

**Town of Winhall Selectboard**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Kelly Pajala (Vermont State Representative)

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Kelly Pajala, Vermont State Representative, came before the Selectboard to talk about reapportioning ~~school~~ <sup>state congressional</sup> districts including Winhall. Reapportionment was based on State Statute and the 20/20 census population numbers. According to Pajala, Winhall fell in with Landgrove, Stratton, Sunderland, Peru, and Jamaica and was not based on geography or economy. She added that she would like to see the mountain town schools grouped together, but because of new population growth especially in Winhall and Londonderry that might not be possible. She encouraged the Selectboard to reach out to her with any questions or concerns.

**HIGHWAY REPORT:**

1) Dryden reported there was positive feedback from residents on Old Snow Valley Road relative to all the road improvements. On another subject Dryden added that line striping and fog lines on newly paved Winhall Hollow Road and others had not been completed. The new Town truck was scheduled to be delivered by the end of month and would go directly to the body shop for detail; hopefully it would be operational by late November.

2) Dryden reported because of ongoing safety concerns, he recommended getting an engineer study for the Benson Fuller- Upper Taylor Hill Road intersection. Benson Fuller Road was due to be paved the following year; now was the right time to address the problematic intersection; the Selectboard agreed. The Town Administrator would reach out to several engineering entities.

3) Dryden reported the Town had contracted with American Rock Salt to supply Winhall salt for the winter. Prices had increased to \$73 per ton. Discussion followed relative to other salt providers' prices; purchasing a moisture meter; and adding language to the current salt contract. After further review, *Isaacs made the motion to have the Town Administrator attempt to revise language in the contract with American Salt for quality purposes at the cost of \$73 per ton for up to 1,500 tons; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

4) Dryden reported a Town road sign had been run over and flattened while being used by the contractor on the Stratton Access Road culvert project; he would find out the cost to replace it. Further, Town plows were getting outfitted for the winter; he planned to start work on the upcoming Highway budget; and updated the Selectboard on work performed on the steep bank on Kendall Farm Road part of a longer-term project.

5) Dryden and the Selectboard discussed replacement of culverts from the High Meadow intersection to the Stratton/Winhall line, the next phase of improvement to the Access Road. Getting hydraulic studies on culverts was recommended. Upcoming budgeting would cover cost.

6) Dryden recommended selling the wood chipper while it was still worth something; the Highway Dept. never used it anymore. The Selectboard asked Dryden to investigate and come up with a reasonable selling price.

**TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:**

1) Bushee reported the company which produced the green trash bags for the Winhall Transfer Station would not be making them anymore; a thought was to produce a generic town bag for multiple town transfer stations; another possibility was to use up the Green Up Day bags. Bushee would keep the Selectboard updated. Bushee reported the new attendant was doing well; discussion followed about installing a car scale at the Transfer Station; trash weight was integral. Bushee added the electronics building was always full.

2) Bushee reported although he had had found septic plans, the Fire House had no septic permit. It required a new 1000-gallon tank with a dual pump system up to code; currently the pumps did not work properly and required frequent pumping. Beck Engineering was putting specs together for spring replacement. Discussion followed about replacing the Fire House structure; it was old and in need of much repair. Bushee reported Sparky Electric had checked out the Library and Town Hall; all was in order.

**STRATTON ACCESS ROAD CULVERT PROJECT: UPDATE:**

Coleman reported the State had signed off on the Access Road culvert project; grass was seeded and growing; Hunter Excavating was in process of replacing water lines in the ditch and out of the road for the Fire District. The only item left were guard rails; otherwise the project was mostly complete. The Town had paid Fitzpatrick Excavating \$195,320 from a total cost of \$277,120; a small portion had been withheld until the project was fully complete. The Town of Winhall would move forward and bill Stratton Corporation for half of the above total cost. Discussion followed relative to insurance matters. After review, *Isaacs made the motion to pay Fitzpatrick Excavating for all work performed pending the insurance adjustment; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

**ACCESS PERMIT(S):**

After review the Selectboard approved an access permit for Philip Fitzpatrick, #34 Stratton Garden Road; an access permit including installation of an 18" culvert for Jacobs Faye, #74 Sylvan Ridge Road, and final access permit for David Key, Winhall Hollow Road; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

**TOWN HEALTH OFFICER: UPDATE**

The Selectboard talked about health officer pay; deputy officials and duties; establishing a health code; how Killington handled short-term rentals by contracting with an outside company; and writing a Town Ordinance as a good beginning. Guidance had been provided by VLCT regarding the position and liability. The Selectboard would continue discussion at the next meeting.

**SHORT-TERM RENTALS:** FYI: Discussion relative to all rentals.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:**


- 1) No correspondence
- 2) FYI upcoming budget for 2022/2023

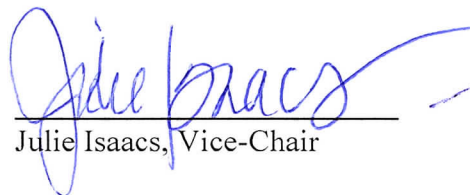
**APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:** After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of October 6, 2021 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

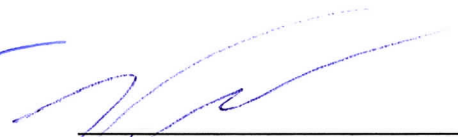
**WARRANTS:** After review, the Selectboard approved warrant dated 10/20/21 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary  
Winhall Selectboard

  
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Stuart Coleman, Chair

  
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Julie Isaacs, Vice-Chair

  
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William Schwartz, Member