

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
April 11, 2016**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman - Ralph Staib; and Clerk – Kent Young (arrived at 8:00pm).

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

Modifications to the Agenda: No modifications.

Road Crew Issues: FLEET Permits: No FLEET Permits were received. **Traffic Accident:** VLCT-PACIF, the Town's insurer, sent their attorney's opinion that the Town should accept 100% liability for the traffic accident of Oct 27, 2015, involving a Stratton Town Vehicle driven by Ralph Staib. The Town will be responsible to cover the \$1000.00 deductible. Larry Bills so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. **Annual Highway Financial Plan:** VTrans readjusted said Financial Plan previously approved by the Selectmen and sent to VTrans. The Selectmen re-signed this document as adjusted and the Clerk will resubmit it to VTrans. **County Rd. Culvert Replacement:** The Selectmen discussed the option of bidding out said culvert. The Board concurred that the Road Crew could do the project themselves. Ralph Staib said that he is in the process of submitting a request to obtain a \$20,000.00 grant for this project. **Yearly Bids:** Bid requests have been submitted and properly posted and published. Bids will be considered at the April 25, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting.

Transfer Station: Ralph Staib recommended that the compactors should be scheduled for regular annual maintenance. The Selectmen concurred. Last week, the Zero-Sort compactor was repaired by Barney McCrae – Ralph Staib said he will have McCrae put the Town's compactors onto a regular service schedule. **Punch Tickets:** Al Dupell asked the Clerk to forward additional punch tickets to the Transfer Station attendant. The Clerk agreed. **Policy Change:** The Clerk said he would like to revise the Transfer Station Policy to include a charge for small quantities (16 gallons or less) at \$1.00 per bag or container (currently the charge is \$2.00 for all quantities up to 32 gallons). He said he will also revise the punch tickets to have \$1.00 punches and double the number of punches per ticket. The Selectmen concurred. The Clerk will update the policy and submit it to the Selectmen for approval at the next meeting.

Town Hall Generator replacement: The Selectmen reviewed quotes for replacement generators made by Generac and Kohler, submitted by Ward Electric and by Powers Guaranteed Generators. The Selectmen agreed to delay the decision to next meeting and asked Chris Liller to acquire a quote from Southworth Electric.

Town Hall and Town Office Propane Lines: W2D have scheduled to make said repairs on May 4, 2016.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes and the Liquor Control Board minutes for March 28, 2016. Kevin Robinson seconded the motion. All concurred - the minutes were approved.

Automatic Fire Alarm Regulations: The Selectmen reviewed a request from the Fire Dept. to send out a form letter to all known property owners in Stratton who have Private Automatic Fire Alarms to remind them of the regulation requirements and to update the required registration forms. The Selectmen concurred and Al Dupell signed the form letter. The Clerk will send out copies to those said property owners.

Renewable Energy Projects Siting Resolution: The Selectmen considered a request from the Rutland Selectmen to consider the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE INPUT OF VERMONT MUNICIPALITIES REGARDING THE SITING OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS IN CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has set aggressive goals for the development of renewable energy in Vermont.

WHEREAS, as a result of these aggressive goals the number of certificate of public good (CPG) applications before the Public Service Board (PSB) has increased substantially.

WHEREAS, at best, the current CPG process provided by 30 V.S.A. §248 affords a limited and ineffectual role for Vermont municipalities, municipal planning commissions, and town selectboards. Regardless of the content, scope, or impact on a proposed renewable energy project or a municipality's efforts to have a say in the project's siting, the §248 process and the legal analysis employed by the PSB enable the PSB to disregard and/or avoid the policies and standards of the very municipality in which the renewable energy project is to be located. By focusing on regional impacts, to the exclusion of local municipal impacts, the PSB routinely ignores the input and evidence offered by Vermont municipalities. As a result, the "due consideration" of municipal viewpoints required by 30 V.S.A. §248(b)(1) has become consideration in name only.

WHEREAS, it has become clear that legislative changes are needed to afford Vermont municipalities a greater say in the approval and siting of renewable energy projects. THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED by the undersigned Vermont municipalities, to instruct their state representatives and senators to develop amendments to the statutes that concern the siting and approval of renewable energy projects and to the procedures of the PSB in order to ensure that Vermont municipalities have a more meaningful role in the CPG process and to require compliance with appropriately-developed municipal siting standards.

Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Resolution. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred and the Resolution was approved.

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