

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

June 9, 2014

Members present: Selectmen –Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib; and Mike Blais of Countryside Lock and Alarm.

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

Town Garage Projects: Garage Security System: Mike Blais of Countryside Lock and Alarm was present to discuss a security camera setup for the garage that will perform better for the needs of the town. The Selectmen reviewed recommendations for storage hardware that will store photos for an adequate time if an incident occurs and needs to be investigated, but goes undiscovered for several days. The Selectmen also reviewed the equipment necessary to monitor license plate numbers of all vehicles entering the premises. Lighting, distance and photo quality are necessary considerations for this ability. Following the discussion Mike Blais agreed to update the system design to match what the Selectmen want and send the Town a quote for the upgrade. At this time Mr. Blais left the meeting. **Garage Roof:** Chris Liller said that he is awaiting the report concerning the roof inspection. **Cold Storage Bldg Painting:** The Selectmen asked for Ron Chiodi to submit a quote for painting this building, as he has shown an interest to do so. Chris Liller will follow up on this.

Road Crew Issues: Culvert Replacements: Ralph Staib discussed the plans for the small culvert replacements on Mountain Rd., in the vicinity of Kidder Brook. The large deep culvert is in acceptable shape and can remain in place. Three culverts should be replaced this year. The two smallest culverts can be replaced by the Town and one larger culvert can be replaced perhaps by Weaver Excavating, when they are here to install the Kidder Brook culvert. Ralph Staib also plans to replace the 66' long culvert on the Access Rd. in front of the Resort's Maintenance Bldg.. He also discussed replacement of another on Brazers Way in front of Stratton Mountain School, which will likely be done next year. **Paving / Milling Stratton Mountain Access Rd.:** Bill Nupp requested that the town attempt to coordinate this project around an event scheduled for June 19 - 22. The Selectmen agreed to work around these dates. **CaCl₂:** Ralph Staib reported that Chloride was delivered today. **New Truck:** The Selectmen agreed to allow for payment of the new truck when it arrives. They asked that an order be drawn up and three Selectmen or more will come in to sign for it, once the truck is ready.

Health Officer: The Selectmen considered the three-year appointment of the Health Officer. Larry Bills moved to re-appoint Ray Hawksley. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. Al Dupell completed the paperwork.

Police Coverage: In accordance with the discussion at last meeting, Al Dupell signed the 2014/15 contract for police coverage by the Windham County Sheriff's Dept..

WRC Contract Extension: The Selectmen reviewed a contract extension between the Planning Commission and the Windham Regional Commission to continue revision of the Town Plan and Town Zoning out to the end of 2014. Larry Bills moved to approve. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred. Al Dupell signed the contract.

Meetinghouse Repairs: The Selectmen reviewed a proposal by Brattleboro Roofing for the replacement of the roof on the Meetinghouse and its steeple. The Selectmen asked for clarification on hiring a man-lift as discussed in the proposal and also questioned having a metal roof on that building since it would cause a problem with snow sliding off into the road. The Clerk agreed to get a quote for shingles and clarification on the lift. The Selectmen also questioned the need for a carpenter and the Clerk replied that some of the siding and the trim will need to be replaced. Brattleboro Roofing wanted the Town to contract that separately. Chris Liller recommended getting a quote from a company that performed all

aspects of the project. The Clerk agreed to look into this further. He will also get a quote from Ron Chiodi concerning painting the doors on the meetinghouse.

Bookkeeper: During this time, while the Town's Treasurer is away, the Selectmen considered hiring a temporary bookkeeper who is familiar with the town's finances, procedures and programs. Terri Garland had offered her services. Chris Liller moved to hire Terri Garland as a temporary worker at \$22.50/hr. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred.

Salary Review: The Selectmen considered and agreed to increase employee salaries as follows: Kent Young at \$27.40/hr; Patricia Coolidge at \$23.42/hr; Laura Hawksley at \$27.40/hr; Candie Bernard at \$23.40/hr; Ralph Staib at \$27.40/hr; Chris Liller at \$23.42/hr; Stuart Chapin at \$20.10/hr; Roger Schultz (or others performing duties of the Refuse Attendant) at \$17.46/hr; Joan Liller, Auditor Chair at \$21.37/hr; Auditors at \$18.81/hr; Appointed Elections Officials at \$18.81/hr; Board Clerks (Jenna Pugliese for PC, ZBA clerk or School Clerk) at \$17.11/hr; Town Constable at \$18.81/hr. Larry Bills so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

Stratton Corp. Bike Path Grant: The Clerk informed the Selectmen that Stratton Corp. had received a match grant of \$20,000.00 from the State for construction of a section of bike path at the resort. The Selectmen had agreed to sponsor this last year, but the project was not awarded the grant until this year. This will require the monies for this project from both the State and the Resort to pass through the Town as the Grant sponsor. The Town will also be responsible to organize the bid award for the project. Patti Komline has agreed to work this project on behalf of the Resort and the Clerk will coordinate for the Town. The Selectmen concurred.

Propane purchases: The Selectmen reviewed a renewal request from the Fuel Club. The current rate offered for the coming year through Suburban Propane is \$0.78 per gallon above the wholesale price, since the town uses over 1001 gallons per year. Greg Marcucci recommended that the Town review pricing from the Propane Dover Co-op organized by Jim McDevitt. The Clerk agreed to provide information to the board for their consideration at the next meeting.

Meeting Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the minutes of May 26, 2014 and June 4, 2014. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 9:40p.m.. Chris Liller seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young

Town Clerk