

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
November 9, 2015**

Present: Selectmen: Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib, Clerk – Kent Young and David Francombe – District Ranger for Green Mountain National Forest.

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

Modifications to the Agenda: The Clerk relayed that Bob Spencer of WSWMD was unable to attend due to an emergency budget meeting. He will try to attend the next meeting.

National Forest Issues: David Francombe, District Ranger for the Green Mountain National Forest attended the meeting to introduce himself and to discuss issues and plans within the National Forest within Stratton and the area. He summarized the repairs to the Kelley Stand Parking lot, some of which should be accomplished this week to make it usable during the coming winter. He said it is scheduled to be paved next spring or summer. The Road Crew asked that they be informed, as they would like to point out areas within that lot that make it difficult to plow. Mr. Francombe agreed. He also discussed changes to the trails within Stratton, specifically around Stratton Pond and at Grout Pond. The Clerk recommended that the district consider keeping a caretaker at Grout Pond, as previously done, due to occasional vandalism problems there. Mr. Francombe could not commit to that. The Selectmen and Mr. Francombe also discussed scheduled burns and logging within the forest. Such activities are noticed on their website. With no further discussion, Mr. Francombe left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Culverts – Ralph Staib said he would call Fitzpatrick Excavating about the removal of old Kidder Brook culverts. **Kidder Brook Culvert:** The Clerk informed the Selectmen that FEMA will come to inspect the culvert on November 30 or December 1, as this step is required for the final closeout of this project. We were awarded the funds in advance; however, the State is still attempting to get full funding for this project and this particular project had not yet been closed out. **Loader Plow:** Ralph Staib stated that it has been ordered and should be ready later this week. **Town Sign:** The Road Crew installed the columns. The Clerk said that the sign should be ready in a couple of weeks. Mr. Farley said he would forward information concerning the brackets and Chris Liller said he will get Record Concrete to drill the columns as necessary, so he asked that the Clerk get the diameter of the holes to be drilled in the columns. **ATV Sale:** There has been no update regarding the sale of the ATV to Mt. Snow. A bill of sale was sent to them for approval. **Burn Permits:** Kevin Robinson provided further instructions concerning issuance of Burn Permits. He will have the State include the Clerk and Chris Liller on their distribution list for emails which detail Burning conditions and advisories. **Rec. Area Building Alarm:** Chris Liller stated that this remote alarm does not work properly, as it is easily activated due to any movement of the door. It had not been set, but activated recently, probably because of a low battery. He asked that this alarm be removed, as it is not worth the expense since it is not used. General discussion was in agreement. Greg Marcucci moved to have it removed. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Traffic Ordinance: The Clerk presented a suggestion for a revision to the Traffic Ordinance to increase the speed limit on Mountain Rd., in the vicinity of Kidder Brook. In review of the Statutes, and in discussion with VLCT, he learned that the Town must do a Traffic Study to change the speed limit, but it can be done by the Town without the services of a professional engineer. He has the forms necessary and the Windham County Sheriff's deputy has agreed to monitor traffic for the survey. The Clerk also noted that an increase to 50mph must be for a distance not less than 0.5 mile. He and Chris Liller thought a section 100 yards south of County Rd., running south to 0.6 miles south of County Rd., would adequately

cover the section of road in question. Greg Marcucci moved to pursue the Traffic Study. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen’s minutes of October 26, 2015. Kevin Robinson seconded the motion – all concurred and the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:05p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young