

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 21, 2020

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

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

After review the Selectboard added an E&O Certificate to the agenda; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

1) Dryden reported that Stratton would be working on upgrading its snowmaking capabilities on the upper portion of the Access Road. He reported the Highway Department was gearing up for winter, outfitting plows, etc. He reported there was a CPR course at the Town garage next Tuesday, 10/27 at 6:00 PM. Dryden added the backhoe needed repair.

2) Next Dryden talked about the Forest Service presentation at some point. A suggestion was they to come to a regular meeting of the Selectboard when convenient for them; the Town Administrator recommended they send information ahead of time for review. Dryden and the Selectboard discussed including a Highway Schedule in the monthly Newsletter.

3) As of this date, there had been one response to the ad for an additional highway crew member.

ACCESS PERMITS:

After review, the Selectboard approved an access permit and 911 number for Robert Morgan, #38 Jamie Lane and final approval for a 911 number for the Norse House (Tom Maneggia), #28 VT Route 30; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:10 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss Highway personnel matters; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* At 5:17 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* No decisions were rendered.

TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT:

Bushee reported the Transfer Station continued to be very busy especially on weekends, but somewhat more settled mid-week. He reported he had shipped out more containers/boxes than usual especially as a result of Columbus Day Weekend. He reported there was a mice issue at the Community Arts Center which remained closed except for the food pantry. The Town Administrator would look into the lease agreement to see who was responsible for getting rid of the mice; discussion followed about the current status of the Art Center. Bushee reported there was a significant increase in money paid for flat screen televisions at the electronics shed; he suggested school kids might like to paint the walls of the salt and electronics shed. Everyone thought this was a great idea! Isaacs brought up another promotional bag for the Transfer Station; the bags were wrapped with paper instead of plastic making it more environmentally friendly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:40 PM, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss Transfer Station personnel matters; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 5:50 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* No decisions were rendered.

COMMUNITY HEALTH DISCUSSION: FYI: Status quo

E&O CERTIFICATE:

After review, the Selectboard approved an E&O Certificate to change the assessment for Charles & Sarah Cavanaugh, 8 Deer Street; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:

1) FYI Budget; FYI Town Auditors; the Town Administrator reported some FEMA money for Covid-19 had been reimbursed.

2) The Selectboard received a letter from Adam Froelich per cannabis inquiry; they would discuss the letter at the next meeting. The Selectboard received a letter from Dan Walsh, Fox Chapel homeowner regarding rebuilding the garbage shed which burnt down in June, 2020.

4) The Vermont Family Network was requesting an appropriation of \$250. They would be required to petition for the appropriation which be up for a vote on Town Meeting Day.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:


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

WARRANTS:


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

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Julie Isaacs, Chair



Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair

William Schwartz, Member