

# Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

March 10, 2014

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

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

**FLEET Permits:** The Selectmen reviewed a request for an excess weight permit for David Chaves Excavating, Inc. and Barrett Trucking Co., Inc.. Larry Bills so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred and Al Dupell signed the permits.

**Listers' Computer:** Kent Young explained that the Listers' Computer has Windows XP, which will no longer be updated or supported by Microsoft after April. This computer is fairly old and, according to our Computer Tech, will not support Windows 7 or 8. The Listers had not budgeted this year for a new computer, but this replacement is necessary to maintain security. The replacement will be approximately \$900.00. At this same time, the newer NEMRC Office computer can support an upgrade to Windows 7, which will need to be accomplished for the same reason. This will cost about \$200.00, but this is a Town Office computer with available funds. The Clerk said that he already replaced his computer for this same reason, as it was also too old to support Windows 7. The Selectmen concurred.

**Personnel Policy:** The Selectmen reviewed and approved a Directive concerning the calculation of Personal Time for part-time and 30+ Office employees. All Selectmen signed the Directive. Kent Young said that by applying the calculations defined in the new Directive, Pat Coolidge's revised hours put her in a deficit for last year. The Selectmen agreed to allow her to make up the deficit over the coming year.

**Town Meeting Budget Error:** The Clerk said that the appropriation of Article 9, which was defeated at Town Meeting, was not deducted from the General Fund Budget before that amount was approved in Article 11. In discussion with VLCT legal counsel, the voted budget amount must remain the same, unless it is changed at a special Town Meeting. The \$40,000 should be viewed as excess and should not be applied to Article 9. The Selectmen concurred.

**Road Crew Issues: Kidder Brook Culvert** – Ralph Staib spoke with Jess Rizio of Beck Engineering. She said she should have a bid package ready by the end of the week. The Selectmen, however, wish to review it before it goes out to bid. The Clerk agreed to make arrangements for a special meeting to do so.

**Mountain Rd. closure:** Two potential coordination problems for this project is that this summer, Wardsboro intends to make two culvert replacements on Canedy Rd. and Jamaica intends to replace a culvert along what will be the detour route for Mountain Rd.. Previously mentioned, there will also be brief closures on Rt. 100 this summer. **Salt/Sand:** Ralph Staib said he could only get one load of salt delivered. The Town currently has about 100 tons to last the rest of the winter. The Selectmen directed the Road Foreman to stockpile sand to make up for the lack of salt. **Access Rd.** Al Dupell asked the Road Foreman to get a cost estimate for cold-planing the Access Rd. from the Lifeline Lodge to the Town line. **Forrester Rd culvert:** Ralph Staib said he is working to get approval and estimates for replacement of this culvert, which is in very bad condition currently. **County Rd. culvert:** Kent Young said that Robert Giunta had asked about the schedule for work on the culvert at the bottom of County Rd., which was previously determined to need widening. Al Dupell said it will have to wait another year.

**Town Garage Roof:** Chris Liller reported that a date and time for the meeting concerning the roof leakage has not yet been set. **Water Tank:** The Road Crew purchased a water tank to be used for various purposes. The Selectmen agreed that this should be classified as a "Tool." **Posting Roads:** Larry Bills moved to allow the Road Foreman to post roads as necessary. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred.

**Town Hall Use:** Heather Bertram, being sponsored by Shelby Boyce, a resident, requested use of the Town Hall for April 19, 2014. Larry Bills so moved. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred.

**Windham Regional Commission Zoning Contract:** The Selectmen reviewed a contract extension for the Zoning Revision, previously approved by the Planning Commission. Additionally, they reviewed work needed to revise the Town Plan. Chris Liller moved to approve. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred.

**Windham Regional Commission Representatives:** The Planning Commission recommended the appointments of Paul Schwippert and Jenna Pugliese to the WRC. Larry Bills so moved. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred with these appointments.

**Town Service Officer:** Larry Bills nominated Helen Eddy. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred and Helen Eddy was reappointed Town Service Officer.

**Police Coverage:** The Clerk stated that he had confirmed in discussion with Officer Mark Anderson that the Sheriff's Dept. does investigate burglaries and other incidents and so he forwarded the contract to the Sheriff last Wednesday, as directed. Coverage, in accordance with the contract, began today.

**NIMS Training:** Chris Liller stated that several Town Officers are required to have this training for the Town to be in compliance with our local Emergency Operations Procedure. It may take multiple sessions to complete this training, and so he said he could coordinate having some of the training given at the Town Hall. Other sessions will be offered in neighboring Towns. The Selectmen concurred. They also discussed the necessity for an Emergency Management Coordinator, who is more available for regular participation, since Skip Hammond is not in Town for much of his time.

**Zoning Bylaws:** The Clerk said that the Planning Commission requests a joint meeting with the Selectmen to discuss various issues that the boards need to agree upon for approval of the revision. The Clerk said there are some differences in opinion between the Planning Commission and the Fire Dept., which need to be resolved before the Zoning Revision is finalized for the Planning Commission's Public Hearing. He does not want to have more than the two required hearings (Planning Commission's and Selectmen's public hearings) to get this approved. He recommended that the two boards meet on March 24, along with Fire Chief, Matt Underwood and Brian Johnson of Vermont's Dept. of Labor and Industry. Al Dupell stated that this was not something that should be done at a regular meeting and that a joint meeting should be held exclusively for this issue. At a previous meeting he had said that he did not want to meet until the Planning Commission had the document in a final draft form, so that all controversial issues can be address at one time. Kent Young explained that probably the most controversial point was the requirement Sprinkler System installations in certain buildings. Al Dupell said he had heard at the Fire Dept. meeting that the requirement added to the Planning Commission's current draft was the same as the State requirement. The Fire Dept. is looking for a stricter requirement. The Selectmen agree that a separate meeting should be held and think that it is a good idea to also invite Matt Underwood and Brian Johnson. Kent Young said he will relay this message back to Paul Schwippert. The Planning Commission can discuss it at their April 2 meeting and provide a recommendation for a date to hold the meeting.

**Minutes:** Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of February 24, 2014 and the Organizational minutes of March 4, 2014. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

**Adjourn:** Chris Liller motioned to adjourn at 8:45p.m.. Larry Bills seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*

Town Clerk