

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Bondville, Vermont 05340
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 7, 2018

PRESENT: Bill Schwartz, Stuart Coleman; Julie Isaacs; Lissa Stark, (Town Administrator), Lucia Wing, (Secretary); Jeff Whitesell (Police)

IN ATTENDANCE: Laura Gianotti, Jason Mayville, Dave Brenner (Martello Brothers)

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

After review, the Selectboard added a Liquor Board Meeting to the agenda; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous*

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Laura Gianotti commented on the Community Arts Center; she stated she and others had been behind building a community and had always used it respectfully; she and others very much wanted to get the community back in the building and the building up and running.

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE: REPORT:

Chief Whitesell and the Selectboard discussed the October monthly police report including traffic tickets and warnings, alarms, property damage, citizen public assists, property watch, medical responses, public outreach, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain Resort. Whitesell reported there had been a fatal heroin overdose; an investigation was underway; the police department was keeping roads as safe as possible for everyone. Whitesell reported on the Route 30 reclamation project which would conclude before Thanksgiving and start up again in the spring; discussion followed. Whitesell reported the new cruiser would be on the road by Thanksgiving; the old cruiser had been sold to another law enforcement entity. Police Officer Rogers and his K-9 were the top team at the Academy; kudos to the team. The Town Administrator reported that Stratton Corp. had finally made the July payment for the Law Enforcement Services Contract.

ROAD & HIGHWAY REPORT: (No report)

OLD TOWN HALL: UPDATE:

The Selectboard discussed the lien against the Old Town Hall made by the elevator company for no payment for elevator installation. *Dave Brenner* came before the Selectboard to discuss the lien against the building; discussion followed about the elevator fan which had been approved and was in compliance. Brenner commented he had never seen the elevator actually run. Brenner stated he would pay the elevator company, the money was in the budget, but he was concerned about the elevator operating correctly. He was also concerned about the elevator installer returning to turn the elevator on. After further discussion, it was agreed that the lawyers for both parties should handle payment so that the lien could be relieved, the elevator company could be paid, and the building re-opened for community use. Brenner stated he would reach out to his council the following day. Coleman responded there were some minor touch up items still to be finished; Coleman and Brenner would get together the following morning to review the punch list. It was noted that the Select Board should see the punch list to know when the work has been completed. Coleman reported grading and landscaping was underway by the Highway Department; not quite finished. Discussion followed about the industrial carpeting and flooring options.

LIQUOR BOARD MEETING:

At 5:50 PM the Selectboard closed their meeting and opened the Liquor Board Meeting; in the meeting, the Liquor Board granted a liquor class 1 & 3 license to the Grindstone Pub; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous*. The Selectboard re-opened the meeting 6:00 PM.

WINHALL SIGNS: The Town Administrator reported that the "Welcome to Winhall" signs for the Access Road and the Jamaica/Winhall town line had been ordered.

BUDGETING FY19/20:

The Town Administrator and Selectboard preliminarily reviewed the draft of the budget and agreed to hold the budget meeting on Sunday, November 18th instead of Saturday, November 17th from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. Discussion followed about holding the regular Selectboard meeting in conjunction with the budget meeting.

WINTER SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE:

After review, the Selectboard approved the proposal from Homestead to maintain the Village sidewalks during the winter; the cost will be \$5,940 with the addition of alerting the Town Highway Department when the snow exceeded capacity and had to be moved; *motion by Coleman to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the contract; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:

1) Correspondence: The Selectboard received an email from Steve Avison, Fire Department, with a request to increase its appropriation; they would review at their budget meeting. Rekoverye Alliance Inc. had sent a letter to the Town requesting an appropriation of \$500; the company's main focus was preventing youth addiction; the Alliance could petition the Town requesting an Article at Town Meeting Day in March.

2) Personnel Policy update for review at a future Selectboard meeting.

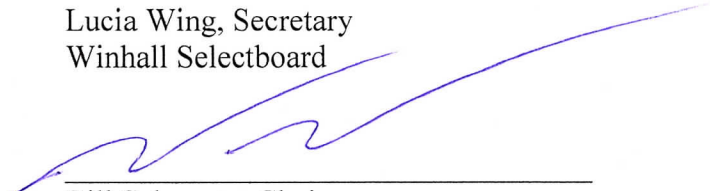
3) Facilities Use Policy Discussion followed relative to liability insurance with respect to using the Community Arts Center. Currently certificates of insurance and scheduling were required for use of the facility. Gianotti would research creating a non-profit 501(c)3 as a future possibility; discussion followed about the benefits. Discussion followed relative to the actual square footage of the Library for insurance purposes; Isaacs noted that the appraisal showed the wrong square footage. The Town Administrator would follow up with VLCT about insurance coverage.

WARRANT: After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #11/07/18 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

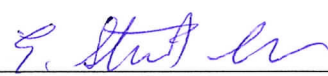
APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S): After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of October 17, 2018 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

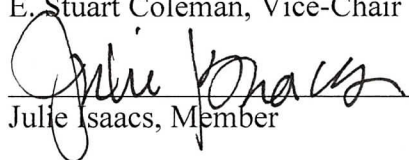
Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Bill Schwartz, Chair



E. Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member