

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
February 10, 2014**

Members present: Selectmen –Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; and Clerk – Kent Young; Laura Hawksley - Treasurer. Al Dupell arrived at 7:45pm.

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

FEMA Audit: Laura Hawksley was present to discuss the audit required for the FEMA grant for the replacement of Penny Ave. bridge. She was concerned about some reporting errors on her part that she is attempting to have corrected, but was unsure how this might affect the audit. The Select Board gave her their full support. The Selectmen reviewed a proposal for the audit submitted by Pace and Hawley, LLC for \$10,850.00 and a second proposal by RHR Smith for \$14,000.00. Another company Fothergill, Segale & Valley responded to the request that they were unable to perform the audit in the allotted time. Greg Marcucci moved to accept the proposal of Pace and Hawley LLC for \$10,850.00. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred. Chris Liller signed the agreement. Laura Hawksley said that she will make arrangements for the audit to occur as soon as possible. She left the meeting at this time.

Road Crew Issues: Kidder Brook Culvert – The Clerk stated that Jess Rizio of Beck Engineering continues to pursue permits and she is assembling the bid package for the installation of the culvert, but no updated estimate was given for when it will be ready for bidding. **Town Garage:** Chris Liller reported that American Building Co., who designed the garage, agreed to send out a technician to look at the roof problem, but they charge \$700.00 for the visit. Quinn Co. has agreed to pay half of that fee. Following a brief discussion, the Selectmen agreed to pay the fee, in hopes of getting a resolution to the leakage / condensation problem. Chris Liller will make the appropriate arrangements for the inspection. **Town Trucks:** The Selectmen commenced review of the bids for a new truck body. Patriot Freightliner submitted a price for a Western Star as \$95,000.00 with a trade-in allowance of \$57,000.00; McDevitt Trucks, Inc. offered a Mac Truck for \$112,000.00 with no trade-in allowance; and Delurey Sales and Service offered an International for \$94,385.00 with a \$63,500.00 trade-in allowance. The Road Crew had preferred the Western Star. Greg Marcucci moved to accept the offer of the Western Star by Patriot Freightliner. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. **UST:** Chris Liller reported that the UST was pumped and 40 to 45 gallons of water were removed from the tank. The Selectmen asked that the road crew continue to monitor the situation and postpone fuel deliveries as long as possible. Chris Liller said that they intend to have a vacuum test performed on the tank in the spring by DB Environmental. Possibilities of the problem still could be that it was introduced with fuel, condensation, or leakage from the vent line. Chris Liller will also coordinate the work requested on the fuel pump. **Rte. 100 closure:** Chris Liller updated the Selectmen on the roadwork VTrans intends to perform on Rte. 100 this summer, which includes paving the length from the Stratton line to Rte. 30. Two culvert replacements are scheduled that will close that road over two weekend periods in July. This may also create some additional traffic problems for residents, since Mountain Rd. is scheduled to be closed during that time period as well.

Trash on Mountain Rd.: As directed at the last meeting, the Clerk produced a letter to Landscape Construction from the Select Board, addressing the issue of securing trash on their trucks while on town roads. All concurred with the letter. Al Dupell signed as Chairman and the Clerk will mail it to Landscape Construction.

Street Lights Upgrade: The Selectmen reviewed the Efficiency Vermont Incentive Agreement for replacement of the older street lighting in town with LED lights. Efficiency Vermont agrees to provide \$1,174.00 for the change, which will be made by Green Mountain Power Co.. Greg Marcucci so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred and Al Dupell signed the agreement.

FLEET Permits: The Selectmen reviewed a request for an excess weight permit for Newport Sand and Gravel / Carroll Concrete. Chris Liller so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and Al Dupell signed the permit.

Fire Engines: The Selectmen reviewed recommendations for ways to finance the proposed purchase of a new Fire Engine by the Town for the Stratton Mountain Fire Dept., which is proposed in Article 8 of the Warning to be considered at Town Meeting. The Selectmen agreed to recommend a 7-year lease-to-own option as an amendment to the article. Additionally, the Treasurer had also recommended refinancing the lease on the ladder truck for a lower interest rate. The existing lease made in 2010 is for ten years at over 5%. The term will not change, but the interest rate will be reduced to 2.67%, resulting in remaining annual payments of \$82,203.44. Greg Marcucci moved to refinance the ladder truck at this said rate. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred.

Town Hall Use: Betsey Wadsworth requested use of the Town Hall for Wednesday, Feb 19. Chris Liller so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen’s minutes of January 27, 2014. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 9:10p.m.. Chris Liller seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young

Town Clerk