

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 19, 2022

PRESENT: Stuart Coleman; Bill Schwartz; Julie Isaacs; Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Lucia Wing (Secretary), Trevor Dryden (Highway), Scott Bushee (Facilities)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Lynette Claudon & Emily Hackett (ANR Dept. of Water Investment Division); Kate Harris- Brattleboro Development Corporation

CALL TO ORDER: Coleman opened the meeting at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall in Bondville.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

WASTEWATER SYSTEM: GRANT DISCUSSION:

The Selectboard met with Lynette Claudon & Emily Hackett from the Agency of Natural Resources via Microsoft Team to discuss potential for municipal wastewater funding. Coleman responded that Winhall's septic allocation was 50,000 gal. per day re: Winhall/Stratton Fire District. The goal was to provide septic capacity for the Village of Bondville. The ANR team recommended the Selectboard get a specific preliminary engineering study of the area first, then look for available grant funding provided by the Water Investment Division. There were \$125,000 loans available to towns for engineering studies; the Windham Regional Commission could help to fill out applications. Discussion followed relative to the question of affordable housing in the Village; parking limitations; and forming a local Municipal Wastewater Committee.

BRATTLEBORO DEVELOPMENT CREDIT CORPORATION:

Kate Harris, representing BDCC, came before the Selectboard asking for an appropriation of \$2,307 which Winhall had appropriated the prior year. Harris explained BDCC focused on growing businesses in the area and developing new small businesses. The company's goal was to strengthen the economy in southern Vermont. Discussion followed about affordable housing opportunities and funding for non-profits. The Selectboard would take the request for the appropriation under advisement.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: (No report)

STRATTON ACCESS ROAD: UPDATE:

Dryden reported he was meeting with the hydraulic study engineer on Monday re: Stratton Access Road.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Dryden reported the crew was equipping the Town trucks for winter plowing; they were regularly using the new blower on Town roads; ditching; and tree work were underway as well. Dryden asked the Selectboard to put the Benson Fuller Intersection project back on the agenda for discussion; he estimated it would cost approx. \$150,000. Dryden reported there were two culverts improperly installed on two driveways on Benson Fuller; he would alert the owners.

ACCESS PERMITS:

After review, the Selectboard approved moving a driveway for Edward Scheid, #59 Todd Hill Road and final approval for Gateway IAQ, #45 Deep Woods Road to move a driveway with the addition of an 18" culvert; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

FACILITIES REPORT:

Bushee reported if a holiday fell on a Monday, the Transfer Station would be open from 8AM to noon on the following Wednesday starting January 1st; the Selectboard agreed. Bushee would post signage. The Selectboard also recommended starting up the Winhall newsletter with current information including the above. Bushee reported he would ask contractors to open their "black bags" to ensure it contained building debris and not

garbage. Bushee would decorate the Transfer Station for Halloween and offer trick or treats to the local kids. Furnaces were not working properly at the Town Hall or Town Garage; both needed work. The Fire House septic project was finished; he was waiting on windows for the community center; and would rebid the 4-bay garage which still needed much work put out to; the Library had paid for and re-sanded the floors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:40 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss highway personnel matters; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 7PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* Out of executive session, no decisions were rendered.

COMPUTER SYSTEM UPDATE: Computers and software had been fully installed, reviewed, working well, and tweaked where needed. NEMRC would install programs for the Lister Admin.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: DISCUSSION: FYI: Isaacs and Schwartz planned to attend an affordable housing seminar hosted by the Brattleboro Credit Corporation.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS: The Planning Commission 3-person committee met on 10/17/22 to discuss and begin to draft language for an Ordinance relative to short-term rentals.

TOWN-WIDE REAPPRAISAL: FYI: Poulter had received a proposal from NEMRC; the Selectboard tabled discussion until the following meeting.

COMMUNITY UNION DISTRICT UPDATE: FYI: Fred Schwacke was staying current.

APPOINTMENTS: After review, the Selectboard reappointed Marcel Gisquet assistant zoning administrator; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

ADMINISTRATIVE & CORRESPONDENCE: The Town Administrator presented a draft Computer Use / IT policy for Board review and future discussion.

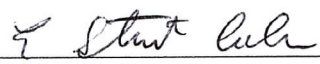
APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S): After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes 10/5/22 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

WARRANTS:

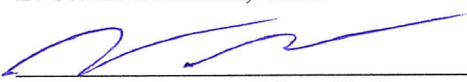
After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 10/19/22 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

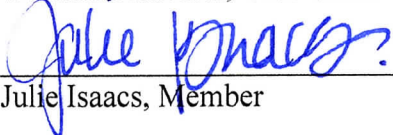
Lucia Wing, Secretary,
Winhall Selectboard



E. Stuart Coleman, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member