

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

August 13, 2012

Members present: Selectmen – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Kevin Robinson and Greg Marcucci; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib, Clerk – Kent Young; Roger Schultz – Transfer Station Attendant, also Bill Nupp and Patti Komline for Stratton Corp., Larry Wohler, Jim Ryan, Stewart Underwood, and Bruce Podigan – Property Managers, and Emmett Dunbar – District State Representative Candidate.

Al Dupell called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m. at the Stratton Town Garage. Orders were reviewed and signed.

Bike Path Hearing: Al Dupell opened the Bike Path Hearing at 7:30pm. Patti Komline and Bill Nupp presented the project. The Town of Stratton has agreed to sponsor this project. The intention is to expand the path from North Brookwood to Styles Brook, to the Sun Bowl, to Stratton Mountain School and down to the Country Club. The Town of Stratton supports this effort. There were no further questions. Al Dupell closed the hearing at 7:40pm. At this time, Bill Nupp and Patti Komline left the meeting.

Transfer Station: The Selectmen began a discussion concerning changes to usage of the Transfer Station. The Selectmen believe it is time to end unattended usage by Property Managers. Those Property Managers in attendance discussed their normal schedules for using the transfer station. General discussion included the changes to electronics collections, i.e. televisions, etc. which can no longer be accepted. Winhall and Jamaica are drop-off points for any electronic components. Ralph Staib discussed the proper way to dispose of fluorescent bulbs. To conclude the discussion, the Property Managers made suggestions that would best suit each group. At this time, Larry Wohler, Jim Ryan, Stewart Underwood and Bruce Podigan left the meeting. Roger Schultz submitted a request to take vacation days on Sept. 1 and 2, which was granted, then left the meeting. The Selectmen continued their discussion. They felt that the best schedule would be for Sunday – Tuesday – Thursday days of operation, which best meets the needs of all parties. Ralph Staib will get Springfield Fence to repair the gate, provide a service agreement for consideration and then re-key the gate circa October 1, which will begin the new schedule. The Road Crew will place the pole for the security camera to be mounted upon. The Clerk will create a flyer to warn residents of the new schedule and present it at the next meeting for approval. All residents / users will be required to show their Transfer Station pass.

Salt / Sand Shed: The Selectmen discussed additional changes to the site – including leaving a higher grade at back with a road for loading the building from the top – also they discussed widening the building by 20 ft. to eliminate the lean-to. This change will remove the height restriction issue and seems to be a better design for this purpose. Bids had been submitted by DOME Corp. of North America for a Dome-style building, All Seasons Construction for a pole-building and Norseman Structures, Inc. for a steel frame / fabric covered structure. Engineering factors and site configuration issues need to be further examined prior to a decision on the type of building best suited for the location. The Selectmen agreed to postpone a decision until the August 27, 2012 meeting.

Emmett Dunbar: District State Representative Independent candidate, Emmett Dunbar of Londonderry introduced himself to the Selectmen and discussed his campaign for Stratton's District representative. Following his presentation, Mr. Dunbar left the meeting.

Penny Ave Bridge Project: The project is scheduled to begin August 21, 2012. Shop drawings for the components were submitted by Michie via Renaud Bros. today and were forwarded to Matthew Beck, the oversight Engineer, the State, and McFarland Johnson, the design engineers for approval. The abutting property owner and Green Mountain Power also have been notified of the scheduled start date.

Pike Hollow Paving: The Selectmen agreed to have the paving of Pike Hollow Rd., scheduled for this week, postponed until the Penny Ave bridge project is complete so that heavy equipment will not damage the new pavement.

Mountain Rd. / Kidder Brook Bridge: Per recommendation from the State, the Clerk had Jessica Rizio submitted an appeal to the FEMA approved work package for the Mountain Rd. / Kidder Brook bridge to coincide with the State appeal of the FEMA / ANR difference of opinion on structural designs. No response from FEMA has been received by the Town.

Town Garage Project: Fitzpatrick still has not returned to fix the septic tank problem. Quinn Co. has not returned to check for moisture in the insulation. The emergency generator / automatic door operators fault has not yet been addressed and the pole for the security camera has not yet been installed.

Town Hall Use: The Selectmen agreed to let Samantha Roy use the Town Hall on September 8, 2012 and the Marcuccis on September 9.

Town Hall Cooking Range: Pyrofax Energy had informed the Town that the Cooking Range installed in the Town Hall does not meet code. They refuse to connect the gas lines to this stove unless codes are met. They provided the Town with a copy of the codes. The current appliance is in need of repair, and to meet code, the newly installed cabinetry will have to be altered to allow for spacing. To prevent any alterations of the cabinetry, the Selectmen agreed to instead purchase a new range that will fit that spot and meet the code. Al Dupell stated that the Town Hall should have a Professional Series Range – the Clerk agreed to look for a replacement. The old stove can be sold.

Governor's Visit: The Clerk stated that he had been contacted by the Governor's Office and told that the Governor will visit the Town of Stratton on August 25, 2012 between 3:00pm to 3:20pm to meet with residents concerning the one year anniversary of Tropical Storm Irene. The Town Hall has a previously scheduled private function and will be unavailable, which will also limit parking space for the Town Office. The Selectmen agreed to have the meeting with the Governor at the Town Garage. The Clerk agreed to inform the Governor's Office and notify the public.

Minutes: Chris Liller moved to approve minutes of July 23, 2012. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Larry Bills motioned to adjourn at 9:25p.m.. Chris Liller seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young