

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 3, 2021

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Tina Malone, Casey Haynes (Brattleboro Dev. Credit Corp.), Audrey Salo

CALL TO ORDER: Coleman opened the meeting at 5:00 PM at the Town Hall in Bondville.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Audrey Salo came before the Selectboard to discuss the present status of Gleason Hill Road in Winhall; she presented the SB with minutes signed in 1969 by the Selectboard discussing the road which in the past had travelled from Route 30 to Kendall Farm Road. She questioned if Gleason Hill still had a viable ROW for owners abutting the road to use. The Selectboard recommended Salo hire an attorney to research Gleason Hill Road's history and rights, as it is not a town highway or trail.

BRATTLEBORO DEV. CREDIT CORP: PRESENTATION:

Casey Haynes, Brattleboro Dev. Credit Corp., came before the Selectboard to talk about how his organization might assist the Town of Winhall. He explained his Corporation's main focus was to find improved ways to better develop the economic landscape. The Development Corp. helped with small business start-ups; provided other services for businesses including infra-structure resources; helped newcomers connect with their communities and with locals; offered financial training; offered High School students workforce readiness assistance; market resources; and refugee resettlement. The Selectboard suggested Haynes write an informational piece for the December Newsletter. They thanked Haynes for his presentation and would stay in touch.

STRATTON ACCESS ROAD: CULVERT PROJECT:

Coleman reported the Access Road Culvert Project was finished; guard rails mostly installed. Hunter Excavating was replacing Fire District waterlines from the road into side ditches. The Selectboard discussed a final walk-through inspection with VHB Engineering and Stratton Corp before paying Fitzpatrick his final bill. After further review, *Schwartz made the motion to pay Fitzpatrick his final bill contingent upon Stratton's consent to move forward without a walk-through final inspection; seconded by Coleman; passes; Isaacs abstains.* The Town Administrator would reach out to Pat Moyna for Stratton's authorization. To date, Stratton had paid their share of the culvert project to the Town of Winhall. The Selectboard agreed to pay for the crushed detour sign- cost \$450.

HIGHWAY: UPDATE:

Dryden reported that line-striping on recently paved Town roads remained an issue; he had received a memo from the State relative to a paint shortage. Other discussion included lights out at some intersections; purchasing a leaf blower for the back of the tractor- payment to include a grant for \$5500 the Town to pay \$1400; selling the chipper for \$10,000 at market price; and Dryden to receive training on how to take a salt sample and analyze it relative to quality and moisture content. Coleman asked Dryden to hold off on the leaf blower until the Selectboard had a chance to research its value to Winhall; they would take up the matter at the next meeting. The new truck had not been delivered to Winhall yet but was in process. Discussion followed relative to the highway budget.

ACCESS PERMITS:

After review the Selectboard approved an access permit for Charles & Sarah Cavanaugh, #8 Deer Street; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

TOWN HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE:

The Selectboard agreed to interview Mike Wilson who had recently applied for the position of Health Officer; they would ask him to come to the next Selectboard meeting on 11/17; discussion followed.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS: CONTINUED DISCUSSION:

Tina Malone came before the Selectboard to discuss her short-term rental off the Stratton Mountain Access Road. She explained that she followed all the rules and had not had any problems with her renters. Discussion followed relative to zoning taking on a dominant role; short-term rentals; and coming up with a way to address issues surrounding short-term rentals like noise, garbage, septic failure, parking, and compliance with State health, fire, tax, and environmental requirements.

COMMUNITY CENTER & HEALTH UPDATE:

FYI: status quo; discussion followed relative to replacing some of the windows at the Community Center. The Selectboard would reach out to Bushee to put it in his upcoming budget.

BUDGET 2022-2023:

In process; discussion followed. The Town Administrator had reached out to department heads.

ADMINISTRATIVE & CORRESPONDENCE:

FYI financials: FYI: grand list; codes; and voter list. Isaacs discussed a grant for a water filling station via Green Up Day; the Selectboard suggested the Mountain School as a possible location; applicants must be municipalities.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of 10/20/21 as amended; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

WARRANTS:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #11/03/21; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary,
Winhall Selectboard



E. Stuart Coleman, Chair



Julie Isaacs, Vice-Chair



William Schwartz, Member