Town of Winhall Selectboard Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, December 21, 2016

PRESENT: Stuart Coleman, Bill Schwartz, Dave Glabach; Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark, Town Administrator; Trevor Dryden (Roads); Scott Bushee (Facilities)

ALSO PRESENT: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

POLICE/RESCUE REPORT: (No report)

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Dryden reported the security cameras had been installed at the Transfer Station and Town Garage. As a result of the recent snow and ice storm, several iced over trees needed to be cleared off Town roads; some trees were in the ditches; and several mailboxes had been knocked over. The Highway Department had taken care of repairing the boxes. A suggestion was for the Town to send a letter to dispatch operators updating them on whom to contact for plowing and sanding during ice and snow storms; discussion followed about placating the Winhall taxpayer; plow routes; and making the roads wide enough for local ski buses. Dryden reported the International plow needed repair. Discussion followed about Strattonwald Home Owners' Assoc. attending a Selectboard meeting to discuss roads in the subdivision and other matters. Schwartz made the motion for the Town Administrator to formally invite the above Association to a Selectboard meeting; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.

READ ROAD UPDATE:

Discussion followed about the Selectboard's intent to re-warn the process in the spring to reclassify Read Road to a class 4 road or trail. Dworkin, representing Robert Crabtree, had contacted Coleman.

LOWER TAYLOR HILL BRIDGE: UPDATE:

The Selectboard agreed it was prudent to leave the Bridge closed until spring; the bridge was not finished and not ready for vehicular traffic; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; passed (Glabach against).

TRANSFER STATION REPORT:

Bushee reported he had worked with the security camera installers; most of the Transfer Station was covered; he would work on getting signage. He reported an entire truckload of electronics had been recently shipped; he had received an estimate from Dennis Roy to fix the office roof on the 4-bay; there were no other bids; Bushee would continue to try to get more. He reported there were some changes relative to the Windham Solid Waste District; he would update the Selectboard when he had more information. Pat Salo had questioned hot water at the Town Garage. Bushee stated hot water existed for rinsing off Town buses, plows, etc.

FACILITIES REPORT:

<u>Library:</u> Bushee reported there had been a serious heat issue at the Library; Cota & Cota responded; they tried to fix the furnace, but it was just too old and the parts were inadequate. Bushee got an estimate from Cota & Cota for \$3,400 for a new, high efficiency furnace. It would be installed ASAP. The Selectboard agreed to go ahead.

<u>Fire Station & Old Town Hall:</u> Repairs were taken care of. Bushee reported the new all-purpose truck was in and very useful for all kinds of jobs.

OLD TOWN HALL UPDATE:

FYI: The Town Administrator reported there was no kitchen in the Cotton Architectural plans for the old Town Hall; drawings were complete. There was a question of several different plans, but it appeared that only one plan existed. The Selectboard would like the project to go out to bid in the spring. The Fire Marshall stated flood information had not impacted or changed his review; all was good to go relative to the improvements. Discussion followed about the base flood elevation at the old Town Hall.

MOUNTAIN SCHOOL VOTE UPDATE: The Selectboard asked about an informational flyer for residents relative to the sale of the Mountain School including price. The Town Administrator and Schwartz would come up with a flyer to be approved at the next meeting on January 4^t and sent out immediately after.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE- BUDGET REVIEW:

The Selectboard discussed the budget; the Town Administrator was waiting for answers to budget questions before finalizing it. Discussion followed about the current surplus; how much was in it; and how it might be distributed.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Selectboard received a copy of a letter of commendation for the Winhall Police Force who had responded quickly to an emergency medical alert in the Stratton Mountain area.

WARRANTS & PAYROLL: After review, the Selectboard approved payroll/warrant #12/21/16 as presented; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.

<u>APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:</u> After review, the Selectboard approved the minutes of December 7, 2016 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Glabach; unanimous*.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM; motion by Schwartz; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.

Lucia Wing, Secretary Winhall Selectboard

Stuart Coleman, Chair

William Schwartz, Vice-Chair

Dave Glabach, Member