

# Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

August 12, 2013

**Members present:** Selectmen – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Greg Marcucci, Chris Liller and Kevin Robinson, and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

**Salt and Sand Shed:** Concrete work is complete and the building frame is being assembled. Most of the grade is finished. Plimptons will return to add rip-rap to the west side. Fuller will return to pave once the building has been constructed. The Selectmen also authorized a change order for gravel sub-base for an additional \$2,434.00.

**Town Garage:** Most of the heating system reconfiguration is complete. Quinn Co. had met with Ralph Staib concerning the roof leakage – no resolution as of yet. No update on ceiling fan costs – Chris Liller recommended waiting until next year to see if the heating system change will eliminate the need for fans.

**Road Crew Issues: Roadwork:** The culvert replacement on Pikes Falls Rd. is complete – materials from the temporary road will be removed. **FEMA projects: Penny Ave. Bridge:** The Clerk stated that he had received notification that payment of \$502,814.46 to close out this project has been authorized. **Kidder Brook Bridge:** Jess Rizio of Beck Engineering reported that she believes the project can be bid out this winter – the Selectmen agreed to have Beck Engineering begin the process. The Clerk agreed to have Ms. Rizio attend a future meeting to discuss the project. The Road Crew also will need to replace other small culverts on Mountain Rd. at this same time, so that section of the road can be paved once these projects are complete. **Crack-sealing:** The Selectmen reviewed a bid by Nicom to perform crack-sealing on various roads across town. The estimate was \$4000.00 per day for this work. Larry Bills so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred. **Paving:** Fuller Sand and Gravel have completed paving the section of Stratton-Arlington Rd. designated for paving this year. Chris Liller agreed to contact them about cleaning up the excess pavement left at various areas near the job, including the Kelly Stand Parking lot. The new parking area at the Town Hall has been paved. The Selectmen discussed having the old parking lot torn up and repaved next year. Meanwhile, the road crew will have handicapped parking areas marked for ADA compliance. Fuller Sand and Gravel will return next month to pave Pikes Falls Rd. and areas within the Town Garage site as required.

**Health Care:** New State and Federal requirements are being implemented. The Selectmen agreed to hire a broker to help implement these new requirements. The Clerk agreed to talk with our current insurance agent and VLCT for guidance.

**Transfer Station Attendant:** Roger Schultz requested to take a vacation day on September 1. The Selectmen concurred.

**Listers' Errors and Omissions:** The Selectmen reviewed a stipulation presented by the Listers to lower parcel 0301062 – property of Vincent Pisano – from \$1,201,300.00 to \$775,000.00 for the 2013 Grand List. This property had been lowered to that amount by the State Appraiser for the 2012 Grand List and the Listers recommended doing the same for the current year. Larry Bills moved to concur. Greg Marcucci seconded – all agreed and the board then signed the stipulation.

**Town Hall:** The Selectmen agreed to allow Sian Reed to use the Town Hall on the weekend of August 24 and Ashley Perkins for Sept 14. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

**Littering Ordinance:** The Clerk had checked with VLCT concerning a litter ordinance and updates for the traffic ordinance. He recommended adding updated language to make the traffic ordinance a civil ordinance and then update the traffic ordinance traffic fines to follow civil court guidelines. Additionally, he recommended including a section addressing litter in the right-of-ways. Disposing of refuse outside of a transfer station is against state law and can be prosecuted in that way if it does not fall within the

proposed regulations against littering the right-of-ways; therefore, a separate litter ordinance seems unnecessary. The Selectmen concurred. The Clerk agreed to update the document so that the Selectmen can consider approval at the next meeting.

**Private Roads:** The Planning Commission had relayed a request for specifications for Private Roads to be included in the new Zoning Bylaws. Larry Bills recommended using the specifications placed on the Bacherio subdivision approved a few years ago. The Selectmen also did not wish to relax the maximum grade above 10%. The road construction, with exception of the width, should also remain the same as for town roads.

**Town Sign:** Al Dupell asked that all interested in taking part in making a decision on this issue should attend the next meeting.

**Town Shelter:** The Selectmen reviewed requirements established by the Red Cross for them to take over the Town's Emergency Shelter. This includes a designated crew for the shelter and an annual drill. The Selectmen agreed and the Clerk agreed to contact the Red Cross to apply for this program.

**Minutes:** Greg Marcucci moved to accept the Selectmen's minutes of July 22, 2013. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

**Adjourn:** Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 9:25p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*