

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
September 12, 2016**

Present: Selectmen: Larry Bills, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Ralph Staib – Road Foreman; and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Modifications to the Agenda: No Modifications.

Road Crew Issues: Paving Grant: The Selectmen reviewed the Paving Grant Agreement with VTrans for an amount of \$59,674.30. Larry Bills signed the paperwork. Ralph Staib will send it to VTrans. **Mountain Road / Brazers Way:** Ralph Staib presented the findings of the Systemic Local Road Safety Program for signage on Mountain Rd. and Brazers Way. After some discussion, the Selectmen agreed with the recommendations. Larry Bills signed the document and the Clerk will forward it to VTrans. This is a Grant Program, whereby the State will implement and complete the project, with no cost to the Town. **Road Sweeper:** The Town's sweeper is not equipped to be attached to our new equipment. After some discussion, the Selectmen asked the Foreman to look into possible modifications that would allow it to be attached to the Loader, also to get quotes for a new broom. Ralph Staib agreed to do so. **Plate Compactor:** Ralph Staib reported that per the Selectmen's decision, he had pursued replacement of the motor, but then learned that there are additional costs, as follows: a new motor was quoted at \$575.00, but this did not include other required replacement parts totaling about \$310.00. He said that a new Plate Compactor was quoted by R. I. Baker Co., Inc., at \$1708.00, but with a trade-in value of the old machine at \$300.00, the cost would only be about \$1400.00. He recommended purchasing a new machine. Kevin Robinson moved to purchase a new Plate Compactor for said quote, with the trade-in. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. **County Rd.:** Ralph Staib said that there is low-lying spot in the road uphill from the Underwood's home that needs to be repaired. The Selectmen concurred. **Stratton-Arlington Rd.:** The Selectmen considered a complaint about parking at the Long Trail trail head, as hikers have been parking along both sides of the road, when the lot is full. After some discussion, the Selectmen asked the Clerk to contact the National Forest's District Ranger to discuss work on the parking lots in that area. They also recommended putting up "No Parking" signage along one side of the road (There is no parking along the road at all during winter months).

Rescue Services: The Clerk stated that the Rescue Services Meeting has been scheduled for the September 26 Selectmen's meeting, here at 7:30pm. The Selectmen reviewed an email from Seth Boyd of the Carlos Otis Stratton Mountain Clinic requesting to postpone the meeting until after Sept 29, when their EMS Chief, Johnna Gould will return from vacation. The Selectmen decided to keep the meeting as scheduled and asked the Clerk to invite Seth Boyd.

Security Systems Issues: Kevin Southworth of Southworth Electrical will attend the next meeting to discuss taking over the Security Systems for the Town.

Town Projects: The Clerk has not yet received an estimate from Paul Bernard concerning the stone-lined flower box under the Town sign or for the Fire Pit at the Rec. Area. Mr. Bernard continues the work of replenishing the stone foundation of the meetinghouse and will build an access as well. **Town Hall:** Greg Marcucci reported that W2D is scheduled to replace the gas lines in the Town Hall in the coming week.

Auditors: The Selectmen considered a letter of resignation as auditor, submitted by Joann Liller. Greg Marcucci moved to accept it. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. The Clerk agreed to post the position as required.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes for August 22, 2016. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred - the minutes were approved.

Town Hall Use: Sian Read requested use of the Town Hall on November 18, 2016. Greg Marcucci moved to approve the request. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Kevin Robinson motioned to adjourn at 8:25p.m.. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young