

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
December 14, 2015**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell - Chair, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Treasurer – Alyson Marcucci; Assistant Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector – Candie Bernard; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib; and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Modifications to the Agenda: Greg Marcucci moved to add 1) consider Tax Sale of the *Elliott, et al* properties 2) consider Selectmen's Report for Town Report 3) ZBA reappointments. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Budget: (Al Dupell arrived) Alyson Marcucci led the Selectmen in a discussion to set the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016/17. During the discussion, the Selectmen also reviewed a proposed Article for Town Meeting to create Reserve Funds for various line items of the budget and to move existing savings into these funds. The Clerk will include this article in the Warning, which will be presented for approval at the end of January. The Selectmen also reviewed a proposal by Ron Chiodi to paint the interior of the Meetinghouse next year and they agreed to budget for this project.

Tax Sale: Candie Bernard, the Delinquent Tax Collector, requested permission to start tax sale proceedings for properties owned by *Elliott, et al.* (0800004.100 and 0800008.11), as they have not honored a payment arrangement and are still delinquent for 2013 and 2014. Greg Marcucci moved to proceed with the tax sale on said properties. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred. At this time, Alyson Marcucci and Candie Bernard left the meeting.

Transfer Station: The Selectmen reviewed a Service Agreement presented by Casella Waste Management for Zero-Sort Recycling (also called Single-Stream Recycling) and Refuse removal. Larry Bills moved to approve the agreement. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. Ralph Staib said that he had been in contact with Casella's contractor who will install the 80% gauge, as discussed at a previous meeting. The zero-sort container should be brought in to replace the container on the compactor closest to the construction dumpster, which should be ready for removal in the near future. Once in place, the WSWMD recycling containers can be removed. Al Dupell requested that the light between the dumpsters get replaced or repaired. Ralph Staib agreed to follow up on that. Ralph Staib also complained that Countryside Lock and Alarm had not yet come to repair the camera, which is not working at all. Al Dupell said he will contact them. The Clerk stated that he will forward the Service Agreement to Casella and said that the Transfer Station attendant may benefit from visiting the Zero-Sort facility, as recommended by Randy Dapron of Casella, to learn what they will acceptable for recycling, etc.. The Selectmen concurred.

Road Crew Issues: Town Sign: The Clerk said that the sign is ready and Mr. Farley will come to install it as soon as the holes are drilled in the columns. Chris Liller said he will drill the holes this week. **ATV Sale:** Chris Liller stated that the sale of the 2004 Yamaha ATV, as discussed at previous meetings, should occur this week. **Marullo Fence:** The Selectmen reviewed an Access Permit application for work in the Right-of-way at *15 Pike Hollow Rd.*, which Ms. Marullo submitted upon the Clerk's recommendation as a resolve to the discussion at the last Selectmen's meeting. This application addresses the fact that she had installed a fence and planted trees in the right-of-way, very near the road. The Selectmen approved the permit with a stipulation that the Town will not be held responsible for damages to the fence or trees.

Auditor Resignation: The Selectmen reviewed a letter of Resignation from Laura Nelson as Auditor. She resigned because she had moved from town. Greg Marcucci moved to accept said letter. Larry Bills

seconded – all concurred. The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Stacie Chiodi stating that she is interested in the position of Auditor. Kent Young said he will post the position and that the Auditors are basically finished for this year, so it is not necessary to fill the position immediately. He said that he will nominate Ms. Chiodi for the position at Town Meeting, as it can wait to be filled then. The Selectmen concurred.

Town Hall Usage: The Selectmen reviewed a request from Bob Thatcher, a Stratton property owner, for use of the Town Hall by Boy Scout Troop 90 of Cheshire, CT for January 8 – 10, 2016. They have used the Town Hall without charge for the last few years. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen’s minutes of November 23, 2015. Larry Bills seconded the motion – all concurred and the minutes were approved.

Zoning Regulations: The Selectmen accepted a copy of the proposed Zoning Regulations (2016) as well as a notice for the Planning Commission Hearing to be held on January 6, 2016.

Selectmen’s Report: The Selectmen reviewed a report of the past year to be published in the Town Report. All concurred with it.

ZBA Appointments: The Selectmen considered Zoning Board of Adjustment positions due to expire this year and reappointed Tom Montemagni and Greg Marcucci to those positions. Larry Bills so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:55p.m.. Larry Bills seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young