

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

July 11, 2011

Members present: Selectmen – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib; Resident – Michael Koolis; and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Town Highway Business: Bridge 7 Strat.-Arl. Rd. (near Willis Cemetery Rd.): Ralph Staib said that the project was warned in the newspapers, but we have received no response yet from potential bidders. **W. Jamaica Rd. culvert (Bridge 18):** The Road Foreman said that he discussed the culvert replacement with the State and they recommended waiting for the results of the hydraulic study before ordering a replacement culvert. The Road Foreman cancelled the order for the culvert. He will inform the Selectmen of the results of the study when available. **Stratton Mountain Access Rd.:** The Road Foreman said that he will begin ditching here next week, in preparation for paving, which is scheduled to begin the week of August 8. Al Dupell said he will attend a meeting of the Winhall Selectmen on July 20 to see what is being scheduled for the Winhall side of the Access Rd..

Town Garage Project: Chris Liller reported that the garage is now being assembled, while preparations are underway for pouring the slab (i.e. plumbing and radiant systems are being installed). There is a discrepancy with the roof, in that the Selectmen had decided on green metal roofing. Quinn Co. had ordered un-painted galvanized. Chris Liller said that a change-order would delay the project considerably. The Selectmen discussed their options. Chris Liller said that there is no documentation stating that the Town requested green and that a change may also cost more. The Project Manager for Quinn had indicated galvanized only in his paperwork, while the Clerk's minutes and the architect's specs do not mention a roof color. In general, since the roof will not be visible from the ground and since the life-expectancy of the roofing, although perhaps less for unpainted galvanized than painted galvanized, the Selectmen decided not to challenge the issue and allow for the unpainted galvanized roof to be installed. Chris Liller reported that trench drains are scheduled to be installed tomorrow and the first stage of floor slab will be ready to be poured by the end of the week.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the minutes of June 27, 2011. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Tax Rate: The Selectmen reviewed calculations for the 2011/2 tax rates and approved the rates by signing the appropriate paperwork. Chris Liller so moved and Greg Marcucci seconded. The 2011/2 Homestead total tax rate (state education and municipal) is set at \$1.6226 and the Non-resident total tax rate is set at \$1.5430. These are reductions from last year's rates, down approx. 17 cents for the homestead rate and 13 cents for the non-resident rate.

2010 Tax Appeal: The Hearing for the Snopek-Telscher 2010 tax appeal to Superior Court is scheduled for 2:00pm on August 15, 2011 at the County Court House in Newfane.

Reapportionment: The Clerk informed the Selectmen that he has received the proposal for reapportionment of the Town. Reapportionment is scheduled for this year, since it follows a census year. The proposed plan is to include Stratton in a district called *Windham –Bennington 3*, different from our current district in that the Town of Windham replaces Weston as a member

town. The Clerk will warn a meeting of the BCA, as recommended, so to devise a response from the Town concerning this plan and to discuss other potential plans that may be adopted in its stead.

Zoning Regulations Revision: The Selectmen reviewed a contract between the Town and the Windham Regional Commission for the revision of the Town Zoning Regulations. The expense is \$8013.44, with a scheduled completion set for May, 2012. The contract has already been approved by the Planning Commission. Chris Liller moved to approve the contract. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred. Al Dupell signed the agreement.

250th Anniversary Celebration: The Clerk reported that the response to the R.S.V.P. for said event was 370 people. The Selectmen agreed to inform Stratton Corp. that the buffet should be prepared for 350 people, which will allow for no-shows and children. The Clerk said that wrist bands will be distributed to R.S.V.P. responders for access to events and the dinner. The 250th committee will discuss remaining details for the event within the next week.

Adjourn: Chris Liller motioned to adjourn. Larry Bills seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young