

# Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

January 14, 2013

**Members present:** Selectmen – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, and Greg Marcucci; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib, Transfer Station Attendant – Roger Schultz, Zoning Administrator – Allan Hicks and Clerk – Kent Young. Also, Property Managers - Stewart Underwood, Larry Wohler, Jim Ryan, Heidi Denyou and Bruce Podigan.

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

**Transfer Station:** Jim Ryan of Landscape Construction was present to discuss a report that his trucks were followed up from Rte. 30 in Winhall loaded with trash which proceeded to the Transfer Station and was unloaded there. He assured the Selectmen that he was not bringing trash in from other towns and that he does not have accounts in other towns. Ralph Staib confirmed that some bags were checked and they appeared to be from Stratton. The discussion continued with concerns about the new schedule and how it affects trash removal for Property Managers during Holiday periods. The Selectmen agreed to be flexible during holiday periods and requested that Property Managers, through the Resort, should call ahead if extra arrangements need to be made to dispose of trash. They can do so by calling the Town Office or the Town Garage in advance so that either the Road Crew or the Transfer Station Attendant can be present to provide access to the dumpsters. The Selectmen explained that they intend to negotiate with Stratton Corp., so that their facility can be enlarged, so that Property Managers can use it instead of the Town's facility. At 8:10pm, following this discussion, Roger Schultz, Allan Hicks, Stewart Underwood, Larry Wohler, Jim Ryan, Heidi Denyou and Bruce Podigan left the meeting.

**Road Crew:** The **Ford Pickup Truck** is still in the shop due to various scheduling problems at the dealership. Chris Liller said they had just agreed to lend the Town another truck until it is ready. Ralph Staib reported that he and the Clerk were working with the State / FEMA to get funding for the replacement of the **Old Forrester Rd. culvert** for Wardsboro Brook, which had washed out during Tropical Storm Irene. This culvert had been reinstalled to provide emergency access to properties across the brook, although it was damaged. It qualifies for an upgrade per FEMA standards. Ralph Staib also reported that Wayne Emery will provide **Grader training** for Chris Liller and Stuart Chapin in the spring. Ralph Staib reported that the **roof on the Cold Storage** building has been replaced.

**Town Garage Project:** All Seasons will have a contract for the Salt and Sand Shed prepared soon. Hopefully it will be ready by the next meeting. Chris Liller reported that the Garage roof is still a problem both with leakage and condensation. The Selectmen asked to have the architect come to a meeting to discuss the issue further – the Selectmen discussed installing ceiling fans and removing the existing insulation to have the ceiling insulation sprayed on – they will research this further as well. Chris Liller reported that Prue Electric has ordered surge protectors to install for the Garage door circuits to prevent the existing anomaly of doors opening when the generator starts after a power loss.

**ZBA Appointments:** Larry Bills moved to reappoint Greg Marcucci and Tom Montemagni to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for three-year terms. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

**Certificate of Highway Mileage:** Greg Marcucci moved to approve said certificate. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred and signed the paperwork.

**Town Meeting Warning:** The Selectmen reviewed and signed the Warning for the 2013 Town Meeting. The Clerk will hold it until 40 days before Town Meeting before posting.

**Town Hall Use:** The Selectmen agreed not to charge Boy Scout Troop #90 for using the Town Hall this past weekend. The Clerk agreed to return their checks.

**Brown Camp violation:** The Town Attorney informed the Clerk at the end of December that Ms. Brown intends to open the estate in Vermont and transfer the property by Quit Claim to the Town. No additional update on the status of this issue has been provided.

**Kidder Brook culvert replacement:** FEMA has approved the amended PW for this culvert replacement. Greg Marcucci moved and Chris Liller seconded to apply for a modification of this project. All concurred. Al Dupell signed the request. This will allow the Town to install an upgraded culvert, which will likely be required by ANR. If approved, then FEMA will allow the modification; however, any cost overruns above the approved amount will have to be paid by the State / Town. The Chair also signed a request for a time extension for completion of the project. The Clerk will forward the paperwork to Beck Eng., and the appropriate parties.

**Stratton Mountain Access Rd. Treetop repair:** Greg Marcucci moved to approved and Larry Bills seconded the agreement between the Town of Stratton and Stratton Corp., which is a release of indemnity for Stratton Corp. concerning this section of road. This is part of an agreement between the two parties for paving and repairs made in 2011 to the Stratton Mountain Access Rd. in the vicinity of the Treetops project. Stratton Corp. has agreed to pay \$38,000.00 to the Town as their share, provided this release is signed by the Town. All concurred and Al Dupell signed for the Town. The Clerk will forward the agreement to Stratton Corp.

**Minutes:** Chris Liller moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of December 17, 2012. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

**Rec. Area:** Chris Liller agreed to contact Green Mountain Power to determine if they will take over the street light at the Rec. Area. Currently the light has been out for a long time and it is difficult to change without a lift.

**Budget:** Ralph Staib presented estimates to replace Truck T2. The Selectmen agreed to have him and the treasurer decide on an amount to budget for this line item, based on the estimate and existing funds set aside for this purpose.

**Adjourn:** Chris Liller motioned to adjourn at 9:50p.m.. Greg Marcucci seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*