

**Town of Winhall Selectboard**  
**Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** None

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (None)

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Tienken and the Selectboard reviewed the police report for November to include traffic tickets and warnings; agency assists; alarms; animal control problems; property watch, and citizen & medical assists in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mt. Resort. Chief reported there were multiple vehicle accidents during the Thanksgiving vacation period; the new police cruiser had been ordered; it would take approx. (4) months; two (2) new snowmobiles and one (1) trailer had been ordered for use in the winter months per reserve funds; a new fingerprint machine had been ordered; and the 2022/23 budget was on schedule. Chief added Stratton Corp. was now using a digital radio for the resort; the police department did not have compatible radios; Chief was looking into ordering one.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: REPORT:**

1) Dryden and the Selectboard discussed an engineering report submitted by Otter Creek Engineering regarding the Benson Fuller/ Upper Taylor Hill Road(s) proposed intersection project at a cost of \$5,550 for the study. The study did not include land research for private lands. The Selectboard agreed to reach out to the owners of #3 Mt. Haunts Road who owned the land at the corner of Benson Fuller to see if they were willing to allow some of their property to be cut back for safety purposes before paying for a study. Isaacs would go to the Town Hall the following morning to get an address and potential phone contact; discussion followed about the size of the piece of land to be cut back.

2) Dryden reported the International Town plow needed repair; Dryden had made arrangements for a loaner in the interim. The new truck was in process of getting detailed. He reported residents on the Road to Millbrook had complained relative to the winter snowplowing schedule. The Town Administrator had responded to their concerns.

**ACCESS PERMITS:**

After review, the Selectboard approved an access permit and 18" culvert replacement for Ivan Dolgins, #17 Burnt Hill Road; an access and 911 permit for Christopher Amery & Douglas Malton, #80 Ravenwood Road; an access permit and 18" culvert for Winhall Partners, #62 Ravenwood Road; and an access permit and 18" culvert replacement for Robert Crabtree, #21 Read Road; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

**SHORT-TERM RENTALS:** FYI: on hold

**COMMUNITY CENTER & HEALTH UPDATE:** FYI: status quo

**EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY BONUS:** After review, the Selectboard approved the employee holiday bonus list as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

**BUDGET 2022-2023:**

The Town Administrator reported the 2022/23 municipal budget was mostly finalized; discussion followed relative to increasing some reserve funds; increasing the delinquent tax line item to decrease the overall municipal

tax; and taking another look at the bituminous concrete budget. The Town Administrator reported she had conferred with department heads for their input on budget items.

**ADMINISTRATIVE & CORRESPONDENCE:**

1) The Selectboard tabled the “Audit Findings Letter” until the following meeting.

2) Correspondence included a letter from the Right Track Foundation soliciting donations from surrounding towns for a \$13,000,000 community field house in Manchester. The Selectboard would hold off responding until someone from the Northshire Right Track Foundation came in to speak to them about the project.

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

After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of 11/17/21 as presented; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

**WARRANTS:**

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #12/01/21; ***motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.***

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

Lucia Wing, Secretary,  
Winhall Selectboard

  
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E. Stuart Coleman, Chair

  
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Julie Isaacs, Vice-Chair

  
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William Schwartz, Member