

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, December 2, 2020 (via Zoom)

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Pat Moyna & Jeff Cavagnino (Stratton), Kevin Prudente

CALL TO ORDER: Isaacs opened the meeting (via Zoom) at 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

Chief Tienken and the Selectboard reviewed the monthly police report for November 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 reported he was working with the State and looking into grants to install two speed signs on Route 30, one at each end of the Village of Bondville. Other discussion included installing speed bumps on some dirt roads including Signal Hill.

STRATTON ACCESS ROAD CULVERTS:

Pat Moyna & Jeff Cavagnino (Stratton Corp.) - on Zoom- were present to discuss replacement of the large culvert at the top portion of the Access Road. Currently, the Town was waiting for the State Hydraulic Study which included the size of the large culvert. FYI: The Selectboard would keep culverts on the agenda.

ROADS: ACCESS PERMITS:

After review, the Selectboard approved access permits for:

- 1) Final approval for Adrian Owles, #24 Stone House Road which included 18" culverts for two lots; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***
- 2) Final approval for Collin Brooks, #10 Deeryard Road for (2) 18" culverts for a circular drive; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***
- 3) Approval for Jurian & Greta Vanriper, #5 Deep Woods Circle to include installation of a new 18" culvert; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***
- 4) Final approval for Matt Cochenour, #7 Beaver Street for an 18" culvert; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.***

COMMUNITY HEALTH DISCUSSION:

Chief Tienken reported the Police Department was looking into restaurants and lodging to assure they were following State Covid-19 guidelines. The Police Dept. has required Covid supplies in stock. Isaacs reiterated the importance of government mandated mask-wearing given the uptick in coronavirus cases. The Town Clerk reported she was currently delivering groceries for those who needed it.

TOWN MEETING IN MARCH:

The Selectboard discussed Covid-19 protocol for Town Meeting Day in March. Schwartz reported that new legislation (Act 162) allowed Town Meeting via Australian ballot or mail-in ballots instead of an in-person floor vote. Another alternative allowed Towns to open their meetings and then close them to a time a place in the future; discussion followed. Isaacs would reach out to the School Board to discuss their plans for Town Meeting.

TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

BUDGET DISCUSSION:

After review and discussion relative to transparency, ***Schwartz made the motion to amend the Town Report to include each department's salary amounts; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*** Discussion followed about

increasing reserve funds; the Town Administrator added some reserve funds had already been increased from the prior year. Isaacs and the Administrator would communicate via email.

ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:

The Town Administrator reported she had received the final Audit Report.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of November 4, 2020 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

WARRANT:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #12/02/20 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

EXECTUVIE SESSION:

At 5:50 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 6:00 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* Out of executive session, the Selectboard voted to give holiday bonuses to town employees; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary,
Winhall Selectboard

Julie Isaacs, Chair

E. Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair

*Approved
Virtually*

William Schwartz, Member