

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting**

July 22, 2014

Members present: Selectmen – Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Assistant Treasurer – Candie Bernard, Justice of the Peace – Helen Eddy; and Clerk - Kent Young.

Chris Liller called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Homestead Late-filing: Candie Bernard was present to discuss the requirement that the Selectmen set a penalty rate for late filers of the homestead with the Vermont Dept. of Taxes before the Property Tax bills can be printed. The office would like to resolve this so that tax bills can be printed and mailed out as soon as possible. Last year, the Selectmen had agreed to waive the penalty; however, this followed a year when the requirement for filing had changed. Yearly filing is now mandatory and the penalty can be set up to 8% for a Town, such as Stratton, where the Education tax rate is higher for residents than for non-residents. The difference in the rate is fairly high for Stratton. The Clerk stated that there are financial advantages for individuals who are residing in town not to file a homestead; therefore, a penalty should exist to prevent that from occurring – one example is to have children in school with tuition paid by Stratton. The Selectmen discussed a compromise and agreed to set it at 5%. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Chris Liller motioned to adjourn at 6:45p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young

Town Clerk