017. The sidewalks were included in the project; funds would come from the Town. The State would submit specs for the sidewalks.

TRANSFER STATION/TOWN GARAGE UPDATE:

Coleman reported the Selectboard had met with First Choice Communications and MEI System Integrators relative to installing surveillance cameras at the Town Garage and Transfer Station. The Selectboard was waiting for proposals. Bushee's office area in the 4-bay needed a new ceiling, insulation and propane furnace to heat it.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Selectboard talked about a recent article discussing local solar and wind projects and the local community's involvement in buying into those projects; discussion followed.

HIGHWAY & ROADS ACCESS PERMIT:

After review, the Selectboard approved a driveway for Jason Mayville, #383 Winhall Hollow Road; an 18 inch culvert was required; the Highway Foreman had okayed the site; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

After review, the Selectboard agreed to hold budget hearings on Saturday, Nov. 19th starting at 8AM to approximately 2PM. The Town Administrator would meet with department heads in advance; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

CORRESPONDENCE:

After review, the Selectboard agreed to execute a quitclaim deed releasing leased Glebe lands. The quitclaim deed was proposed by Paul Donaldson Esq. relative to lands located at #14 Deep Woods Road in Winhall; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.*

GREEN-UP DAY:

After review, the Selectboard appointed Dave Glabach, Green-Up Day Coordinator. Green-Up Day was scheduled for the second Saturday in May; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

WARRANTS & PAYROLL:

After review, the Selectboard voted to add two (2) checks to the warrant/payroll #10/19/16; 1) in the amount of \$25,000 as down payment for the school purchase and 2) prorated lease in the amount of \$36,394.47; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #10/19/16 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:

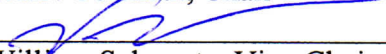
After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of October 5th, October 11th, and October 17th, 2016 as presented; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

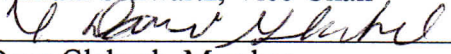
Lucia Wing, Secretary Winhall Selectboard



Stuart Coleman, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Dave Glabach, Member