

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
September 23, 2013**

Members present: Selectmen – Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci, and Kevin Robinson, Road Foreman – Ralph Staib, Jessica Rizio of Beck Engineering and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Kidder Brook Bridge: Jessica Rizio of Beck Engineering was present to discuss the bidding process for this project. The Selectmen agreed to bid the culvert separately from the installation. Jessica Rizio explained the differences in costs and duration between a specific metal culvert which she recommends for this project and a concrete culvert. The metal culvert will be cheaper and easier to install, which will bring the expenses down closer to the amount FEMA has approved for this project. Ms. Rizio agreed to get some estimates for each type of culvert to be available at the next meeting. Once, the Selectmen decide which type culvert to install, then Beck Engineering will continue with the bidding process. Ms. Rizio agreed to follow up on permit renewals and obtaining documented approval from the Army Corps of Engineers. The installation also should be required during the period between July 4 and September 1, 2014, with a penalty for exceeding the deadline. The Selectmen discussed coordinating this project with the replacement of other small culverts along this section of road. Those small culverts will be bid out as a single separate project, to be completed if possible, at the same time as the Kidder Brook culvert replacement, in order to limit closure of Mountain Rd.. Jessica Rizio agreed to coordinate with the Road Foreman to measure culverts for the bid package. At this time, Ms. Rizio left the meeting.

Meeting Schedule: The Selectmen considered and agreed to reschedule the October 14, 2013 meeting for October 7, 2013. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Salt and Sand Shed: Currently the block divider wall is being constructed. The interior lights have been ordered and should be installed soon. Ralph Staib said he will order salt as soon as the State sets a price.

Town Garage: Quinn Co. inspected the roof. They intend to have a representative return during a heavy rain to investigate further before any decision is made about correcting this problem.

Paving: This year's Paving has been complete with exception of shoulder gravel. Fuller Paving will return soon to finish that part of the project.

Bus Parking at Stratton: Greg Marcucci noted that Tour Buses were parking in front of the Long Trail House at Stratton, and staying there for long periods, blocking the crosswalk and the fire lane, as well as the west bound lane of the Stratton Mountain Access Rd.. In past years, Stratton Corp. was directed to stop this from occurring – allowing for only a brief stop to load or unload. The Selectmen concurred that buses should stop only briefly there, if at all. The Clerk agreed to contact Stratton Corp. and the Winhall Police Dept. and inform them that this activity should stop.

Health Care: The Clerk said that the Town's insurance broker, Francis Settanni, is still gathering details concerning the switch to Vermont Health Connect. He will discuss his recommendations with the Clerk and Treasurer, as well as with Greg Marcucci as soon as a meeting can be scheduled. Meanwhile the Clerk has mailed out the required employee notifications prior to the October 1 deadline.

Minutes: Chris Liller moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of September 9, 2013. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:30p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*