

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
February 24, 2014**

Members present: Selectmen –Al Dupell, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Clerk – Kent Young; Laura Hawksley – Treasurer; Sheriff Keith Clark, with Officers Robert Lincoln and Mark Anderson of the Windham County Sheriff's Dept. Chris Liller arrived at 8:30pm.

Al Dupell called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Orders were reviewed and signed.

Police Coverage: Sheriff Keith Clark was invited to attend this Selectmen's meeting to discuss additional police coverage for the Town due to a rash of recent break-ins. A general discussion of local issues and services which can be provided by the Sheriff's Dept. ensued. Following the discussion, Sheriff Keith Clark, and Officers Lincoln and Anderson left the meeting. The Selectmen considered various costs for different levels of coverage, and then agreed that they would be interested in the offer of 40 hrs./week of coverage at \$35.00/hr. between now and the end of June. They would also like to review an offer for the 2014/15 fiscal year, which can be discussed at Town Meeting and added to the budget. The Clerk agreed to contact the Sheriff to ask that he draw up a contract for this year, which can be considered at the next Selectmen's meeting and to present an estimated amount to budget for next year.

FEMA Audit: Laura Hawksley was present to report that she had arranged for the outside-audit by Pace and Hawley LLC and delivered some of the preliminary information they requested. While preparing for the audit, she noticed a problem with the personnel policy, which requires clarification in determining total hours for holiday, sick and vacation days (personal days) for part-time employees and 30+ office personnel. She needs to show a consistent calculation and may need to make corrections to previous calculations. The Selectmen agreed to amend the personnel policy with a directive that will give more detailed direction in how to calculate benefits. If corrections need to be made where an employee was overcompensated, the Treasurer should apply the correction to the past year. Laura Hawksley agreed and at this time, left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Kidder Brook Culvert – Ralph Staib had reported to the Chair that an error had been made in the grade calculation and, therefore, the structure has to be modified. For this reason, the cost of the culvert will be \$4000.00 more. The Clerk again stated that Jess Rizio of Beck Engineering continues to pursue the necessary permits and she is assembling the bid package for the installation of the culvert, but no updated estimate was given for when it will be ready for bidding. **UST:** Chris Liller reported that there has been no further sign of leakage into the UST, even with the recent warmer weather and thawing. This suggests that the water may have come in with the fuel delivery, but the intention is still to have the tank pressure-tested in the spring. **Mountain Rd. closure:** The Selectmen agreed that the Road Foreman should discuss the planned closure of Mountain Rd. with the Jamaica Road Foreman to ensure that the Pikes Falls detour will be available.

FLEET Permits: The Selectmen reviewed a request for an excess weight permit for RK Miles. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred and Al Dupell signed the permit.

Town Hall Use: Shelley Goldfarb requested use of the Town Hall for March 30. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of February 10, 2014. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 9:05p.m.. Chris Liller seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young

Town Clerk