

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
September 22, 2014**

Members present: Selectmen – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; and Clerk - Kent Young.

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

Modifications to Agenda: Chris Liller moved to modify the Agenda to include consideration of Town Hall Use and scheduling the Town Holiday Party as the first order of business. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred.

Holiday Party / Town Hall Use: The Selectmen agreed to have the Town Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec 6; therefore, the Town Hall will not be available for other events that weekend. The following requests were made: The Parsons (by Lorraine weeks-Newell) changed to use the Town Hall on Sept 27. Ashley Perkins (by Greg Marcucci) reserved it for Oct 3/4. Plimptons (by Chris Liller) requested to reserve it on Oct 25. Chris Liller would like to reserve the following dates for use by the Wardsboro Snowmobile Club for meetings and events: Oct 11 and 12 (Rec Area), Nov 22; Dec 13; Jan 17; Feb 21; Feb 28 (Rec Area); March 21 and Apr 18.

Larry Bills moved to approve the above schedule. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred.

Kidder Brook culvert replacement: Chris Liller relayed the response from White Mountain (MICHIE) concerning the letter detailed at the previous meeting – they felt they were not at fault of delaying delivery and had performed additional work to expedite the installation. In consideration, the Selectmen agreed to pay MICHIE the full amount and to pay only the contracted amount to Weaver Excavating regard this issue. An additional bill for approx. \$750.00 was received from Weaver Excavating in regard to additional work performed by the Paving subcontractor, O'Brien Paving, for paving an area that extended beyond the work area Weaver had included in the project. This extension was necessary to make the pavement transition smooth. Chris Liller had approved the work at that time, as it needed immediate attention. The Selectmen will agree to pay the extra amount if the Road Crew determines that this length of road was not included in the contract. Chris Liller agreed to make the necessary measurements. Guardrail installation is the only remaining work for this project. Once installed, Weaver will submit their final invoice.

Town Garage: Roof Repair: Chris Liller reported that the repairs are underway. **Heating:** The Selectmen continued discussion of excess heat in the garage. The board decided to wait until next year before determining if ceiling fans are needed in the garage. Meanwhile, Chris Liller will have Ward Electric give an estimated cost. **Security System:** Countryside Lock and Alarm have ordered the additional light and will place it on the building.

Road Crew Issues: Painting: Ron Chiodi is currently staining the cold-storage building. **UST:** The pump suction line has been repaired. **Access Rd. Paving:** Fuller Sand and Gravel is paving the Stratton Mountain Access Rd. this week. **Line Striping:** Chris Liller reported that the roads will be striped this week. **Salt:** The pusher attachment should be delivered next week, after which, Chris Liller will order a salt delivery. **Road Grading / Chloride application:** Chris Liller said that currently Stuart Chapin has been grading roads in town. Chloride will be delivered and applied this week. **Brushing and Tree trimming:** Chris Liller said that he had permission from Meadows End Timberland Corp. to cut trees in the right-of-way on Mountain Rd. on their property. The Road Crew will start this task soon.

Town Plan: The Selectmen reviewed the Town Plan revision and attached report submitted by the Planning Commission following the Planning Commission Hearing of September 17, 2014. The Clerk stated that it is ready for the required Selectmen's Hearing and recommended setting a hearing date for October 27. Greg Marcucci moved to warn a hearing for 7:45pm on October 27, 2014 at the Stratton

Town Office. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred. The Clerk will post and publish the Notice appropriately.

Personnel Issues: The Clerk relayed that he had discussed with our Agent, Francis Settanni, employee Healthcare renewal through the Vermont Health Connect. The town will need to switch to Blue Cross Blue Shield beginning on December 1, 2014. The board discussed some of the Health Plans available, but agreed to hold a special meeting on October 2, 2014 to discuss this issue with Mr. Settanni. The Clerk will make arrangements.

PILT Payments: The Selectmen reviewed a request from the Treasurer to confirm that the previous decision to apply all PILT payments to the School District was meant to continue year to year unless otherwise changed. Greg Marcucci moved to confirm. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred.

Meeting Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2014. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Larry Bills motioned to adjourn at 8:55p.m.. Greg Marcucci seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young

Town Clerk