**Minutes of *emergency* meeting of the Whitingham Selectboard**

**December 29, 2016**

These Minutes shall be accepted into the public record (with any corrections noted)

at a future meeting of the Whitingham Selectboard.

The Whitingham Selectboard held an emergency meeting on Thursday, December 29, 2016 at approximately 9:30am in the Selectboard Office of the Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT.

Selectboard members present: Chair, Keith Bronson and member Greg Brown. Member Robin Kingsley was consulted by telephone.

Others present: Gig Zboray, Selectboard Administrative Assistant.

**Call to Order**

Chair, Keith Bronson, was at the Transfer Station earlier in the morning and was informed that the recycling containers were absolutely full. Attendant Clyde Twitchell, Jr. had called Windham Solid Waste Management District on Saturday, December 24th to request a pick up and as of Thursday morning they were still full. Mr. Bronson came into the Selectboard Office to request that Gig Zboray call the District to find out what was going on. Gig called and spoke with Robert Spenser, Executive Director of WSWMD, he informed Gig that the boxes had been emptied on Tuesday, December 27th. Gig questioned him as to how our boxes could be so full in 2 days and how our Transfer Station attendant, who was present on Tuesday from 9am-2pm and 5-7pm, was not aware they were emptied. Mr. Spenser said, “uh, it’s called Christmas” and basically hung up on Gig. Gig called back again and was informed that Christmas is a very busy time at the District, they had a truck broken down and needed to sub-contract the services of another hauler and we would be added to the list for pick up, putting the Town at the bottom of their list when in fact our containers were never emptied on Tuesday.

In the meantime, member Greg Brown arrived in the Selectboard Office with the same request. Both Mr. Brown and Mr. Bronson were completely fed up with the service provided by WSWMD and consulted with Mr. Kingsley by telephone to discuss if TAM should be immediately engaged to provide recycling services at the Transfer Station rather than wait until July 1st and to “fire” WSWMD. **A motion was made by Greg Brown to engage TAM immediately for recycling services and inform WSWMD that their services were no longer needed, seconded by Robin Kingsley, all in favor with Keith Bronson casting his vote.**

TAM was reached by telephone, they will deliver empty recycling containers to the Transfer Station on Friday, December 30, 2016.

Gig tried several times to reach WSWMD by telephone to tell them their services were no longer needed, no one answered the phone (perhaps because Caller ID indicated it was the Town calling again). She was directed by Mr. Bronson and Mr. Brown to send an email to Mr. Spencer at the District telling them to pick up their containers and that their services were no longer needed.

Respectfully submitted, ~Gig Zboray