

# Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

April 14, 2014

**Members present:** Selectmen – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Clerk – Kent Young; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib, Pierce Sales Representative – Jason Henske; Windham County Sheriff's Deputy – Tyler Cook; and Contractor Archie Clark.

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

**Fire Truck Contract:** Jason Henske presented the Selectmen with a contract for a new Pierce Pumper Truck from Pierce Manufacturing Inc., for a total cost of \$570,782.00, with an agreement discount to \$548,585.00 if paid within ten days of contract execution. A \$5000.00 trade in value for the 1978 Pierce Mack Pumper was also deducted, as reflected in the contract. The Town had agreed to finance up to \$361,000.00 for this Truck. Chris Liller so moved to sign the contract. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred and Al Dupell signed the contract. Jason Henske will deliver it to Pierce. At this time he left the meeting.

**Police Coverage:** Officer Cook introduced himself to the Selectmen and they discussed the current police coverage for the Town. Currently, the Selectmen are satisfied with the arrangement. Once the discussion ended, Officer Cook left the meeting.

**Road Crew Issues: Kidder Brook Culvert:** Al Dupell read the recommendation from the Engineer: Bid amounts were as follows:

- 1) Ameden Construction - \$125,873.00
- 2) Neil H. Daniels Inc. - \$149,650.00
- 3) Fitzpatrick Excavating - \$194,995.00
- 4) A. S. Clark & sons - \$124,496.00
- 5) Weaver Excavating - \$72,000.00
- 6) Markowsky Inc. - \$151,677.18
- 7) Guerney Bros. - \$156,245.00

Per email, Jess Rizio of Beck Engineering had recommended the lowest bid after her review of all bids. Kevin Robinson moved to accept the \$72,000.00 bid by Weaver Excavating. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and the bid was awarded to Weaver Excavating. Kent Young reported that Stratton is considering the agreement for use of the clearing near Kidder Brook. Bill Nupp said he will get that to us as soon as he gets it back from their legal department.

Ralph Staib and Jess Rizio of Beck Engineering met with a representative of a company promoting lining of old culverts. He explained the process to the foreman and inspected some of the culverts which could be relined. The Road Foreman is awaiting pricing estimates and will inform the Selectmen once he has them.

**Bridge Inspection Report:** The Selectmen reviewed and signed the State's Bridge Inspection Report.

**FLEET Permits:** The Selectmen reviewed a request for an excess weight permit for Frost Wells, Inc.. Larry Bills so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred and Al Dupell signed the permit.

**Assessing Contract:** The Selectmen reviewed a continuation of the assessing contract with Brett S. Purvis & Assoc. Inc. for the 2014 assessing year. The costs are \$40.00 per unit inspected and updated, with Grievance Hearings of \$400.00 for the day and \$50.00 per hour for preparation and BCA or State appeals at \$600.00 per day and \$75.00 per hour preparation time. All concurred and signed the contract.

**Minutes:** Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of: 1) March 24, 2014 (with a correction to remove "Special" from the title), 2) March 26, 2014 as written; and 3) April 7, 2014 with the following corrections - remove Kevin Robinson from the attendance list and correct the bid amount of Fitzpatrick Excavating to \$194,995.00. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

**School Board Loan:** The Selectmen reviewed a proposed agreement between the Stratton School District and the Selectmen for a loan for \$60,000.00 for the current year. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and signed the agreement.

**Fire Alarm Violation:** The Selectmen reviewed and concurred with a letter of Notice to Robert and Deedra Bakish, owners of 57 Founders Hill Rd. for that property to comply with the said Ordinance and the 911 Ordinance, as it does not have a Knox Box installed or a 911 number properly displayed. Al Dupell signed the letter of Notice and the Clerk will mail it out.

**Fire Truck Refinancing:** The Selectmen agreed to have Al Dupell sign the Refinancing paperwork for the Ladder Truck. Chris Liller signed the Lessee Resolution authorizing Al Dupell to sign the agreement for the board and Kent Young witnessed.

**Adjourn:** Chris Liller motioned to adjourn at 8:20p.m.. Larry Bills seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*

Town Clerk