

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

August 25, 2014

Members present: Selectmen – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Treasurer – Laura Hawksley; Ray Hawksley, and Clerk - Kent Young.

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

Agenda Modification: Kent Young recommended that Town Hall requests by Sian Read for Aug 30 and Marcucci / Perkins for September 13 be added to the agenda, as well as consideration of a Listers' Errors and Omissions. Chris Liller so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Town Hall Use: Chris Liller moved to approve Town Hall use by Sian Read for Aug 30 and Marcucci / Perkins for September 13. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Listers' Errors and Omissions: The Listers submitted a stipulation to correct the Grand List entry for the Estate of Robert Mesick to change the assessed value to \$144,600.00 from \$161,600.00, due to a lot sold out from the main parcel that was listed in the Grand List separately. Greg Marcucci so moved. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred.

(Al Dupell, Laura Hawksley and Ray Hawksley arrived)

Personnel Issues: Laura and Ray Hawksley were present to discuss the Treasurer's position. Laura expressed her thanks to the office staff – specifically Candie Bernard, her assistant, as well as the Selectmen, for their support in recent months. Due to personal issues, however, she wished to resign as Treasurer and presented a letter of resignation to the Selectmen. Kent Young stated that she still has some Personal Time left to be compensated to her. She did not think there was much left. She also requested to go on COBRA, which will allow her to stay on the Town's Health Insurance Plan at her expense until she can find another insurance plan. In discussion, the Selectmen decided to consider the resignation and appoint a replacement at the September 8, 2014 Selectmen's Meeting. At this time, Laura and Ray Hawksley left the meeting. The Clerk agreed to post the position.

Kidder Brook culvert replacement: The road crew reported that the culvert has been installed and the work on the smaller culverts on Mountain Rd. has been completed. Backfilling over the culvert was temporarily paused over the weekend due to unsatisfactory compaction results of the backfill material as determined by Beck Engineering; however, the material has since passed and work resumed today. Weaver Const. will finish grading over the culvert and open the road tomorrow. Paving over the culvert will occur next month. They had a complaint concerning the company that provided the precast culvert, MICHIE aka White Mountain, which took an excessive amount of time to deliver the components because they were short of truck drivers. This resulted in Weaver Const., paying an additional two hours of rent for the crane (approx. \$1200.00). Weaver Const. believes that White Mountain should be responsible for these added expenses, which will have to pass through the Town, since the town purchased the culvert separately (not through Weaver Const.). The Selectmen agreed to hold payment to White Mountain until this issue is resolved.

Town Garage Roof Repair: Chris Liller reported that the repairs have not yet started, but that VMS Const. will be coming to do the job very soon.

Garage Security System: Countryside Lock and Alarm is still working out the final plans for installing lighting at the gate.

2013 Single Audit: The Selectmen accepted the final report and audit presented by Auditors, Pace and Hawley.

Road Crew Issues: Road Foreman: Ralph Staib is out on medical leave and will likely remain away for two to three months. **Truck:** The new truck has arrived. Freightliner will come to retrieve the 2010 truck and exchange a check for the title, as previously negotiated. A radio is scheduled to be installed in the new truck on September 2. **Grader Training:** Stuart Chapin will be training on the grader. Other towns have offered their assistance while the Road Foreman is out. **Salt Bids:** Chris Liller received bids from Cargill at \$78.29/ton for 2000 tons and from American Rock Salt at \$79.75/ton for a maximum of 900 tons. Larry Bills moved to accept the Cargill bid. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred. **Roadside Maintenance:** When time becomes available, Chris Liller would like to start brushing the road sides and cutting dead trees. The Selectmen concurred. **Painting:** Chris Liller stated that Ron Chiodi will paint the Cold Storage Building soon. **UST:** The pressure test of the Underground Storage Tank is scheduled for September 5, 2014.

Meetinghouse Project: Jansewicz & Son was unable to acquire the shingle-style chosen at the January 28 Selectmen's Meeting and recommended an option of "Highland Slate Fieldstone." Kent Young said he had agreed to this change, as it was similar to the previous choice. The Selectmen concurred.

Meeting Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the minutes of August 11, 2014 with a correction to add approval for use of the Town Hall for Betsey Wadsworth on September 1 and Lorraine Weeks-Newell for September 20. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:55p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young

Town Clerk