

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Bondville, Vermont 05340
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, December 7, 2016**

PRESENT: Stuart Coleman, Bill Schwartz, Dave Glabach; Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (Absent); Chief Whitesell (Police)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Robert Crabtree

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: READ ROAD:

Robert Crabtree came before the Selectboard to discuss Read Road. He stated he was willing to let people traverse his land to hunt and use it recreationally; he had no intentions to close his land off to the public. He stated he had never received legal notification of denial from the Town; he had obtained a copy from a third party. The Selectboard would check with the Town Administrator. Crabtree stated he would like the Selectboard to reconsider discontinuing his road; he did not want to put considerable money towards fixing it if he didn't own it. He felt that bettering the road would allow improved public access. Discussion followed about reclassifying Read Road, currently class 3, to either a class 4 or trail. The Selectboard explained to Crabtree that their recent decision not to "throw up" Read Road was final. Discussion followed about starting the process over to change the road to a class 4 or Town trail. After further review, *Glabach made the motion to re-warn Read Road either to "throw up" the road or to classify it as a Town trail; seconded by Schwartz;* discussion; *unanimous.* Most likely the Selectboard would re-warn it in the spring.

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

Chief Whitesell and the Selectboard discussed the police report for November including traffic tickets and warning, false alarms, animal control issues, property watch, medical assists, and law incidents in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mt. Resort. Whitesell reported the new cruiser was scheduled for fitting. He added Manchester Rescue Squad was proposing a new plan; Whitesell planned on meeting with them to get more details. After further discussion, *Schwartz made the motion authorizing Chief Whitesell to execute an agreement with Manchester Rescue Squad; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.*

POLICE DEPARTMENT: PROPOSED BUDGET 17/18:

Chief Whitesell proposed the budget for the 17/18 fiscal year. First Whitesell and the Selectboard discussed **revenues** including grants; those included *Highway safety & education, Winhall Brook, alarm registrations, etc.* revenues were increased to \$90,000- (grants offset expenditures). **Expenses** included: *Animal Control @ \$4,000* the same; *Police Reserve Fund @ \$42,000;* *Police & rescue personnel- wages* increased; discussion followed. *Administrative support*-increased slightly; *Court time* the same; *gas & oil* the same; *information systems*- same; *canine*- Chief would like to take another look at police canines- cost between \$8,000-\$10,000 to start \$5,000 per year to maintain; *medical expense* at \$0; *mileage reimbursement* the same; *office equipment replacement* the same. *PD rescue training*- increased because of medical training requirements; *postage*- same; *prisoner transport* decreased; discussion followed; *radar equipment certification* increased radar needs to be upgraded; *radios and pagers*- will need to replace a unit; *repair & maintenance- cruisers* increased due to cost of repairs. *Rescue supplies & equipment* decreased to \$10,000. *Snowmobile safety & education* (grant offset); *supplies & other expenses* same at \$15,800; *telephone* same @ \$8,500; *uniforms & equipment* same. *Video equipment replacement* need to replace one unit. Whitesell and the Selectboard discussed *dispatch services* which included funding. Whitesell stated dispatch could use reorganization. Lastly he stated expenses had increased, but revenues were up as well. The overall budget came in at \$458,400 decreased by \$31,500.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:40 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss police personnel matters; *motion by Glabach; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* At 6:45 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Coleman; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.* No decisions were rendered.

HIGHWAY & ROADS REPORT: The Selectboard discussed the culvert on Signal Hill. Repairs to the road could be made in the spring.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: (No report)

FACILITIES REPORT: (No report)

LOWER TAYLOR HILL BRIDGE: UPDATE: Coleman reported the concrete had been poured on the deck; there was still much to do before the bridge would be completed.

MOUNTAIN SCHOOL UPDATE: The special Town meeting was warned for Tuesday, January 24th at the Mountain School- "Shall the voters approve the sale of the Winhall school building and property, etc. to the Mountain School (floor vote)." The informational portion of the meeting would begin at 6:30PM and the floor vote would take place at 7:00pm.

OLD TOWN HALL UPDATE: FYI: The Town Administrator had contacted Cotton Architects; the Selectboard had not heard back from him; they wanted to finalize the architectural plans so that they could put it out bid for work to begin in the spring.

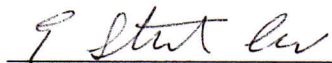
PAYORDERS: After review, the Selectboard approved warrant #12/7/16 as presented; *motion by Glabach; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTE(S): After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of December 2, 2016 as amended and November 16, 2016 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.*


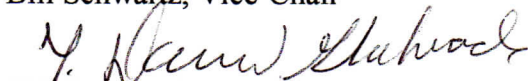
As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.*

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by,

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



E. Stuart Coleman, Chair


Bill Schwartz, Vice-Chair

David Glabach, Member