

Town of Stratton
Special Selectmen's Meeting
March 24, 2014

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

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

Kidder Brook Culvert – The Naults were present to express their concerns about the extended closing of Mountain Rd. for replacement of the Kidder Brook Culvert. They requested that a temporary bridge be installed, since the detour route will be extremely inconvenient not only for them but for anyone who routinely travels between the north and south sections of Stratton. The Selectmen expressed their regrets that the project will not provide a temporary bridge. They explained that the area does not allow for adequate space and the permitting does not provide for the additional work necessary for a temporary bridge. The project qualified for partial funding through FEMA and is scheduled for replacement this summer. The timeframe for the projected road closure is between July 7 and August 29, so that it will miss the major holidays and be completed before school starts and fall tourists arrive. There is a daily fine written into the contract which will apply if the road remains closed after August 29. The culvert components are all precast, so installation should be relatively quick. Hopefully, installation will take no longer than two weeks or so; however, weather could also affect the schedule. The detour will be posted in advance of the actual closure. Al Dupell said that a fire truck will also be moved to the Town Garage for fire coverage in the south part of the Town. Mutual Aid is provided by Wardsboro Fire Dept. as well and E911 will be notified of the closure for coordination of Emergency Services. The Selectmen will try to have the contractor install a foot crossing, which may allow people the ability to access vehicles on the opposite side. Following the conversation, the Naults left the meeting.

Town Garage: Chris Liller reported that the meeting concerning the roof leakage / condensation is scheduled for mid-April. Greg Marcucci submitted a proposal for the smaller circulators. The proposal is for \$5327.00 for the equipment (after reimbursements/rebates, etc.) and \$75.00/hr for installation. Larry Bills moved to purchase the equipment and to wait to install it after the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1). Chris Liller seconded. All concurred. Al Dupell signed the contract.

Highway Dept.: Salt: Ralph Staib reported that he obtained additional salt from Stratton Corp.. **Loader Equipment:** Ralph Staib reported that he found a pusher-attachment for the loader, which they will need for use in the sand shed. Osgoods' has it for \$5200.00. The Selectmen agreed to wait until the new fiscal year before purchasing this item. Ralph Staib received an estimate for cold-planing the Stratton Mountain Access Rd. in the Resort for \$17,500.00. This will need to be part of the bids for paving this coming year. **FLEET Permits:** The Selectmen reviewed and approved and the chair signed said permits for the following: Bazin Bros., Camp Precast Concrete Products, Inc., Curtis Lumber Co., Lawrence White Construction, United Natural Foods, Inc., Miller Const., Inc., G.W. Tatro Const. Inc..

Grand List: The Selectmen reviewed the close-out paperwork for the 2013 Grand List submitted by the Listers. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded – All concurred and signed the paperwork.

Town Hall: Larry Bills reserved the Town Hall for the Capons for May 17 and Chris Liller reserved it for the Snowmobile Club for April 26. All agreed.

Minutes: Chris Liller moved to approve minutes of March 10, 2014 and March 17, 2014.

Personnel Issues: Candie Bernard has taken on the job of Assistant Treasurer. The Clerk said that she has taken on several tasks that have increased her workload and she has been putting in 30+ hours for several months. The Clerk asked that the Selectmen recognize her as a fulltime (30+) office worker and grant her fulltime benefits beginning April 1, 2014. The Selectmen were grateful for her recent efforts and agreed. Greg Marcucci so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred. The Clerk will file the necessary paperwork.

Mitigation Plan: The Selectmen reviewed a revision to the Town's Mitigation Plan. The Clerk said that he intends to review it with John Bennett of WRC later this week and then he will have it ready for approval before the May deadline..

Adjourn: Larry Bills motioned to adjourn at 8:40p.m.. Chris Liller seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young

Town Clerk