



TOWN OF WINHALL VERMONT

115 Vermont Route 30
Bondville, VT 05340
www.winhall.org

Newsletter ~ April 2022

Current Requests for Proposals issued by Town of Winhall:

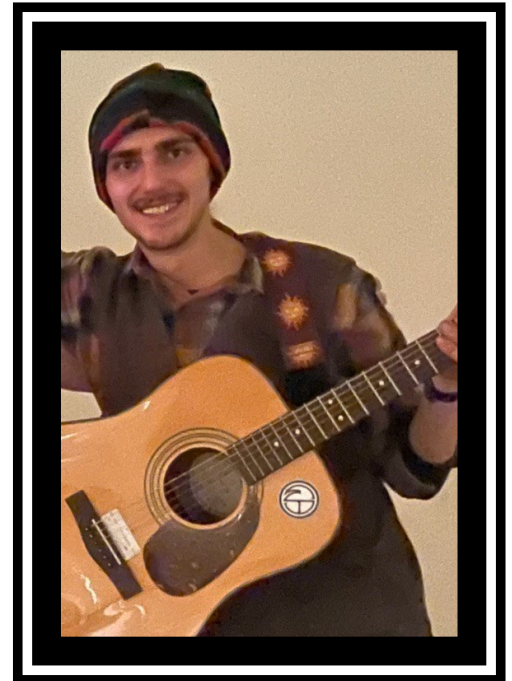
[Summer Maintenance](#) {Bids due 4/29}

[Culvert Replacements on Stratton Access Road](#) {Bids due 4/19}

[Paving Section of Stratton Access Road](#) {Bids due 4/19}

Welcome Evan Coleman to the Town of Winhall

*Evan was recently hired
by the Town of Winhall as a
Transfer Station Attendant.
Please join us in welcoming him
into his new position.*



NOTICES

Parking Ban on Town Highways ~ November 1 - May 1

[Refer to Ordinance Here](#)

[Transfer Station](#) Speed Limit is 5MPH

A Message from the Winhall School Board

Thank you to everyone who came out for Town Meeting Day! It was great to see so many familiar faces in the crowd and to welcome our newest residents. We appreciate everyone's flexibility as we moved our meeting to the Town Garage for a second year due to Covid. We especially thank everyone from the Town Offices and the Town Garage who put in many hours to make this all possible!

Our next school board meeting will be held at 5pm on Monday, June 6th. Interested people may either attend in person at the Town Offices or join us virtually -- look for the agenda packet, with call-in information, to be posted during the week of May 30th.

Happy Spring!
The Winhall School Board

For more information, visit www.brsu.org ~ [Winhall School District Page](#)

Winhall Memorial Library Spring & Summer Hours

Tuesdays 11AM - 6PM

Thursdays 11AM - 6PM

Saturdays 9AM - 12PM

www.winhallmemoriallibrary.org

Telephone: 802-297-9741
2 Lower Taylor Hill, P.O. Box 738
Bondville, VT 05340



Zoning Administrator Reminders

Spring has sprung and with it comes spring cleaning and motivation to improve your home. If you wish to make your deck better or bigger; redesign inside (everybody wants to do that); build a garage (absolutely sick of shoveling snow off your vehicle); add a bedroom (you need to contact the State for that one); construct a playroom for the kids (a total necessity); install a wood shed (that is definitely going to make life brighter); or just build something completely new, contact me, your Zoning Administrator and I can help you with filling out zoning applications or just ask me anything regarding zoning rules and regulations, and I most likely will know the answer. I am friendly and helpful and glad to help you out.

Lucia Wing, Your Winhall Zoning Administrator

Winhall Fire Department
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winhallfd@gmail.com



March 28, 2022

Overview of what has taken place for the first two quarters, October 01, 2021 to March 25, 2022.

The fire department recently;

- Purchased 10 new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Delivery is expected early April 2022.
- Updated the EMS bag on the technical rescue trailer, put three basic first aid bags together for the three chiefs to carry with them.
- Currently in the process of purchasing another EMS bag that will match the bag in the tech rescue trailer to place on E-1.
- Purchased two new four gas, gas meters and four single gas, gas meters. They are used at structure fires, gas odors, and carbon monoxide calls.
- Purchase four sets of structural firefighting gear.
- In the process of applying for a VT DOT safety grant to update our traffic safety equipment.

All equipment referenced above was purchased due to equipment being outdated and not serviceable anymore.

Currently have three firefighters in the State Fire Fighting 1 class, the class will end in May 2022, the members will have over 200 hours of training.

Total number of run sheets to date: 77 sheets for emergency calls, 7 sheets for meetings, 32 sheets for trainings.

Important reminders for our Town residents

It is important to keep your fire alarms, smoke and CO detectors in good working order.

NOTE: EXIT THE PREMISES WHEN YOUR ALARMS/DETECTORS GO OFF!

Please check the dates on your smoke detectors, as they are only good for 8-10 years, and CO Detectors are only good for 5-7 years. You can find the manufacture date on the back of the detector. This includes hard-wire detectors too.

If you have a fireplace, wood or pellet stove and it is time to remove the ashes, it is imperative you put the ashes in a metal container and immediately place this container outside away from any combustible material, such as your house, deck and garage area.

Please make sure your flue in your fireplace is open before starting a fire to avoid the smoke going into your house and causing your fire alarms to go off.

Please make sure you have your fire alarm monitoring companies contact number and access pin number if needed in case of a false alarm due to smoke from cooking, or the chimney when the flue is left closed. This information is also important to the occupants that are renting your house from you in case this happens while they are renting your house.

Please dial **911** for **all** emergencies. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Steve Avison Chief

Winhall Fire Department

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

For Residents & Small Businesses of Winhall

On the Following Saturdays in 2022:

~ **May 21 & October 22** ~

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Winhall Transfer Station ~ 66 Old Town Road

Attendees must stay in their cars at all times!

The collections are FREE for Winhall residents.

Small businesses will be charged for the amount of material delivered; payment due at event.

Businesses must pre-register for the events at least 1 week in advance.

To pre-register, email a list of the business hazardous wastes to: townadmin@winhall.org

ACCEPTED MATERIALS :

Pesticides/Herbicides	Antifreeze	Kitchen Cleaners
Rust Proofer	Insect Sprays/Strips	Transmission/Brake Fluid
Floor/Carpet Cleaners	Oil-Based Paints	Pool Chemicals
Mothballs	Fluorescent Bulbs/CFLs	Paint Thinners
Flea/Tick Treatments	Gasoline/Gas Treatments	Photo Chemicals
Degreaser/Solvent	Fertilizers	Radiator Flusher
Art/Chemistry Supplies	Wood Preservatives	Rodent Killer
Roofing Tar/Asphalt	Used Oil Filters	Stains/Varnishes
Mercury Thermostats	Acid/Fluids	Mercury Thermometers
Asbestos (must be bagged)	Aerosol Containers (not empty)	Carb Cleaner
Button Batteries	Rechargeable/Alkaline Batteries	Lead-Painted Items

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED :

- Latex Paint (accepted daily at various paint stores; check PaintCare.org for locations)
- Auto Batteries (accepted at auto parts stores, farm supply stores, and building supply stores)
- Used Motor Oil (accepted at auto parts stores and vehicle repair garages)
- Radioactive Materials (contact seller for disposal options)
- Ammunition/Fireworks (contact seller for disposal options or local law enforcement)

For more info, visit: www.winhall.org

From the Planning Commission ~

Short Term Rentals have been in the news for some time now and it seems that Winhall has reached a point at which some action in regulating short term rentals (STR) should be taken.

The Winhall Planning Commission (WPC, we) has been discussing the matter for several years and drafted a policy resolution (<http://www.winhall.org/pdf/ShortTermRentals.pdf>) on STR, the adoption of which has been put aside in the hopes that state regulation might be formulated to make Town regulation unnecessary. This has not happened.

STR is a complicated topic. It involves land use, public safety/ health, character of neighborhoods, rights of property owners, waste removal, parking, septic capacity, economic opportunity / impacts, occupancy, regulation, compliance, enforcement, commercial use of residential property, taxation, and the list goes on and on. There are many diverse interests at hand, all of which should be taken into account.

The goal is to adopt a regulation that facilitates compliance and minimizes enforcement while serving all those interests. Which realistically is a tall order but we are hopeful it may be possible.

At this time, the PC foresees that a regulation would require a registration process by the owners of STR properties that addresses at a minimum; waste water capacity, standards about noise, items in the attached PDF, and as yet undetermined concerns that may arise. Based on what we have learned from other municipalities, Winhall is considering hiring a firm with experience that specializes in this field to administer and enforce the ordinance under our supervision.

The WPC has always reached out for public input since it first took up the subject of STR several years ago. We have had many regular meetings with STR as an agenda item and several warned Public Meetings. We have consulted with the Windham Regional Planning Commission, the VT League of Cities & Towns, and other Towns in Vermont with STR regulations.

It's with this background that we plan to embark on our effort, aided by the participation of the community and STR owners, to draft a regulation and receive comments, suggestions, questions and constructive criticisms before finalizing it for consideration for adoption by the voters.

Thank you for reading and we look forward to your participation.

Marcel Gisquet for the Winhall Planning Commission

Excerpts from Persuasive Essay on Littering & Pollution ~ by Georgina Rago, Age 12

“ ...it's important to think about future generations...it pollutes our soil and drinking water.....disrupts animals habitat....effects of pollution are not seen right away....fossil fuel produces problems with climate change.....all of these things threaten future generations...we need to think long term....dealing with problems now is expensive but waiting only makes it more expensive.....”

“Some places like Vermont even have composting rules. Their rule is so strict that that people are required to put their trash in clear garbage bags, and bags get inspected for both recyclable and compostable items. If the attendant at the dump sees you have not followed the rules you may have to pay a fine !”

“Pollution and littering are bad for our earth. We must protect our future generations by coming up with ways to reduce pollution. Our earth is precious, so let's stop polluting our land and water as soon as possible.”

Greetings from your Winhall Police & Rescue Department ~

The Winhall Police Department is committed to making our roadways safe for all residents and visitors to our area. We secure approximately **\$30,000** in grant funding annually from the Vermont Governor's Highway Safety Program. These funds are used for the enforcement of Vermont's aggressive driving, impaired driving, and distracted driving laws. A portion of these funds are used towards the purchase of equipment that relates directly to making our highways safer. Recently, we used these funds to purchase solar powered Radar feedback signs that display your speed as you travel into areas where speed has been a problem.

We will be participating in the "U Drive. U Text. U Pay." Campaign that will take place from April 4th through April 11th. This is a high visibility campaign, when law enforcement officers nationwide will be looking for drivers texting or using their phones behind the wheel.



Here are some tips to prevent tragedies due to distracted driving:

- Turn off electronic devices and put them out of reach before starting to drive.
- Be good role models for young drivers and set a good example. Talk with your teens about responsible driving.
- Speak up when a driver uses an electronic device behind the wheel. Offer to make the call for the driver, so his or her full attention stays on the road.
- Always wear your seat belt. Seat belts are your best defense against unsafe drivers.
- Be alert for pedestrians and cyclists, especially those who may themselves be distracted.


As always, feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.



Respectfully,
Derrick Tienken, Chief of Police & Rescue
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802-297-2121 (Dispatch)
derrick.tienken@vermont.gov



From the Highway Department



The Highway Department would like to thank everyone for their patience during the extremely trying winter we just had. It was challenging.

The photo you see is a new truck that we purchased to help keep up with the demand of our roads for summer and winter maintenance.

This is the Town's new Western Star 4700. It is the first time we have tried a truck this size and we think it's going to be an asset for the Town.

We would like to remind everyone that we are out currently working with the road grader, so please expect delays on the roadways. We are going to try to smooth the roads out from the winter damage and the mild mud season that we had.

This summer, expect delays on Lower Taylor Hill ~ we will be shutting it down at sporadic times to make improvements to the road.

★ Upcoming ★

Kitty Toll is running for Lt. Governor. She will be visiting the Winhall Community Arts Center on Saturday, April 9th, from 10am - 11am to meet residents of Winhall and learn more about the area. Please come by for coffee, bagels, and conversation!

Happy "Spring" Everyone!

It looks like we may have a final thaw on our hands, but as we all know, anything can happen in April. Looking forward to seeing everyone on May 7th for Green-Up Day. We have many projects on the horizon and welcome everyone to attend Select Board meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. We are meeting at 5:30PM this year.

*Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns,
Julie Isaacs, Winhall Select Board
julie@winhall.org or 802-275-2160*

GREEN-UP DAY
Saturday, May 7, 2022
Winhall Community Center, 3 River Road

ENJOY A SAFE GREEN UP DAY!



Social Distance
6' from others
at all times.



Wear Gloves
Protect your hands
from dirt & germs.



Wear Masks
Protect yourself
and others.



Tie Up Bags
Keep litter from
spilling out.



Check for Ticks
After Green Up
check your body.



Don't Touch
See a needle?
Find an adult.



Road Caution
Always face
oncoming traffic.

Collect Data and Report To Your Town Coordinator

- How many bags?
- How many tires?
- How many volunteers with you?
- How many miles cleaned?

This data is crucial in helping Green Up Vermont get grants and other funding to keep Green Up programs going.

Visit our website year-round for how to get involved.
802-229-4586 • greenup@greenupvermont.org

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