

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
September 28, 2015**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Randy Dapron of Casella; and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Modifications to the Agenda: No modifications were made.

Transfer Station: Randy Dapron was available to discuss the Town's potential transition to single-stream recycling. The Selectmen are very interested in making this transition, now that many of the resort communities are managing their own refuse. This frees up the use of one compactor, so that it can be used with a single-stream container. There, however, may be a cost to the Town for recycling in this manner, dependent on the commodity market. By co-mingling all recyclables and compacting them, this will greatly reduce the number of containers on site, as well as transport fees, as one compacted container will hold approx. 9 tons. Last year, the town generated only about 45 tons of recycling. Although Act 48 was implemented to promote more recycling, the amount of recycling collected by the Town in the future will likely be lower, since many of the Homeowner Associations at the Resort are now collecting refuse and recycling. Mr. Dapron pointed out that, currently, Casella's Single-stream Recycling Program will cost about \$40.00/ton plus the transport costs, but with such low amounts of tonnage handled by the Town, this amount seems insignificant. The Town now relies on Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) to dispose of Recyclables, which are not compacted or co-mingled, therefore, requiring many separate transports to Brattleboro, which the Town ultimately pays for in membership fees. WSWMD may likely support Stratton changing over, because of these expenses and the current low value of these commodities. The Clerk relayed that Robert Spencer of WSWMD agreed to attend the Selectmen's meeting of Oct 26, 2015 to discuss their position on this issue. The Clerk also questioned how the town might handle a situation where containers become full and cannot immediately be changed. Mr. Dapron recommended that they leave two small containers, set aside for that purpose – one for refuse and one for recyclables. He also suggested that each compactor have a pressure gauge, which will roughly indicate the remaining capacity within the container. Al Dupell stated that one compactor has a pressure gauge. Mr. Dapron was asked if Casella also purchases scrap metal. They do not, but he can suggest a provider that they often use. With no further questions, Mr. Dapron left the meeting. The Selectmen will inform him if and when the Town will transition into single-stream recycling.

Road Crew Issues: Town Garage Roof: The installation has been complete, but no bill has been issued. **Guardrails:** Guardrail work has been delayed until next spring. **Salt / Sand:** Chris Liller reported that the salt has been delivered and currently sand is being delivered. **Culverts** – The Clerk stated that Stratton Corp. would like the old Kidder Brook culverts removed from their landing beside the brook. Larry Bills said he will take a look at them and, if possible, remove them from the site. They may be considered as scrap metal if the Town has no use for them. **Equipment Maintenance Fund (EMF):** This line item has been removed from the budget as of last year, when each piece of equipment was instead issued its own account. The Treasurer would like to zero out EMF to officially close it, by moving money into it from the Highway Fund. The Selectmen will go with the Treasurer's recommendations. They also would like a Highway expenditures report available for next meeting. **Old Rec. Area Equipment:** Chris Liller stated that the Town received a check for \$13,000.00 for the groomer and the old snowmobile. The 4-wheeler (Yamaha Grizzly) has been repaired. He will determine a sale price for it and advertise it as well. He also agreed to advertise the drag for sale in the VAST News. The Selectmen agreed to give away two old snow-blowers, neither of which is usable. If untaken, they can be added to the scrap metal bin. **Holidays:** The Selectmen agreed to allow the Road Crew to use the

Veterans' Day holiday at a time of their choosing. **Rec. Area Fire Pit:** The Selectmen agreed to have a new fire pit built beside the skating rink. Chris Liller will get a quote for it. Meanwhile, he will clean out the old pit and replace the grill. **Uniforms:** The Selectmen agreed to allow each of the Road Crew \$200.00 per year for boots, now that clothing is being handled by a uniform service.

Town Hall: The Selectmen agreed to hold the Town's annual Holiday Party and Food Bank collection on Saturday, December 5, 2015.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of September 14, 2015. Larry Bills seconded the motion – all concurred and the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:50p.m.. Chris Liller seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young