Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

October 28, 2013

Members present: Selectmen – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci, and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib; and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Salt and Sand Shed: The majority of the salt and sand ordered has been delivered. The Selectmen agreed to hold off on stocking any more at this time. The Road Crew obtained a metal plate to install on the rear door to extend it, so to keep water out of the salt. The Foreman is waiting to hear from Ward Electric about lighting installations. Larry Bills questioned some of the additional excavation expenses prior to the paving. The Selectmen asked him to call and question Dave Dancosse of All Seasons about this issue.

Town Garage: The architect had reported that Quinn Co. believes that the roof was installed correctly. The Selectmen believe that it is leaking during hard rains. They agreed to have Chris Liller contact Brattleboro Roofing to come inspect it and give an opinion. Greg Marcucci reported that he will insulate some of the heating system's piping and he will investigate the fact that the garage remains much warmer than the thermostats are set to.

New Town Truck: Osgood Welding continues to hold the truck to install the new body. Al Dupell will contact them about the delay.

Road Naming: The Selectmen reviewed a request from the Fischer family who have a home on Rt. 100 in Stratton, requesting to name their private driveway "Fischer Island Dr." as he would like to put up a road sign there. The Selectmen concurred.

Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Clerk explained that the Town will need to adopt this plan if it intends to request Federal grants for Hazard Mitigation. The Selectmen concurred to pursue approval. The Road Foreman and Clerk are working on a grant request to fund replacement of Bridge 16 on Old Forrester Rd., as well as the culvert on the north end of County Rd. and culverts along Mountain Rd.

Dry-hydrant repair: The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Mat Underwood, the Fire Chief, who reports that the hydrant on Acer Rd. has failed. The Selectmen reviewed the agreement, which does not require the homeowner to make repairs. Al Dupell recommended that the Fire Dept. try to get a grant for repairs. He said the Fire Dept. also has funds set aside for dry-hydrants and may want to use those to fix it. He will discuss it with Mat Underwood.

Town Hall Request: The Wardsboro Pathfinders Snowmobile Club requested to use the Town Hall for their monthly meetings – Nov 23, Jan 18, Feb 8, March 15 and they also want to use the Rec. Area on February 15/16 for their Ride-in. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Health Care: The Clerk stated that it may be possible to purchase health insurance from MVP beginning December 1, 2013, postponing the requirement to enter the Health exchange for 11 months. The Selectmen reviewed the letter needed to request this option and signed it. The Selectmen also discussed the plans available on the Health exchange and requested more information before making a decision. Francis Settanni, continues to review the Town's options and will make a recommendation.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of October 7, 2013. Kevin Robinson 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