

**Town of Stratton  
Selectmen's Meeting  
May 5, 2016**

**Present:** Selectmen: Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman - Ralph Staib; and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

**Modifications to the Agenda:** The Clerk recommended adding 1) consideration of Noel Hoffmann's request for use of the Town Hall and parking lot for dog training 2) Lorraine Weeks-Newell's request to place a sign on W. Jamaica Rd. 3) Mark Sprague's request to cut a tree in the Town Forest 4) Consideration of quotes for the purchase of a backhoe. Greg Marcucci moved to add these items to the agenda. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

**Road Crew Issues: FLEET Permits:** Miller Construction, Inc. submitted a FLEET Permit. Larry Bills moved to approve. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred and Al Dupell signed the permit. **Access Permit:** The Selectmen considered an Access Permit application from Grayson Peterson. Ralph Staib had viewed the site and concluded it was acceptable. Larry Bills moved to approve. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred and signed the permit. **Paving:** The board discussed the possibility of paving the Town Hall parking lot, as it was partially dug up to install power lines from the generator. The old pavement will have to be milled, as the lot cannot be any higher in relation to the Office. Ralph Staib will discuss this with Fuller Sand and Gravel to possibly include it in the yearly paving and also come back to the Selectmen with an estimate. He will also provide an estimate of available funds.

**Town Hall Generator replacement:** The new generator has been installed and a new 1000 gallon propane tank has been installed. W2D made the propane connection and intends to return to replace or repair propane lines in the Town Hall and Town Office and to service the heating systems.

**Town Hall Rental:** The Selectmen considered a request from Janine Plimpton through Chris Liller for use of the Town Hall on June 11, 2016. Larry Bills so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. The Selectmen reviewed a request from Noel Hoffmann to use the Town Hall parking lot and the Town Hall for dog training classes. After a discussion, the Selectmen agreed to allow the use of the parking lot only. Larry Bills so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

**Town Service Office:** State Statutes were revised to reduce the responsibility of the Town Service Officer, so that it is no longer necessary for the Town to notify the State of the appointment. The Selectmen decided not to make the appointment this year and for the board to assume the duties.

**Meetinghouse Repairs:** The Clerk said that Paul Bernard had performed a brief inspection of the Meetinghouse and had stated that the structure is not sitting on all its piers. He did not believe it could handle a large crowd. The Clerk agreed to ask Paul Bernard to provide an estimate for repairs, if he is interested in the job.

**Dog Report:** The Selectmen reviewed and accepted the Dog Report submitted by the Town Clerk. Greg Marcucci so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

**Minutes:** Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes for April 25, 2016 and May 3, 2016. Kevin Robinson seconded the motion. All concurred - the minutes were approved.

**Weeks-Newell Signage:** The Selectmen considered a request from Lorraine Weeks-Newell to place a sign at the intersection of Canedy Rd. and West Jamaica Rd., directing customers to her business in Wardsboro. The Selectmen agreed to allow this; however, she will need to provide the signs and the sign post and she will be responsible for installation of the post, while coordinating its placement with the Road Foreman. She will also need a sign permit from the Zoning Administrator. Larry Bills so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

**Town Forest:** The Selectmen reviewed a request from Mark Sprague for permission to cut a tree near his spring, but over his line and in the Town Forest. Larry Bills moved to allow Mark Sprague to cut the tree and keep the wood. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

**Backhoe:** Ralph Staib presented quotes for backhoes. Nortrax offered a John Deere 310SLHL for \$79,500.00 with trade-in of our Caterpillar 420EIT. Milton Cat offered a Caterpillar 430F21T for \$109,000.00 with trade-in of our Caterpillar 420EIT. Larry Bills moved to accept the quote for the John Deere 310SLHL. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

**Sheriff's Patrol:** The Selectmen discussed patrols in the northeast corner of town, as it is an area also covered by the Winhall Police who contract with Stratton Corp.. The Clerk stated that in discussion with Stratton Corp., they have stated that they are not responsible for patrolling or responding to Stratton Mountain School, as it is not part of the resort. Larry Bills also noted that roads such as North Rd., Dini Ln. and County Rd. have taxpayer there not covered by Stratton Corp., who are entitled to the Town's service as well. The Winhall Police, however, do routinely patrol down Brazers Way and on Pikes Falls, so there is an overlap of service in this area. General consensus is that in the area where there is an overlap of services, the Sheriff's Dept. should not be patrolling as much or parking to monitor traffic. Currently they spend too much time in that area.

**Adjourn:** Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:40p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*