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Town of Winhall Newsletter

January 2021

Welcome 2021!

It looks like winter has arrived in a big way! The town employees are busy doing what they always do, keeping everything going for all of us. At our last Selectboard meeting of 2020, Derrick Tienken was officially sworn in as the Chief of Police after a 6-month interim position. He has already undertaken many different initiatives to continue to improve policing in Winhall.

Please drive carefully when there are plow trucks in your path. I found out how many blind spots the giant wing can create when I went on a ride with one of our excellent highway crew last winter. It is important to add some cushion in your travel time with our unpredictable winter road conditions and give the plows room to do their very important job.

I also encourage you to get involved with the town. If there is any interest in a new recreation committee or town beautification committee, please reach out. There are many ways to participate. Also remember you are always welcome at the Selectboard meetings on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Please check Winhall.org to see if we are meeting at town hall or remotely.

Happy New Year!

Julie Isaacs, Winhall Selectboard Chair
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NOTICES

**Transfer Station Swap Shop
& Electronics Collection are OPEN**

Don't forget to renew your Transfer Station Permit

Welcome Derrick Tienken as the Winhall Police Chief!

December 16, 2020



*Swearing-In of Derrick Tienken as the Winhall Chief of Police and Rescue
Corporal Rogers administers the Oath of Office as Tienken's family observes
during the Winhall Select Board meeting on December 16, 2020.*

Welcome John Kenny!



Hello Winhall Town Residents,
My name is John Kenny. I started working for the town on December 7th and so far it's been a very enjoyable experience. When I am not working, I enjoy skiing at Stratton with family and friends during the winter, and in the summer I enjoy dirt biking. I have traveled to Vermont from a very young age, eventually deciding to move to the Stratton Mountain area and have been loving it ever since. I look forward to serving the community for many years to come, and making the town of Winhall look the best it can possibly be.

The Town of Winhall would like to welcome the newest team member to the Highway Department. John has joined the crew and is excited to learn the high maintenance procedures in the town. He has made a great impression on the other team members, is fitting in well, and has a lot to offer the town.



Dear Homeowners,

The Town of Winhall alarm ordinance requires that all alarm systems within the town be registered with Winhall Police & Rescue at a cost of \$25.00 annually. You can find the Town of Winhall Alarm Ordinance, registration forms and information on the Town of Winhall webpage under the Police Department section at www.winhall.org.

If you have not done so already for 2021, please submit your annual **\$25.00** fee along with the registration form. Thank you!

Each property in the Town of Winhall has been assigned a 911 address, which is the permanent physical address of your home. This is the number that you use when making calls of an emergency nature. Be sure that your 911 address is displayed clearly from the road, which will make it visible to emergency personnel.

Please contact the Town of Winhall E911 coordinator, Scott Bushee, if you have any questions regarding your 911 address. Contact Scott by email at transfer@winhall.org

Tips for avoiding false alarms:

- ◆ Have your alarm system serviced regularly.
- ◆ Keep motion sensors clear of dust and hanging objects that might set them off.
- ◆ Secure your pets so they don't set off motion detectors.
- ◆ *Make sure all windows and doors are secured. (Many alarms are caused by unlocked doors/windows being opened by persons with non-criminal intentions)*
- ◆ Change the back-up battery if necessary.
- ◆ *Make sure your Alarm Company has current telephone numbers for you or your business and key holders.*
- ◆ Become familiar with how to use your alarm and its features.
- ◆ *Make sure everyone who has a key to your house or business also has the alarm code and instructions about what to do in case of a false alarm.*
- ◆ Update your registration information with our office (see email below), caretaker information, contact information, and any other changes as needed.

If you have questions about your alarm registration please email: nicole.dernier@vermont.gov

Thank you and Have a Safe and Happy New Year!

Respectfully,

Derrick Tienken, Chief of Police & Rescue

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derrick.tienken@vermont.gov

MEETINGS

Select Board

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 5:00PM

School Board

3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:00PM (Remote)

Planning Commission

3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM (Remote)

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*Simply send an e-mail to: townadmin@winhall.org
with the subject line "Subscribe".*

*The Winhall website contains information, news,
agendas, meeting minutes, and more.*

www.winhall.org



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~ HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ~

What exactly is zoning anyway? Zoning is the way governments control the physical development of land and the kinds of uses to which each individual property may be put. Zoning laws typically specify the areas in which forest, residential, recreational, commercial or village activities may take place. Zoning stabilizes neighborhoods and communities; protects property values; guides development and use of land; and protects the health, safety, and general welfare of its citizens. Zoning regulates all kinds of development like property setbacks, construction, signs, parking, landscaping, environmental restrictions, density considerations, site plans, and so much more.

WOW! That's a lot of information! The Winhall Planning Commission recognized the importance of zoning in its community and as such implemented the Winhall Zoning Regulations. The purpose of the Regulations is to guide future growth; encourage land uses in the best interest of Winhall; protect the character of the area; protect the environment; and conserve the natural beauty of our Town.

If you want to know more about how zoning works, go online at www.winhall.org and access the Winhall Zoning Regulations.

Lucia Wing