

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

October 24, 2011

Members present: Selectmen – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib; Chris Kaltsas – Stratton Mountain School Headmaster; Roger Schultz – Transfer Station Attendant and Clerk – Kent Young.

Al Dupell called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Stratton Mountain School (SMS) new Access: Chris Kaltsas, headmaster of SMS, was present to discuss plans for two new buildings at SMS, which includes plans for a third access onto this parcel. The new access onto Brazers Way would be located on the southeastern side of the school buildings which currently exist and on a steep hill. Mr. Kaltsas explained the need for this additional access. The Selectmen and Road Foreman expressed their concerns about the safety of this new access. Mr. Kaltsas first recommended a one-way access, allowing only a right turn, but the Selectmen were still against the idea. He next suggested a seasonal access, with a gate, which would be kept locked during the winter months, as this is the time the access would be dangerous. The Selectmen were receptive to this idea and asked that Mr. Kaltsas return to a future meeting with plans showing this proposal. Kent Young stated that the Planning Commission was hearing the project and that, provided planners had no further concerns, they would likely defer the access approval to the Selectboard as a condition of the permit. Al Dupell stated that the Town should also designate that stretch of Brazers Way as a School Zone with appropriate speed limits and signage. Kent Young recommended removing the 40MPH speed limit sign from the pole which includes the Slow School sign, located opposite the firehouse, as this information seems to conflict. Mr. Kaltsas agreed to return a future meeting with this new proposal shown on a site plan. At this time, he left the meeting.

Transfer Station Operations: Roger Schultz, the Transfer Station Attendant, was present to discuss his routine once the new garage is in use. Al Dupell stressed the need to keep trash picked up in the area and put into the dumpsters. Greg Marcucci stated that he believes the Town should limit all use by the Property Managers to the times it is officially open. It is apparent that the facility is being used by unauthorized people. Al Dupell said he will call Countryside to expedite the installation of the new security camera system, which is part of the new garage project. This should help identify unauthorized users, who can be turned over to the police for theft of services. People are also still dropping off electronics, although they should be using the collection facilities in Jamaica and elsewhere approved by the State. Chris Liller said that we are still able to carry televisions, etc. to WSWMD, but some types of electronics are no longer accepted there. Once we have moved into the garage the Town will consider becoming an authorized electronics drop-off facility. Roger Schultz asked if the Selectmen expect him to remain in the old unheated garage during the winter months. Al Dupell said that he is to do so – the office in that building is intended for the Transfer Station Attendant and the office is heated. Roger Schultz said that the main building surrounding the office is not heated and the only bathroom will be in the other building. The Selectmen agreed that he is to use the office in the old building, since it is beside the dumpsters and he can monitor them from there. The intent is that the old building will contain some of the transfer station containers as well. No further discussion, so at this time, Roger Schultz left the meeting.

Town Garage: Chris Liller reported that Fitzpatrick Excavating is working at the site and intends to have the septic system installed and their other responsibilities complete by the end of the week. Ralph Staib said he is ordering furnishings and other necessities for the building, including phones and a fax machine, and a job box for tools. He will also coordinate with the Clerk to use some of the furnishings from the Town Hall and Office to set up the new facility. Al Dupell recommended purchasing a hand cart to move pallets on the mezzanine. Greg Marcucci noted one place on the access into the mezzanine that should be padded to prevent injuries. Discussion concerning a lift determined that it should be portable and that no mounts should be used that require drilling into the floor, since it could damage the radiant heating

system. As previously stated, Al Dupell will contact Countryside Lock and Alarm to determine their progress on installing their systems.

Road Crew Issues: Ongoing Hurricane Irene recovery: Ralph Staib reported that the Penny Ave temporary culvert has been installed. He intends to make Strat-Arl Rd usable on the far western side, which will finish making this road accessible across the town. This it is necessary, despite that the National Forest is working out a restoration plan, so that trucks can access the camps in Sunderland – the Sunderland side from the Stratton line to Bourn Pond is already complete. He and the Clerk will be working with FEMA this week to complete applications for FEMA funds on FEMA projects. The Treasurer had asked that the Selectmen designate where in the budget funds for Penny Ave Bridge be taken from. She recommended the funds held in savings which were designated for the Penny Ave Bridge design be used. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. **Winter Salt:** Ralph Staib submitted an earlier bid for Rock Salt provided by American Rock Salt for \$62.46 per ton. The Selectmen approved – the Chair signed the bid and the Clerk agreed to fax it to the company tomorrow.

Danziger Property Stream Bank Stabilization: The Clerk explained that USDA requires that the municipality must sponsor this project before they will provide assistance to the property owner. Previously, the State had offered to sponsor these types of projects, but they are ineligible to do so, in accordance with the program. The Selectmen reviewed a sample agreement between the Town and USDA and a sample contract between the Town and the Property owner. The Selectmen agreed to sponsor the project provided the home owner provides all funds not covered by USDA. Larry Bills so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred. The Clerk will notify USDA of the town's intention.

Town Hall: Town Holiday Parties – The Selectmen agreed to have the Children's party on Friday, Dec. 9 and the Town Party on Saturday evening, Dec. 10, to collect food for the VT Food Bank. **Wardsboro Snowmobile Club use** – They request to use the Town Hall on November 19 and December 17. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. **Stove Hood:** The Clerk said that Lorraine Weeks-Newell recommended installing a hood over the stove, as there have been a couple of incidents recently where cooking has caused the fire alarm to activate. The Selectmen are against this idea, as it had been discussed when renovations were being made to the Town Hall and it was decided against at that time.

Stratton Corp. Resort Police coverage: The Selectmen reviewed a contract between the Town of Winhall, the Town of Stratton and Stratton Resort for three years of police and rescue coverage for the resort area (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013). The contract requires Stratton Resort to pay \$77,354.27 / yr. for this coverage. There is no charge to the Town. Coverage includes all the resort area and also includes all of Brazers Way and also Pikes Falls Rd. from the Winhall line to the County Rd. intersection only – it does not include County Rd.. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred and the Chair signed the contract. The Clerk will forward the contract back to Winhall.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the minutes of October 10 and October 18, 2011. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

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

Minutes by:

David Kent Young