Town of Winhall Selectboard Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, December 4, 2019

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

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

The Selectboard voted to add the Winhall Police Department report to the agenda; motion by Isaacs, seconded by Coleman; unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

Lt. Tienken and the Selectboard reviewed the monthly police report for October/November including traffic tickets and warnings, false alarms, animal control matters, property watch, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain resort. Tienken reported the Department had issued three (3) DUIs, arrested several individuals for theft of rugs from the Stratton Resort, and arrested an individual for leaving the scene of an accident. Tienken also reported there was increased speeding on newly paved Vermont Route(s) 30 & 11. Discussion followed about the line striping near at the intersection of Route 11 & 30 as potentially problematic with the removal of the turn lane. Tienken reported each police cruiser was now equipped with an e-ticketing system funded by a grant, and the cruisers all had studded snow tires for the winter. Vermont State Police had sent a letter outlining the redistricting; Winhall was covered by the Shaftsbury barracks again.

ROAD & HIGHWAY REPORT:

Coleman reported the new Town truck would most likely be ready for delivery within the next two weeks. The current Town truck which was being traded-in was being repaired. Discussion followed about American Rock Salt as having chunks and being wet; Dryden recommended trying salt from Apalachee for comparison and the Selectboard agreed; the Town Administrator added the Town would need to have a contract.

STRATTON MT. ACCESS ROAD ENGINEERING REPORT:

The Town was still waiting for the report from VHB; discussion followed about replacing some culverts on the Access Rd. in next year's budget.

BUDGETING FY20-21: DISCUSSION:

The Selectboard continued review of the FY20-21 budget; the Grand List had increased from the following year; the auditors' report had added informative insight; there was no surplus money. The Selectboard discussed additional ways to cut the budget. They discussed the possibility of grant money from the State for culvert replacement on Cranberry Hill; the Town Administrator stated there currently was no grant money available. They discussed NEMRC software support and increased fees; State aid on Town roads; guard rails; collected delinquent taxes; and increasing revenues with more grants. The Selectboard would continue review of the budget at the next meeting on 12/18.

TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

TOWN MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT: (No discussion)

ROAD COMMISSIONER: (No discussion)

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LIBRARY: The Library was still reviewing the lease.

ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence included a letter from NEMRC Software regarding increased fees; discussion followed.

WARRANT:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #12/04/19 as presented; motion by Coleman; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S):

After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of November 20, 2019 as presented; *motion by Isaacs;* seconded by Schwartz; 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

Bill Schwartz, Chair

E. Stuart Coleman, Vice-Chair

Julie Isaacs, Member