

**Town of Winhall Selectboard**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 4, 2020**

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Adam Froelich, Andrew Leber, Pat Moyna & Jeff Cavagnino (Stratton)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:**

Chief Tienken and the Selectboard reviewed the monthly police report for October including traffic tickets and warnings, false alarms, animal control matters, property watch, medical assists, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain resort. Tienken submitted the Winhall Police & Rescue Community Survey 2020 which was well-received and extremely positive; over 130 responded. Tienken reported there were many false alarms; also, there was a suggestion for speed bumps on some Town dirt roads to inhibit speeding; discussion followed.

**STRATTON ACCESS ROAD CULVERTS:**

Pat Moyna & Jeff Cavagnino (Stratton Corp.) came before the Selectboard to discuss replacement of the large culvert at the top portion of the Access Road. There had been a recent study of all (47) culverts. A box culvert had been suggested to replace the existing large culvert. Discussion followed relative to getting the project out to bid as there were specs, plans and designs for the culvert. Stratton and the Selectboard discussed the possibility of available grant money which Winhall could apply for; the Town Administrator would investigate. They discussed stream alterations; other water issues; and the remaining culverts, most of which would need to be replaced prior to paving the Access Road. Stratton and the Selectboard agreed the way forward was to have the Town Administrator send the current Hydraulic Study to Stratton for review, send an RFP out to bid for the project, and set up a mandatory pre-bid meeting with bidders and Stratton.

**ROADS & HIGHWAY REPORT:**

Dryden and the Selectboard discussed moving the existing River Road & Avison Road stop signs to another much safer location. Coleman would contact both Steve Avison and Lincoln Maples Hardware store.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 5:50 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss highway personnel matters; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous*. At 6:00 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous*. Out of executive session no decisions were rendered.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH DISCUSSION:** Tabled

**TOWN MEETING IN MARCH:**

The Selectboard discussed Covid-19 protocol for Town Meeting Day in March. It was generally agreed to set-up Town Meeting via Australian ballot instead of an in-person floor vote. The Selectboard would confer with the Town Clerk.

**CANNABIS OPT-IN/OPT-OUT DISCUSSION:**

Adam Froelich came before the Selectboard to discuss an Article at Town Meeting for a town-wide cannabis opt-in vote. Towns across Vermont, per legislation, were allowed to either opt-in or opt-out of allowing retail sales of cannabis, subject to state regulations. Froelich and the Selectboard discussed creating an informational flyer to be mailed out to voters prior to Town Meeting; discussion followed. After review, *Coleman made the*

*motion to add a Cannabis Opt-In Article to the Town Meeting Warning; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*  
In the interim, Froelich would submit a fact sheet to the Selectboard for their review.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:**

FYI Audit in process: discussion followed relative to setting up a policy regarding Transfer Station bag sales; setting-up purchase of the bags via credit card; ways to reconcile property taxes; and setting-up a policy for journal entries. Julie Isaacs and the Town Administrator would schedule a meeting with the Town Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for input.

**APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):**

After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of October 7, 2020 as amended & October 21, 2020 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*


**WARRANT:**

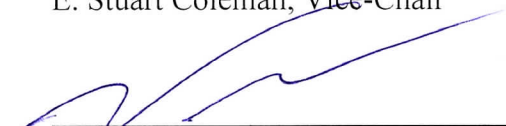
After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #11/04/20 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary,  
Winhall Selectboard

  
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Julie Isaacs, Chair

  
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E. Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair

  
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William Schwartz, Member