

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
July 25, 2016**

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

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

Modifications to the Agenda: The following items were added to the agenda: 1) Consider Otto Tarbell's request for a Fence viewers' opinion on his property line. 2) Consider Transfer Station schedule changes.

Fence viewer: The Clerk stated that Otto Tarbell is disputing a National Forest survey, which has denied him road-frontage which he believes he has on Grout Pond Rd. The Clerk recommended that we contact the Town Attorney for guidance concerning what the Selectmen, acting as fence viewers, can do in this case. The Selectmen concurred.

Road Crew Issues: Culverts: Ralph Staib stated that the road crew had replaced the failed culvert beside Romano's house across Stratton-Arlington Rd. He said they will be working on other culverts and runoff problems, including a runoff issue at Daniel Young's house and another by Jepson's landing, both on Penny Ave., as well as fixing Dini Ln. as previously discussed during the site visit of May 3, 2016. **Guardrails:** Ralph Staib apologized for making the decision to just raise existing guardrails, instead of replacing them. He had misunderstood what was to be done. **Plate Compactor:** The Selectmen discussed the condition of the Town's Plate Compactor. It was decided that the motor should be replaced. Ralph Staib will contact Ribco to replace the motor. **Personnel Issues:** The Selectmen informed the Road Foreman that all vacations need to be pre-approved by the Selectmen. **Access Permit:** The Selectmen reviewed an access permit for the Kinsella Property on Ball Farm Rd. Larry Bills will coordinate with the Road Foreman for placement and installation. The Selectmen signed the permit.

Recreation Area: The Selectmen continued discussion on the fire pit replacement. Larry Bills will obtain a quote from Stoneworks in Wilmington, as well as from Paul Bernard, using specifications previously discussed.

Flag lighting: The Clerk asked the Selectmen to consider lighting options for the flag, since the new parking lot light does not adequately light it. The Selectmen agreed to have Southworth Electrical make a recommendation – a spotlight can be placed on the side of the Town Hall for this purpose.

Meetinghouse and Schoolhouse Repair Status: Ron Chiodi has begun painting the interior of the meetinghouse – after the ceiling is painted, Paul Bernard will box around the cables. He is also working on the stone around the foundation.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes for July 11, 2016. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

Transfer Station: The Selectmen agreed to change the days of operation to Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, beginning September 1, 2016. They also agreed to close it on all major holidays. Chris Liller will get the signs changed and the Clerk will post the changes on the website.

Personnel Issues: The Selectmen agreed that paid positions not listed during the Salary Review (i.e. stand-in Transfer Station Attendants) were also given the \$0.85/hr. pay increase.

Adjourn: Chris Liller motioned to adjourn at 8:35p.m.. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*