

# Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

August 27, 2012

**Members present:** Selectmen – Larry Bills, and Kevin Robinson (Al Dupell arrived at 8:00pm); Road Foreman – Ralph Staib, Clerk – Kent Young; also Steve Goldfarb and Linda Anelli.

Larry Bills called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.. Orders were reviewed and signed.

**RT 100 By-Way:** Linda Anelli and Steve Goldfarb discussed a proposal for Stratton to join with other towns along the Rt 100 corridor to become part of the southern Rt 100 Scenic By-way, with Whitingham, Wilmington, Dover, Wardsboro and Jamaica. Although Stratton only has about a mile stretch of Rt 100 with little development along it, it would still benefit the town's tourism by putting the town on the By-way map. There is no financial obligation, unless the town wishes to purchase by-way signage to be placed along the road, and there is no stipulation on the Town's zoning requirements – no loss of local control. At this time, Linda Anelli left the meeting. Al Dupell arrived at 8:00pm to satisfy a quorum and he was briefed on the discussion. The Selectmen agreed to join the Rt. 100 Scenic Byway group for the five-year period and appointed Steve Goldfarb as Stratton's Steering Committee member. The Clerk agreed to produce a Letter of Support from the Town to be submitted to the Windham Regional Commission, which is managing the project. There will be an annual Byway Summit in Manchester, VT on September 13. At this time, Steve Goldfarb left the meeting.

**Transfer Station:** The Selectmen reviewed the notice, prepared by the Clerk, to be submitted to residents informing the Town's residents of changes to the Transfer Station's schedule, which will begin on Saturday, **October 6**. The Road Foreman will have signage made up for the Transfer Station and the Clerk will mail out the notice to residents (owners of houses within town) and property managers, as soon as possible. The new schedule for the Transfer Station will be: Open Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00am to 5:00pm. All users must show a "REFUSE PERMIT." Ralph Staib said that he had spoken with someone from Springfield Fence and they will send along a service agreement contract for the Selectmen to consider. They indicated that a locksmith can change the locks on the gate. Ralph Staib also said that there is now a container for metal. The metal pile has not yet been removed completely. The Selectmen also reviewed "The Vermont Lamp Recycling Program Municipal Participation Agreement" for lamps containing mercury. The Selectmen concurred to participate. Al Dupell signed the agreement. The Clerk will complete the paperwork and send it along. This will allow the town to order the appropriate recycling containers for fluorescent lamps needed for pickup for proper disposal.

**Road Crew projects:** Ralph Staib said that he has ordered culverts for replacements and currently they are working to replace a culvert on North Rd. They will also replace one on Mountain Rd. between Sunbowl Rd. and County Rd., and will direct traffic around on County Rd.. The Selectmen agreed to have the roof repaired on the old garage building. They agreed to look at the need for a paved apron in front of the new garage. They agreed to hold the September 10 meeting at the Town Garage. The Clerk will warn the meeting for there. The Clerk relayed that Ellen Giunta asked about guardrails at the bottom of County Rd. at the culvert. The Selectmen discussed that the culvert is short and the road is too narrow there for guardrails, so they will look into lengthening the culvert so that guardrails can be installed.

**Sovernet Work in Town Right of Way:** The Selectmen reviewed a Work in Right of Way application from Sovernet to bury cable along Brazers Way and Stratton Mountain Access Rd.. The Selectmen concurred and signed the permit application and approved the job description.

**Salt / Sand Shed:** Engineering for the additional changes to the site have not yet been submitted – the Selectmen agreed to postpone the bid acceptance to the next meeting.

**Penny Ave Bridge Project:** The project is underway and schedule to be completed by Sept 29.

**Mountain Rd. / Kidder Brook Bridge:** No response from FEMA concerning decisions on the town or state appeals against the initial FEMA work package approval for this project have been received by the Town.

**Town Garage Project:** Quinn Co. will be submitting a request for final payment for their work on the Town Garage and will make arrangements to check for moisture in the insulation. Fitzpatrick still has not returned to fix the septic tank problem. The emergency generator / automatic door operators fault has not yet been addressed and the pole for the security camera has not yet been installed.

**Town Hall Cooking Range:** The Selectmen reviewed various examples of ranges for the Town Hall kitchen. Professional series ranges were not options because they require clearances from walls and counters while residential ranges do not. The Selectmen agreed to have the Town Clerk order two units - preferably one double oven unit and a standard range. The Clerk agreed.

**Listers' Error and Omissions:** The Selectmen reviewed a stipulation submitted by the Listers to increase assessments on Mountain Cable Co. (9900010) from \$244,398.00 to \$424,300.00 and on Green Mountain Power (9900012) from \$54,500.00 to \$76,200.00. The Selectmen concurred and all signed the stipulation.

**Minutes:** Kevin Robinson moved to approve minutes of August 13 with a correction to remove "at the Town Garage" from the statement that "the meeting was called to order at the Town Garage." Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

**Adjourn:** Larry Bills motioned to adjourn at 10:15p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*