

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

August 26, 2013

Members present: Selectmen – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Greg Marcucci, 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.

Salt and Sand Shed: Construction continues – installation of the roof is in progress. The doors will be installed Sept. 10. The Selectmen agreed to order seven additional openers for the lower doors and they agreed to have installed a keypad on the back door. Fuller will return to pave the floor approximately the third week in September. The Selectmen also agreed to have the area behind and beside the cold storage building paved to the sand / salt shed and along the front of the sand / salt shed as well as over to the dumpsters – they will mark the lay out with paint.

Town Garage: Greg Marcucci reported that most of the heating system reconfiguration is complete. Quinn Co. had looked at the roof area where leakage had been noticed, and it appears that the seams may have separated enough to allow leakage – perhaps from the snow-load. Quinn Co. caulked the seams where the problem had been noticed. The Selectmen asked the road crew to inspect the entire roof to see if there is evidence that this happened in other places, perhaps causing the moisture problem in the insulation, and if so, to contact the architect and builder to get the problem resolved.

Road Crew Issues: FEMA projects: Penny Ave. Bridge: The Road Foreman stated that the Town has now received payment of \$502,814.46 from FEMA / VT, closing out this project. **Kidder Brook Bridge:** The Road Crew will spec out additional culverts that need to be replaced along Mountain Rd. to be accomplished at the same time the Kidder Brook culvert is being replaced next summer. That section of road will then need to be paved following those replacements. The Selectmen agreed to ensure that the road closure for the Kidder Brook culvert replacement project, which could be closed for a month, will occur in July / August next year before school starts and before the fall tourists arrive. The contract should include a penalty if the project is not completed before the end of August 2014. The contract should also include a requirement that the contractor shall manage the detour, which will be out the West Jamaica Rd. to Pikes Falls Rd.. **County Rd. Culvert:** The Road Crew will spec out the replacement of the County Rd. culvert near the Pikes Falls Rd. intersection. The stream permit has already been issued.

Health Care: The Clerk discussed the changeover with our insurance broker, Francis Setani, who has agreed to assist the Town in complying with the new health care laws.

Listers' 2012 Grand List Close-out: The Listers submitted a certificate which closes out the 2012 Grand List. Larry Bills moved to approve. Greg Marcucci seconded – all Selectmen concurred and signed the certificate, closing out the 2012 Grand List.

Town Hall: The Selectmen agreed to have this year's Town Holiday party on December 7 – they also agreed to allow the Montemagni family to use the Town Hall on December 14. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Traffic Ordinance: The Selectmen reviewed a revision to the Traffic Ordinance submitted by the Clerk. Larry Bills moved to approve this ordinance. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred and signed the Ordinance. The Clerk will post the new ordinance at designated posting sites, and on the Town website and he will publish a summary of it in the Brattleboro Reformer, as required by Statute. If no petition for a Town-wide vote is received, it will become effective on October 25, 2013.

Town Sign: The Selectmen agreed to have a sign designed before determining specifically where to place it on the Town Hall lawn.

Town Shelter: The Selectmen received additional information concerning the Red Cross managing the Town Hall as an emergency shelter, when necessary. Al Dupell recommended that this issue be presented to the Town at next year's Town meeting before committing to an agreement with the Red Cross – all concurred.

Private Road specifications: In addition to last meeting's determinations, the Clerk presented specifications used for building the private roads in the Bacherio subdivision approved a few years ago by the Town. These specifications included the installation of fabric under the road surface. Larry Bills recommended that fabric would be necessary only if recommended by an Engineer for wet areas. The board concurred. The Clerk will present this to the Planning Commission for inclusion in the Zoning Bylaw revision.

Minutes: Chris Liller moved to accept the Selectmen's minutes of August 12, 2013. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Chris Liller motioned to adjourn at 9:15p.m.. Larry Bills seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young