

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
September 26, 2016**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell – Chair, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Ralph Staib – Road Foreman; and Clerk – Kent Young; Drew Hazelton of Rescue, Inc., Matt Underwood and Ray Hawksley of the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Co., Pete Cobb and Kevin Beattie of Londonderry Volunteer Rescue, Seth Boyd and Charlie Boswell of Stratton Mountain / Carlos Otis Clinic Volunteer Rescue.

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

Modifications to the Agenda: 1) Consider Treasurer's request to have the outside audit performed using a cash basis. 2) Discuss having Handicap spaces at Town Office / Town Hall painted. 3) Consider Town Clerk request to pursue VTEL Wireless internet for the Town Office. Larry Bills moved to add these items to the agenda. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Rescue Services: The Chair opened up a discussion concerning First Responder coverage for the Town of Stratton. There had previously been suggestions to consider changing the current routine, which has Stratton Mountain / Carlos Otis Clinic providing services for the whole town during the regular daytime shift (approx. 8am to 5pm). Following this shift, Londonderry Volunteer Rescue covers the north part of town, including the Ski Resort, down to the Mountain Rd., W. Jamaica Rd. intersection, while Rescue Inc. covers the remainder of Town (the southern portion of Stratton). The discussion focused on the option of having Rescue Inc. cover the southern portion of Stratton (denoted above) at all times. Response times and response personnel qualifications were also discussed – also the fact that Rescue Inc. already bills the town for coverage (a small fee based on resident population), so no change in budgeting would be required for the change being considered. Following the discussion, the consensus of the Selectmen was that the current coverage has been working for the Town; therefore, Larry Bills moved to recommend to the Stratton Mountain Vol. Fire Chief, Mat Underwood, to maintain the dispatch cards as previously detailed. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. Al Dupell thanked everyone for attending. At this time, Matt Underwood, Ray Hawksley, Pete Cobb, Kevin Beattie, Seth Boyd, and Charlie Boswell left the meeting.

Security Systems Issues: Kevin Southworth of Southworth Electrical was not present to discuss the option of that company taking over the Town's security systems – the Clerk said that he will contact Southworth Electrical to see if they will attend the next meeting (Oct 10).

Road Crew Issues: Salt: The Road Foreman informed the Selectmen that this year's salt has been ordered. **Stratton-Arlington Rd.:** The Selectmen reviewed a letter prepared by the Clerk to David Francombe of the National Forest, who had attended a meeting in the fall last year. The letter addresses the concerns of the Town, as well as stating actions which must first be taken by the National Forest before the Town will continue plowing of the Kelly Stand Parking area this winter. The Selectmen concurred with the letter and the Chair signed it. The Clerk will mail it out and, if possible, help arrange a meeting between the Road Foreman and Mr. Francombe to discuss these issues further.

Town Projects: Town Hall: W2D has replaced the gas lines in the Town Hall. **Handicap Parking:** Ralph Staib will arrange to have the handicapped parking spots in the Town Office / Town Hall parking lot painted as soon as possible. **Internet:** The Clerk stated that the Town Office is having a great deal of difficulty with Fairpoint DSL. There may be another option for internet service – VTEL Wireless. It may be available here with the addition of special equipment, which will cost the Town about \$500.00. It is his understanding that if it does not work, then the Town would be refunded. The Selectmen agreed to have the Clerk pursue this option.

Outside Audit: The Selectmen considered a letter from the Treasurer requesting that the Selectmen approve that the Outside Audit shall be performed using a Cash Basis. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Larry Bills moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes for September 12, 2016. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred - the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:30p.m.. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young