

# Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

December 10, 2012

**Members present:** Selectmen – Al Dupell, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib, Clerk – Kent Young and All Seasons Representatives – Dave Dancosse and Kevin Douglass.

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

**Public Health Hearing:** Al Dupell called the Public Hearing concerning the potential Health violation at 289 West Jamaica Rd. to order as warned. No one was present to represent the Brown estate; therefore, Al Dupell asked to recess the hearing for a half hour, until 8:00pm. Chris Liller so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred and the meeting recessed.

**Salt / Sand Shed:** All Seasons Construction representatives, Dave Dancosse and Kevin Douglass were present to discuss estimated costs after implementing some changes to their last presentation of November 12, 2012. Changes included: building the structure at a higher elevation to minimize excavation costs, enhanced design for a snow-load of 75 lbs. / sq. ft., shortening the building by 20' and reducing the ceiling height to 25' as well as reduced excavation for a smaller parking area at the rear. The Selectmen and All Seasons discussed additional savings by adding retaining walls at the front to allow for additional backfilling around the building, which should help reduce expenses for the foundation – should this be the case, the savings will be passed on to the Town. The Selectmen agreed to consider the package and inform All Seasons of their decisions. At this time, Dave Dancosse and Kevin Douglass left the meeting. Later in the meeting, the Selectmen discussed the estimate – they agreed to have three overhead doors – two in front and one at the back. They also agreed to get the galvanized steel, as offered in the package as an option. They agreed to add the retaining walls at the front and bollards to protect the doors. The Town will also have the Road Crew spread gravel to reduce the cost. The Selectmen will continue this discussion at the next meeting. Ralph Staib agreed to get estimates for lockable concrete waste blocks to be used as dividers, as well as estimates for paving the interior at 3" and 4", and estimates for paving aprons in front of both this building and the new garage. Estimates should be obtained this week so that we have figures for next year's budget. It appears that the Town will need about \$600,000.00 to finish this project – some funds remain to be put toward it from this year's budget.

**Brown Camp violation:** The Selectmen reconvened the Public Hearing at 8:00p.m.. The Selectmen reviewed the complaint as detailed in the Notice of Intent prepared by the Health Officer. Sarah Brown, as Administrator of the Estate of Herbert Brown, was served the Notice of Intent regarding this hearing, photographs of the property, and a Statement of Procedural Rights. She did not respond or attend this hearing. The alleged health violations appear to be legitimate and an order has been prepared. Greg Marcucci moved to adjourn the Public Hearing and proceed with the order to expedite the removal of the violations. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. Therefore, by the authority granted to the Selectboard, acting as the Board of Health, under V.S.A. §126 and §602a, it is hereby ORDERED that: Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order the owner shall name the contractor whom shall be responsible for enclosing the premises against the elements and vermin, or to remove the structure from the land; the work shall within thirty (30) days have been completed. Should the duly notified owner fail to name the contractor within fifteen days, the Town Selectboard, acting as the Board of Health, shall apply to the Superior Court, Civil Division, Windham Unit, to seek an Order to have the structure removed. Should the property remain open to the elements with trash remaining thereabouts after thirty days, the Town will seek to enforce any Order granted by the Superior Court.

18 V.S.A. §§ 126, 127, 130, 602a.

The full order was signed by all the Selectmen present. The Clerk will forward the order to the Town Attorney to be served on the owner.

**Road Crew Issues:** 1) The Selectmen reviewed the most recent status of the FEMA work package for the final repair to the culvert on Mountain Rd., at Kidder Brook. The Selectmen agreed to have Beck Engineering proceed with a request for an extension for completion of the project, as well as a request for permission to install an upgraded version to meet ANR requirements.

2) Ralph Staib has not yet found a Grader school for Chris Liller and Stuart Chapin to attend. 3) The outdoor dusk-to-dawn light at the transfer station has been installed.

3) Chris Liller is getting suggestions for a fix for the garage door opening anomaly during a loss of power with a generator start.

4) Ralph Staib received a hydraulic report for the culvert on Old Forrester Rd. and will get estimates for an aluminum arch culvert, as this may be the most economical solution for this site.

5) The one-ton truck engine failed and will be replaced under warranty. It should be ready by the end of next week.

**Stratton Mountain Access Rd. Treetop repair:** The Clerk said he is waiting to hear back from Bill Nupp, who has agreed to draw up an agreement for Stratton Corp. to pay \$38,000.00 toward said paving.

**Minutes:** Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of November 26, 2012. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

**Reappraisal Contract:** The Listers had recommended approval of a contract with Purvis and Assoc. for continuation of services and a Statistical Update Reappraisal for the coming year. The Selectmen all signed the contract.

**Wardsboro Elementary School:** The Wardsboro Elementary School requested permission to use the Recreation Area for their Winter Sports Program this winter. The Selectmen concurred.

**Adjourn:** Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 9:40p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned. A Budget Meeting will be held here on Monday, December 17, 2012.

Minutes by: