

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
November 10, 2014**

Members present: Selectmen: Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; and Clerk: Kent Young

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

Rescue Inc.: Notice was received that this expense will increase by about 1% for the coming year. A Rescue Inc. Representative offered to attend a future Selectmen's meeting if necessary to answer questions about the budget. The Selectmen decided that this would be unnecessary.

Road Crew Issues: Kidder Brook culvert replacement: The project has been completed and is ready for submission to the State for FEMA reimbursement. **Garage Security System:** The new light has been installed. To fine-tune the system, Countryside Lock and Alarm has agreed to replace a camera lens to allow for higher definition monitoring of the gate area. **Guardrails:** Most in need of replacement have been replaced. Those remaining will have to wait until next year. **Signs:** Chris Liller has installed several new road signs throughout town. He intends to install the Rte. 30 Direction signs this week. **Winter preparations:** The Road Crew is ready for winter maintenance with the exception of changing out tires on the pickup truck. **Road Foreman:** The Clerk said that he relayed the need for a doctor's letter to Ralph Staib before he could return to work. Ralph had agreed and said he would likely be ready to return to work in another two weeks or so. The Clerk recommended at this point that he adjust his sick / vacation hours down to 30 hrs. per week, which is the minimum needed to retain full benefits. He agreed and the Selectmen agreed to this as well. **Satellite Internet:** Chris Liller stated that he believes it is time to have internet access at the garage for weather reports, etc. and computer access for various aspects of the job. The Selectmen present concurred. The Clerk will look into available providers.

Transfer Station: Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) Workshop: Chris Liller and Kent Young attended. WSWMD reviewed their draft ordinance which will suffice for towns in the district, if each Town agrees to use it. Otherwise, each Town may create their own ordinance. The Town, however, will need to establish a pay schedule, which should be designed to cover the expense of collecting and hauling refuse (as per the statute). It was recommended that towns work with surrounding towns to establish a schedule that will discourage residents and haulers from using other Towns' facilities because they are less expensive. The idea is to promote recycling, as there is no charge to discard recyclables. Previously considered changes to the Stratton Transfer Station by coordinating with Stratton Corp. may not be practical once Act 148 is initiated. It appears our situation of having large numbers of second homeowners will not allow for some of the recommended restrictions, such as using specified bags or buying tokens or stickers. It seems the Town may need to collect money at the Transfer Station. It was also mentioned that it may be beneficial to bid out this operation to an independent contractor. Chris Liller said that the Town may also save money by considering TAM Waste Management out of Shaftsbury, as opposed to Casella Waste Management, our current waste management provider. The Clerk agreed to contact TAM and arrange a meeting at a future Selectmen's Meeting, preferably the November 24 meeting. The Selectmen would also like the Transfer Station Attendant to attend the December 8 meeting to discuss ACT 148 changes.

Budget Meeting: The Selectmen agreed to begin their annual budget meeting on December 8. The Clerk stated that beginning next meeting, the treasurer will submit Highway Orders on computer generated forms as recommended by the recent Single Audit.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of October 27, 2014. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:30p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*