

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

April 9, 2012

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

Al Dupell called the meeting to order. Orders were reviewed and signed.

Propane Usage: The Selectmen reiterated that they agreed to join the Fuel Club for propane and diesel fuel, and agreed to pay the \$175.00 membership fee. Al Dupell signed the agreement.

Bridge Replacements: Penny Ave.: Ralph Staib said he is still attempting to coordinate getting the necessary permits. The Clerk said he has not heard back from the Engineering Co., McFarland Johnson concerning the specifications for the bid package for this project. **Kidder Brook:** Ralph Staib said that he is working with Michie Co. for an arch design for a 20' X 7' structure there.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the minutes of March 26, 2012. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Reapportionment: The House of Representatives, Government Operations Committee was working on an amendment to fine-tune the previously passed Reapportionment legislation, which had placed Stratton into the Bennington 3 District. The Clerk said that he traveled to Montpelier and testified before that committee on March 27, requesting that Stratton be returned to its current Bennington-Windham-Windsor 1 District. Diana Stugger, as well as Representative, Oliver Olsen and Robert Fisher, the Town Attorney had been present to support the Town's position. The following week we received notice that the revised amendment would return Stratton to the Bennington-Windham-Windsor 1 District, and that this Bill had passed the House. Prior to the amendment, the Town had filed a Lawsuit in an effort to have Stratton returned to its current district. The Clerk said that in discussion with the Town Attorney, the Lawsuit regarding this issue will not be withdrawn until the amendment has been passed into law. The Selectmen concurred.

Yearly Bidding: The Selectmen agreed to set the opening of the yearly bids for the second meeting in May.

School District Loan: The Selectmen reviewed a request from the School District for \$40,000.00 to be repaid in full by June 30, 2013 without interest. Greg Marcucci so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred and signed the loan document.

Town Hall usage: The Selectmen reviewed a request from Shelley Goldfarb to use the Town Hall on April 28, 2012. Greg Marcucci so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Chris Liller motioned to adjourn at 8:05p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*