

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
July 14, 2014**

Members present: Selectmen –Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Resident – George Rigoulot; and Clerk - Kent Young.

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

Open Meeting Law: The Clerk explained the updates to Vermont's Open Meeting Law, which went into effect July 1, 2014. The Selectmen voted to confirm official posting places within Town as 1) the Town Office 2) the Stratton Town Garage 3) the Stratton Mountain Post Office and 4) the Town Website (www.townofstrattonvt.com).

Agenda Modification: Kent Young asked to add consideration of 1) appointment of the Assistant to the Zoning Administrator and 2) application for installation of signage in the Town Right-of-way of Grout Pond Road. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC): Skip Hammond, the current EMC, is seldom in Stratton and so the Selectmen are interested in appointing someone more available for this position. George Rigoulot expressed an interest in the position and attended the meeting. After discussion concerning the role of the EMC, Larry Bills moved to appoint George Rigoulot as EMC. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred.

Local Emergency Operations Plan: The Selectmen considered the 2014/15 Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) submitted by the Clerk for their approval. The Clerk stated that he and WRC had updated this plan, which replaces the old Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), which was due for renewal in May. Larry Bills moved to adopt the plan with the correction that George Rigoulot is the EMC. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred. The Clerk will forward the change to WRC and post the updated plan as required.

Road Crew Issues: Culvert Replacements: Kidder Brook Culvert replacement: Chris Liller stated that Weaver Const. will be ready to begin work on August 1. The Road Crew will coordinate with Weaver Const. so that detour signage is adequate and in place one week before the road is closed. The Fire Dept. will move a truck over to be kept at the Town Garage during the closure and Mutual Aid will be notified when Mountain Rd. is closed. The Sheriff's Dept. has been informed of the schedule. **Ongoing Road Work:** The 66' long culvert on the Access Rd. in front of the Resort's Maintenance Bldg. is currently being replaced. Chris Liller said the job should be finished tomorrow, July 15. **Paving:** Fuller Sand and Gravel intends to pave the eastern end of Stratton-Arlington Rd. during the week of July 21. The remaining paving will occur later in the summer.

Town and Town Garage Projects: Garage Security System: Al Dupell is coordinating with Mike Blais of Countryside Lock and Alarm, who will visit the garage soon to determine specifications for the lighting needed at the entrance gate. **Garage Roof:** Chris Liller relayed that Quinn Co. has ordered the repair material for the roof. **Cold Storage Bldg. and Rec. Area Bldgs. Painting:** The Town has purchased the paint and Ron Chiodi will paint the buildings this summer. **Meetinghouse:** Jancewicz and Son will attend the next meeting to present a proposal for repairs to the Meetinghouse – a proposal from Brattleboro Roofing has already been presented. **Town Office closet shelving:** The Clerk requested permission to add shelving to the closet beside the furnace room. Chris Liller agreed to work with the office personnel to determine what is needed there.

Town Audit Progress: The Clerk informed the Selectmen that the Auditing Company, Pace and Hawley, had been present at the Town Office last week to conduct the in-house portion of the said audit. There are several issues that require attention before the audit can be completed. One issue is a question

of Capital Assets Depreciation. Per a request from Pace and Hawley, the Selectmen considered the option to List the Town's Capital Assets for depreciation. Larry Bills moved not to perform this action. Greg Marcucci seconded and all concurred. The Town will not list and depreciate capital assets. The Clerk will inform Pace and Hawley of their decision. Once the audit is near completion, they would like to meet with the Selectmen, or the Chairmen as well as the Clerk and Treasurer to discuss their findings and recommendations.

Tax Rate: Candie Bernard had prepared tax rates for the Selectmen to consider for the 2014/15 tax year. The rates are \$1.8315 for homesteads (down from \$1.8993 for last year) and 1.6946 for non-residents (up from \$1.6620 for last year). Kevin Robinson so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred and all signed the paperwork.

Zoning Administrator and Assistant Appointments: The Selectmen considered the three-year appointment of the Zoning Administrator and Assistant to the Zoning Administrator due this year. The Planning Commission recommended reappointing Allan Hicks as Zoning Administrator and Ray Hawksley as Assistant to the Zoning Administrator for the next three years. Chris Liller moved to approve these appointments. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred.

Personnel Issues: The Selectmen agreed to allow for Chris Liller to roll over 13 hours of Holiday time and Stuart Chapin to roll over 1 hour of vacation time into the new year. They also discussed the need to allow for family leave for the Road Foreman and the Treasurer. The Treasurer, being an elected position, does not meet the criteria that apply to hired personnel. With this flexibility, the Selectmen agreed to extend her paid Health benefits out to August 29, 2014, if she decides to remain on leave to that time. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred. The Selectmen agreed to postpone the discussion concerning the Road Foreman to the next meeting, as he currently is not on long-term leave, and should be able to provide the Selectmen with more information at or before that meeting.

Transfer Station Changes: The Selectmen reviewed and discussed changes that will be required to the operation of the Transfer Station, specifically the requirement that the Town must charge for disposal of solid waste (not recyclables) by weight or volume, beginning in July 2015. The Clerk agreed to provide the board with copies of the guidelines developed by ANR, at a future meeting.

Stratton Corp. Bike Path Grant: Al Dupell had signed the agreement between the Town and the State to sponsor this grant. The Clerk is waiting to hear from Patty Komline regarding the next step in this process.

Meeting Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the minutes of June 23, 2014. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred.

Catamount Trail Assoc. Signage: The Selectmen reviewed an application for work in the right-of-way for the installation of signage on the Catamount Trail, where it intersects Grout Pond Rd. The Clerk stated that this Association had also submitted a sign permit to the Zoning Administrator. The Selectmen concurred with this permit and the Chairman signed it.

Police Coverage: The question arose as to whether the Sheriff's Dept. or the Winhall Police were responsible for coverage of the Stratton Mountain School. Al Dupell will discuss this with Bill Nupp of Stratton Corp., and the Winhall Police Dept. for clarification and report back to the board.

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

Minutes by:

David Kent Young

Town Clerk