

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
September 25, 2017**

Present: Selectmen: Chair - Al Dupell, Chris Liller and 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.

Modifications: No modifications were made.

Road Crew Issues: GMP Access Permit: The Selectmen reviewed an application for Green Mountain Power to install a line pole on Pike Hollow, opposite Cochrane's house. The Road Foreman had viewed the site and approved. Chris Liller moved to approve. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred and signed the permit. **Culverts:** Ralph Staib reported that the pavement saw has been repaired. The pavement on several culverts has been cut, in preparation for replacements which will continue tomorrow. He believes the last six on Strat.-Arl. Rd. will be replaced by the end of next week. **County Rd. repairs:** The Selectmen discussed with the road crew methods to make the repair to the wet section on County Rd., using either mesh or fabric. The Selectmen left the method to be used up to the Road Crew. **Security Systems:** George Wilson asked for a new security code to be used at the Town Garage. The Selectmen left that decision to the Road Foreman. **Salt Bids:** The Selectmen reviewed salt bids. Cargill offered \$69.48 per ton. American Rock Salt offered \$65.83 per ton. There was a question concerning the amounts available for those prices. Chris Liller moved to accept the bid of American Rock Salt at \$65.83 / ton, provided they can supply Stratton with the quantity needed this year. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. Ralph Staib will verify this before making the purchase. **Grout Pond Rd Plowing:** Chris Liller said that Otto Tarbell requested that the road be plowed again this coming winter, so he can continue logging. Chris Liller so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. **Kelley Stand Parking Lot:** Ralph Staib stated that the aprons on the Kelley Stand lot entrance and exit had not yet been paved as promised by the National Forest. He will pursue this further.

Rec. Area: The Selectmen discussed the recent vandalism at the Rec. Area. The gate to the ball field was damaged by someone to gain access to the field, at which time the field was vandalized. The Clerk stated that he has spoken with the deputy sheriff assigned to Stratton concerning this issue and they are investigating. Al Dupell said that he will look into a replacement for the gate.

Town Hall: The Wardsboro Snowmobile Club requested to use the Town Hall on October 28. Chris Liller moved to approve. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Chris Liller moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of September 11, 2017 (with the addition of Greg Marcucci as attending). Kevin Robinson seconded the motion. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

Available Property: Maureen Finley, an heir to the Estate of Alexander Smalley, had stated in a phone conversation that the Smalley lot on Stratton Pond, apparently cannot be used; therefore, she is refusing to pay taxes on it and may donate it to the Town. The Clerk said that his understanding of the situation is that the lot is above 2500 feet in elevation, which means it falls under Act 250 jurisdiction, meaning it probably cannot be developed, and it has no access to it through the surrounding National Forest. The Selectmen did not seem interested, but asked the Clerk to look into it. He will contact the Town Attorney for his recommendation.

Adjourn: Chris Liller motioned to adjourn at 8:00p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young