

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

April 10, 2017

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell - Chair, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Green Mountain National Forest District Ranger – David Francombe; Asst. Fire Chief – Ray Hawksley; and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Modifications to the Agenda: No modifications were made.

Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF): David Francombe was present to discuss upcoming projects within the National Forest. He stated that the GMNF will be implementing the Somerset Integrated Resource Project, within a boundary that includes the western side of Stratton and extends into the surrounding towns of Sunderland, Glastonbury, Woodford, Somerset, Searsburg and Dover. This project will entail a study of resources such as various tree stands and wildlife habitat within the area. Mr. Francombe also reviewed various proposed activities scheduled for the coming year, which included clearing around apple trees at Grout Pond, trout stocking of Stratton Pond and Bourn Pond, repairs to Kelley Stand Parking lot (entrance and exit paving), Forest Rd. 71 grading, Grout Pond Site design and fee analysis, as well as other projects, such as placement of a Lye Brook display. Mr. Francombe said that various emails will go out notifying the Town and interested parties, when these various issues will be addressed. Al Dupell asked that the GMNF consider better / closer access to the boat ramp at Grout Pond for older individuals who want to put their canoes or kayaks in the pond. He said that the Town had requested this many years ago, but the Town's request had been ignored. Mr. Francombe said that the Town will have a chance to submit comments for projects such as this - emails will be distributed at the appropriate time. He also discussed with the Selectmen that GMNF will be considering day-use fees for Grout Pond, as well as an adjustment to the overnight campsite fee. Following the conversation, Mr. Francombe left the meeting.

Highway Dept. issues: Paving: The Clerk stated that at the previous meeting, the board had discussed the culvert replacements on Strat-Arl Rd. for this summer, but did not consider that patch paving had not been budgeted for. At the budget meeting, it had been determined that this year's paving would be along Strat-Arl Rd., over the culverts, without first having them patched. Meanwhile, the paving bid, along with the yearly bids, has gone out and is to be considered on May 8, 2017. This bid is for paving W. Jamaica Rd., but nothing was included for the patch paving. Al Dupell said that Ralph Staib had said that he had additional money available to complete the patch paving of the culverts. The culverts should be patched and allowed to settle before the Town paves that stretch of road next year. **Plowing:** Ray Hawksley was present to ask if the Road Crew would consider in the future, ensuring that during snowstorms, the roads get plowed between 8:00pm and 4:00am. He said there had been times when there was quite a bit of snow on the road overnight – his concern is for Emergency Responders. Chris Liller stated that they do remain out for storms and continue plowing until the storm is over. Al Dupell said that the schedules could be managed better during storms, as when storms are anticipated, the road crews' schedules should be adjusted to match the storm. Chris Liller said they have been doing that on their own. **Fire Ponds:** Ray Hawksley informed the Selectmen that the Fire Dept. has an agreement to use Chris Mann's pond in Snow Mountain Farm West as a Fire Pond. Following this discussion, Ray Hawksley left the meeting. **FLEET Permits:** The Selectmen reviewed the following FLEET permit applications: Marlin Environmental, Camp Precast, Frost Wells and Pumps, and GW Tatro Const.. Greg Marcucci moved to approve. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Transfer Station: The Selectmen reviewed a request from Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) for confirmation of a representative from Stratton and an Alternate. Al Dupell refused the position. The Clerk agreed to find someone agreeable to take each of these positions. **Compost:** The Clerk asked if he should notify Casella to bring in a composting container, as previously agreed upon, so we will have one in place by July 1, 2017, as required by law. The Selectmen concurred.

Generators: The Selectmen considered having Powers Guaranteed Generators service all three Town generators. Currently, they service the Generacs at the Town Garage and the Town Office. The Kohler at the Town Office is currently serviced by Southworth Electrical. The Selectmen agreed that it would be good to have Powers do all three and since all have been serviced already this year, they should schedule for next spring 2018, at a time when the snow should be gone. Additionally, Powers quoted installation of a monitoring system for each of the two large generators, which will notify individuals by email, etc., whenever either generator runs or faults. Yearly monitoring costs \$199.00 per generator. The Selectmen agreed to have this option installed on the Kohler generator at the Town Office and on the Generac generator at the Town Garage. Chris Liller so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Automatic Fire Alarm Ordinance: The Clerk stated that Stratton Corp. has not yet paid two fees for false alarm responses, which were sent out on Feb. 19, 2017. These were for incidents in the commercial units and another at Solstice. He has been in contact with management, who said they would send out a check. The Clerk said he has not yet received those payments, but recommends waiting until next meeting before considering further action. The Selectmen agreed.

Planning Commission Hearing: The Selectmen reviewed a Notice for a hearing to be held on May 3, 2017 for Lorraine Weeks-Newell's conversion of her garage to a retail shop on her property across from the Town Hall and Meetinghouse. The Town has party status to the hearing as an abutter. This area is now a Commercial Residential district. The board had no comment.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes and Liquor Control Board minutes for March 27, 2017. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Larry Bills motioned to adjourn at 8:45p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young