

# Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

August 8, 2016

**Present:** Selectmen: Al Dupell, Larry Bills, and Kevin Robinson; and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

**Modifications to the Agenda:** No Modifications.

**Fence viewer:** In continuation of the discussion of last meeting, the Clerk stated that he had spoken with the Town Attorney, who pointed out the statutes to follow in this event and also recommended that a winter logging road could be laid out for land-locked lots. Otto Tarbell had requested that this option be pursued and had given the Clerk a map of the logging road he wishes to use, which cuts across National Forest property from the Stratton-Arlington Rd. down between the Deerfield River and Black Brook onto Mr. Tarbell's property. Mr. Tarbell asked that preliminary work for this option be started, so that he can get through the process and commence logging this winter. The Selectmen discussed the legality of it, if Mr. Tarbell has road frontage on Grout Pond Rd.. They also discussed the costs for attorney's fees and court costs and wanted to ensure that, if it is disputed, Mr. Tarbell will be responsible for the bills. The Clerk will look into this further.

**2016/7 Tax Rate:** The Treasurer had submitted a tax rate calculation for approval by the Selectmen. The rates are as follows: Homestead \$1.6767 (municipal \$0.133 and Education homestead at \$1.5437) and Non-resident at \$1.7093 (Municipal Rate of \$0.133 and Education Nonresident Rate at \$1.5763). The Selectmen approved and all signed the paperwork.

**Listers' Errors and Omissions:** The Selectmen reviewed two stipulations submitted by the Listers. 1) A correction to the assessed value of Richard DeMoll and Mary Ann O'Hara reducing the value from \$286,900.00 to \$280,800.00 and 2) Splitting the property of Michael and Brooks Fulton, previously assessed at \$893,400.00, into two lots. The main house lot assessed at \$839,700.00 and the guesthouse lot assessed at \$344,300.00. Kevin Robinson moved to approve these changes. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and signed the Stipulations.

**Recreation Area:** The Selectmen continued discussion on the fire pit replacement. Larry Bills had not acquired any additional estimates. Paul Bernard, who is interested, has not yet submitted an estimate.

**Town Common Projects:** Interior painting of the Meetinghouse continues and Paul Bernard is working on the foundation and boxing in the exposed cables. The Selectmen asked the Clerk to get an estimate from Paul Bernard to build a stone-lined flower box under the new Town sign.

**Minutes:** Kevin Robinson moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes for July 25, 2016. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred - the minutes were approved.

**Transfer Station:** The Selectmen reviewed a letter of interest from Scott Marquis for the upcoming vacancy of the Transfer Station Attendant position. The Selectmen accepted the letter and requested that the Clerk post the opening, as it is required by Town Policy. They also agreed to question anyone interested in the position on their opinion of the Transfer Station schedule.

**Adjourn:** Kevin Robinson motioned to adjourn at 8:25p.m.. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*