

# Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

July 22, 2013

**Members present:** Selectmen – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Greg Marcucci, 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.

**Salt and Sand Shed:** Concrete work will take longer than last estimated and is expected to continue into mid-August. The Clerk had asked Dave Dancosse for the cost of waterproofing down to the slab level. He quoted that at \$4860.00, but the Selectmen agreed to have the entire foundation waterproofed for \$5460.00 as previously quoted.

**Town Garage:** Greg Marcucci and W2D Heating and Plumbing have been working on the heating system conversion in the garage. No word yet on ceiling fan costs.

**Road Crew Issues: Roadwork:** Ralph Staib is waiting for the State's stream permit before replacing the Culvert on Pikes Falls Rd., near the County Rd. intersection – other preparations for that job are being made. **Fuel:** The Clerk said that Guy Nido quoted fuel prices at \$3.38 summer mix and \$3.71 for winter mix. Larry Bills moved to accept this price. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. **VLCT Inspection:** Ralph Staib presented a list of garage issues which need to be addressed. He will be working to clear all discrepancies. **FEMA projects: Penny Ave. Bridge:** The Clerk stated that he received notification that FEMA approval is in the final stage for this project. **Kidder Brook Bridge:** The Clerk recently inquired again about the status of approval of the Kidder Brook Bridge replacement – no response has been received. **Culvert Theft:** The Selectmen reviewed Trooper Hudon's update concerning his investigation of the theft that occurred several months ago of a section of culvert from the Town's stock kept at the Rec. Area.

**Listers Errors and Omissions:** The Selectmen reviewed a stipulation presented by the Listers to lower two properties owned by Douglas and Barbara Wells which had won their 2012 appeal to the State. The Listers agreed to set the assessment to that same value for 2013 so to avoid a continuation of their appeals for this year, which are already in progress. The Selectmen agreed to lower the assessment on 0302003.00314L to \$430,000.00 and the assessment on 0302003.00408L to \$328,000.00. Larry Bills so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. The board then signed the stipulation.

**Homestead Late-filing Penalty:** The Clerk stated that there had been a request that the Selectmen waive the late-filing penalty for resident homeowners who filed their homestead late this year, as this year marked a change from a one-time filing requirement back to a yearly requirement. Six homeowners were charged the penalty. The Clerk stated that the Selectmen have the ability to waive the penalty. Larry Bills agreed to waive the penalty for the current year. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

**Town Hall:** The Selectmen agreed to allow the Marcucci family to use the Town Hall on the weekend of August 31 / Sept 1.

**Littering Ordinance:** The Clerk presented a revised Traffic Control Ordinance that includes a fine for littering along the town roadways. Al Dupell asked the Clerk to check with VLCT to ensure that this is sufficient to allow the Town to keep any fines collected.

**Minutes:** Greg Marcucci moved to accept the Selectmen's minutes of July 8, 2013. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

**Adjourn:** Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:45p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*