

**TOWN OF STRATTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes – August 8, 2011**

Members present: Selectmen, Al Dupell, Kevin Robinson, Chris Liller, and Clerk pro tem Pat Coolidge

Others present: Randy DaPron, Dale Baker, Sonny Koolis

Recycling:

Randy DaPron, Market Manager and Dale Baker, Operations/Sales Manager, representing Southwest VT Casella Waste Management Inc. were present to update the Board on Casella's recycling services. Mr. DaPron explained that when he last spoke to the Board, he introduced "Zero Sort", a single bin service that makes recycling easier and greener. At that time it was expensive service that Casella offered due to trucking expenses. As of November 1, 2011 the Rutland facility will be "Zero Sort" recycling equipped. Costs would be in the \$50 - \$60 per ton range with minimal hauling costs and tipping fees.

Chris Liller asked about how electronic waste would be handled. Mr. DaPron explained that as of July 1 2011, the "Electronic Waste Law" bans the disposal of electronic waste except at certain approved collection spots. Approved collection areas in southern Vermont include Casella's Bennington, Manchester and Northshire transfer stations. E-waste service is provided free at these collection spots for all Vermont residents, non-profit organizations, and businesses with less than ten employees.

Other options the town has for getting rid of e-waste:

1. Vermont Solid Waste Districts subsidize the cost of electronic waste collection and because Stratton is a member of the Windham solid Waste District this service is part the town's annual expense.
2. Winhall and Jamaica both have approved collection spots (provided certain criteria is met).
3. The town can apply to be a collection spot if they have an adequate undercover storage area for pallets and boxes.

Mr. DaPron warned against further collection of e-waste and certain other devices banned by the State of Vermont as of January 1, 2011 (cell phones, PDAs, etc) because it would be in violation of the town's Solid Waste Implementation Plan.

Al Dupell stated that the town currently contracts with Salvage Trucking for metal waste disposal but find them increasingly unsatisfactory to work with. Mr. DaPron suggested that the town consider having Casella provide containers for metal waste. The town would pay for hauling but share revenues with Casella for the sale of the scrap metal. Casella cannot accept refrigerators or dehumidifiers.

Mr. DaPron stated that light bulbs, CFLs, batteries, and paint can all be disposed of at the Bennington Region Commission waste events which are held twice a year. Another option for the town would be to hire Good Point (Middlebury) to collect this kind of waste. Mr. Liller said that the town is able to dispose of these products at Windham Solid Waste facility in Brattleboro as well as other local "free day" locations.

Mr. Dupell suggested that contact be made with Stratton Corporation regarding their proposed new refuse area. As a result of last year's meeting with Casella the Board met with Bill Nupp and Jenna Pugliese and discussed the possibility of sharing expenses for a compactor at the resort. Mr. Nupp agreed to find out what percentage of the town's current waste is a result of the resort caretaking services. Mr. Liller voiced concern over misuse of an unattended refuse area.

Mr. DaPron stated that the town's contract with Casella expired a year ago. He agreed to draft a new contract which would include their current services (trash compactors), "Zero Sort" compactor, and metal containers. He also reminded the Board that monitoring would become an important part of the recycling process as recycling is limited to certain items.

Highway Issues:

Chris reported that it would cost about \$700 to repair the fender on T2 (2009 International). Board agreed to have it fixed.

Al mentioned the walk in gate at the garage appeared to have something missing that would enable it to be locked. Chris agreed to check it out.

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Chris Liller motioned to approve the minutes of July 25, 2011, Kevin Robinson second. All in favor.

Garage Project:

Chris reported that the garage project is approximately 2 – 3 weeks behind but once the concrete slab is done this week the contractor felt they could make up some time. He said that they had started roofing (insulation and roofing panels) that morning but ran into a problem when they found they had the wrong length roofing panels. Evidently this had been sorted out and new roofing had been ordered.

Chris suggested changing the water line running from one end of the garage to the other from ½" to ¾" for better volume. He also suggested having Greg Marcucci do the plumbing work for a sink that is to be installed in the service bay.

Al Dupell mentioned coordinating with Countryside Locks & Alarms and with Mutual aid regarding timing of equipment installation.

Sonny Koolis suggested that in the interest of saving heat and time a "walk-in-door" should be installed at the front of the garage. Chris said that he would research this.

Chris the next garage site inspection would be September 7 at 10:00am.

Other Business:

The Board reviewed a letter from Rona Hicks to the ZBA regarding an ongoing issue with a dilapidated structure located next door to her home and agreed that she was following the proper process for dealing with the issue.

The Board reviewed a letter from town attorney Robert Fisher regarding legal fees for three upcoming possible tax sales. The Board agreed to have Al Dupell sign an agreement authorizing Mr. Fisher and the Tax Collector to commence and complete the 2011 tax sale for the Town pursuant to Title 32 VSA, Chapter 5258. The Selectboard agreed to the attorney's fees structure as noted in Mr. Fisher's letter.


The Board reviewed an email to Bob Fisher from Hans Huessy regarding the upcoming tax appeal to Vermont Superior Court by Margaret Telscher and Thomas Snopek. Mr. Huessy thought a settlement could be reached before the trial on Monday, August 15. The Board agreed to let the Court decide the case.

The Board agreed to Roger Schultz's request for time off from his Refuse Center job on September 3 and 4. Al Dupell said he would fill in for Roger on those days.

Chris Liller mentioned that Ed Sieber had asked about doing some community service for the town. It was agreed to have Laura Hawksley, town treasurer, contact VLCT to see what problems, if any, there are to having volunteers using town equipment.

There being no further business, Chris Liller motioned to adjourn, Kevin Robinson second. The meeting adjourned at 8:35PM

Minutes submitted by,


Patricia Coolidge
Clerk pro tem