

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
January 11, 2016**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell - Chair, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib, and Clerk – Kent Young; Wilbur Rice and Berta Maginniss representing the Manchester and the Mountains Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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

Modifications to the Agenda: No modifications were made.

Road Crew Issues: Guardrail Request: The Selectmen discussed a request from the Schock family of 500 W. Jamaica Rd., to reinstall guardrails which previously had been in place near their home, along the brook. The Selectmen nor the Road Foreman knew of any guardrails that had previously existed there that had not been replaced. The Clerk agreed to get clarification from the Schocks. **Town Sign:** The Clerk said that Mr. Farley has scheduled to install the sign on Wednesday (January 13, 2016). **Act 64 Informational Hearing:** Ralph Staib and Kent Young had attended an informational Meeting regarding Act 64, new legislation that will require the Town to develop a general permit to work on Town Roads. It will require towns to create a plan to upgrade sections of roads that may cause excessive pollution, erosion or silting of streams. There also will be a fee to the Town of approx. \$2000.00 per year. The Clerk also acquired information from the WRC to convert our culvert program into their program, with no major expense involved. **Highway Budget:** The Selectmen asked the Foreman to ensure that necessary funds available in the Paving line item be used toward guardrails before the end of this fiscal year if possible. **Certificate of Highway Mileage:** Greg Marcucci moved to approve with no changes. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred and signed the certificate. The Clerk will forward it to VTrans for their approval.

Zoning Regulations: The Selectmen accepted the Zoning Regulations (2016) and Report from the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission had held its Public Hearing on this proposed document on January 6, 2016 and then voted to forward it to the Selectmen for adoption. The Selectmen agreed to schedule the Legislative Public Hearing for said regulations for Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:30pm. Greg Marcucci so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred. The Clerk agreed to post and warn the hearing appropriately.

Transfer Station: Chris Liller said that signage to better mark the Single-stream dumpster should be ready next week. Currently, the single-stream dumpster is being used for cardboard and containers, as the WSWMD recycling containers for those recyclables are full. The Clerk called to have them removed last week. Once the WSWMD paper container is full, it too will be removed and the transition will be complete. Ralph Staib said that he is disposing of all old paint containers collected at the Transfer Station. He will be taking the oil-based paints to WSWMD, and he is disposing of the latex-based paints appropriately. The Selectmen also agreed to start charging for fluorescent bulbs, since the town must pay to dispose of them. The Clerk will inform the Transfer Station Attendant.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of December 28, 2015. Chris Liller seconded the motion – all concurred and the minutes were approved.

Manchester and the Mountains Chamber of Commerce: Wilbur Rice and Berta Maginniss arrived at 8:10pm to present a request from said organization for an appropriation consistent with other towns in the region. This appropriation will be put toward stimulating economic growth in the region, especially aimed at promoting year-round tourism. Mr. Rice suggested that Stratton's proportional share should be \$5100.00, based on grand lists / populations and business incomes in the region. The Selectmen agreed to

have this amount added to the article concerning appropriations in the Town Meeting Warning, so that it may be voted on at the March 1, 2016 Town Meeting. At this time, Wilbur Rice and Berta Maginniss left the meeting.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:25p.m.. Chris Liller seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young