

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

June 13, 2016

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman - Ralph Staib; Luke Martell – stone mason; and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Modifications to the Agenda: No modifications were made.

Recreation Area: Luke Martell was present to discuss options for construction of a new fire pit beside the skating rink. The Selectmen agreed that it should be built on a pad – the Town will prepare and have the pad poured. The new structure will be a three-sided structure similar to the existing pit, with similar dimensions, but made of stone, with a fire-brick lining and a cap. The back side will be higher than the other two sides and the pit will allow for at least two levels for the rack / grill. The Town will purchase all materials. Mr. Martell will submit an estimate based on this discussion, and so at this time, he left the meeting. The Selectmen also briefly discussed locations for the pavilion and options for providing better access to power. Southworth Electrical can add outlets near the meter. The Selectmen also are considering adding receptacles near the ballfield.

Road Crew Issues: Paving: Fuller Sand and Gravel have finished paving the designated sections of the Strat.-Arl. Rd. and Brazers Way / the Access Rd., with exception of shoulder gravel. Fuller also milled the Town Hall parking lot and a small section of West Jamaica Rd., at the entrance to the parking lot. Ralph Staib said Fuller has scheduled to do the shoulder gravel this week. Fuller also scheduled to complete the Town Hall parking lot and entrance on Friday, June 17. Ralph Staib said he is unsure when the Town Garage area will be paved. **Strat.-Arl. Rd culverts:** The Selectmen considered scheduling the replacement of the 29 culverts on the Strat-Arl Rd., west of the West Jamaica Rd. intersection, out to Grout Pond Rd., which need to be replaced before that section of road is paved. Ralph Staib was unsure what money will be available this next fiscal year for this large project. The Selectmen agreed that instead of bidding out the entire project, the Road Crew may be able to do the work. They may be able to replace several culverts this summer. **Systemic Local Road Safety Program:** Ralph Staib and Chris Liller attended a site visit with Matt Mann of WRC and VTrans personnel to view and discuss the accident-prone sections of Mountain Rd. and Brazers Way. VTrans also collected traffic data on the road to help in their study. Once completed, this study will provide mitigation recommendations to the Town. The Selectmen may choose to implement these recommendations, which will be covered by a State Grant. **FEMA:** The Clerk said that the State intended to schedule a FEMA projects review for Tropical Storm Irene related projects. He questioned the need for this review, since the projects have long been completed. In discussion with the State, he learned that several of the projects had not been documented as complete. He asked Ralph Staib to review the projects so that the missing information can be documented and then forwarded to the State.

Sheriff's Dept. Contract: The Selectmen considered renewal of the Sheriff's Dept. contract for 2016 / 7 – no changes from the previous contract were noted. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. Al Dupell signed the contract. Ralph Staib stated that the Deputy Sheriff has been telling campers that they cannot camp at the Daniel Webster Monument. This is a one-acre town-owned lot. The Selectmen have allowed camping there in the past and will continue to do so. The Selectmen requested that the Clerk inform the Deputy Sheriff of their decision.

Windham Regional Commissioner: The Selectmen reviewed a recommendation from the Planning Commission to appoint Renee Mulkey as a Representative of Stratton to the Windham Regional Commission. Larry Bills so moved. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred. Al Dupell signed the appointment document.

Town Property Usage: The Selectmen agreed to allow bicyclists from the Vermont Challenge to use the Rec. Area parking lot and the Town Hall parking lot during an event scheduled for August 14 – if parking overflows to Old Town Rd., they may only park to one side. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred.

Meetinghouse and Schoolhouse Repair Status: Paul Bernard completed shoring up the floor of the Meetinghouse and he is currently reworking the stone around the foundation. Ron Chiodi is currently preparing the schoolhouse for painting and will then begin preparations to paint the interior of the Meetinghouse.

Salary Review: After a general discussion, the Selectmen agreed to increase salaries across the board by \$0.85 / hr. In addition to this increase, they also agreed to increase Alyson Marcucci’s salary by \$4.00 / hr. and Stuart Chapin’s salary by \$2.00 / hr.. Larry Bills so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen’s minutes for May 23, 2016. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Chris Liller motioned to adjourn at 8:55p.m.. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young