

# Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

March 23, 2015

**Members present:** Selectmen: Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib; Clerk – Kent Young. Roger Schultz – Transfer Station Attendant and Jeff Cavagnino representing Stratton Corp..

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

**Agenda Modifications:** The Board reviewed additions to the agenda and agreed to modify it to include a discussion of Transfer Station operating policies. Larry Bills so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

**Transfer Station Variable Rate Pricing:** Kent Young explained the implementation of this legislation. The State has placed the implementation onto the district. Since Stratton is within the Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD), we the Town will be required to follow the WSWMD's Ordinance regarding this issue. WSWMD will manage the permitting process for Haulers / Property Managers who dispose of their clients' household refuse. WSWMD has approved this Ordinance. Towns have three responsibilities associated with this Ordinance – 1) Towns will be required to provide the District with a Variable Rate Schedule Policy (detailing pricing for the collection of non-recyclable waste); 2) The Town must show evidence that the Town's pricing will sufficiently cover the cost of disposal; and 3) The Town must ensure that all Haulers / Property Managers using the Town's Transfer Station have valid WSWMD stickers on their vehicles. In preparation for this Ordinance, which will take effect July 1, 2015, the Clerk provided a draft variable cost schedule and a draft letter addressed to WSWMD, which shows the cost per volume that Stratton currently pays to Casella Waste Management for disposal of the Town's refuse. The Clerk also provided a draft punch card, which can be sold from the Town Office, as this was recommended at Town Meeting with considerable support. He recommended that the charge for standard bags / 32-gallon containers be \$2.00 and that other items should be priced in increments of \$2.00, so that each punch equals two dollars; therefore, the punch cards can be used to pay for all items. He recommended that valid punch cards should be endorsed with the raised Town Seal. Another recommendation was that this price should be set only for residents / users who have a Stratton Transfer Station Pass (Permit) – these permits are currently required to use the Stratton Transfer Station. Those who do not have a pass will be charged double those rates, as this will dissuade non-resident / non-property owners' usage, but it will not necessarily exclude those individuals from disposing of their trash. Jeff Cavagnino said that Stratton Corp. is considering their options for disposing of their refuse independently. They will need to provide an evidentiary letter to WSWMD and also get the required permit from WSWMD to do so, as will other haulers at the resort, as it will likely be cheaper to hire their own waste management services than to use the Stratton Transfer Station. In conclusion, the Selectmen will look over the draft schedule and letter and continue the discussion at the next meeting. At this time Roger Schultz and Jeff Cavagnino left the meeting.

**Road Crew Issues: Garage Roof:** Chris Liller stated that he had discussed the continuing leakage and condensation problems with Greg Keubrich of the American Building Co.. Mr. Keubrich seemed dismissive of ABC's responsibility for the problem. Last week, Chris Liller sent an email request that ABC provide a written response to the Town's previous letter to ABC. There has not yet been a reply. The Selectmen concurred that it was time to discuss this matter with the Town Attorney for future guidance. **FLEET Permit:** The Selectmen considered and approved excess weight permits for 1) United Natural Foods, Inc. 2) Curtis Lumber Co. 3) GW Tatro Const. 4) Barrett Trucking Co. 5) Lawrence White Const. 6) Camp Precast Concrete Products, Inc.. Al Dupell signed the permits. **Rt. 100 conditions:** The Selectmen reviewed a joint letter to be submitted to VTrans by the Selectmen of Dover and Stratton, concerning the poor conditions of Rt. 100 through Wilmington, Dover and Stratton this winter. The Clerk had coordinated this effort with the Dover Town Administrator. The Dover Selectmen have already signed it. The Selectmen concurred with the letter. Larry Bills moved to have the Chair sign it. Chris Liller seconded all agreed and Al Dupell signed the letter. **County Rd. Culvert replacement:** Ralph

Staib said that he had forwarded information to ANR which should help expedite approval of the Stream Permit for this project. **Annual Financial Plan – Town Highways:** The Selectmen reviewed and approved the Annual Financial Plan for the Highway Dept., which was presented by Ralph Staib. All signed the plan.

**Town Hall reservation:** Larry Bills requested use of the Town Hall on May 9, 2015. Greg Marcucci had plans for this same time, but agreed to reserve it later (May 16, 2015). Chris Liller so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

**Schedule for Yearly Bids:** The Clerk suggested that the Selectmen coordinate the May meetings, as not only will Yearly Bids be considered, but the Planning Commission is requesting a joint meeting to discuss the Zoning Revision. Following the discussion, the Selectmen agreed to schedule the joint meeting with the Planning Commission for May 11, 2015 and to move the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of May from Memorial Day, May 25, to Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at which time the Yearly bids can be considered.

**Winhall Mitigation Plan:** Upon request of the WRC, the Selectmen reviewed the proposed mitigation plan for Winhall and had no comments.

**Minutes:** Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen’s minutes of March 9, 2015. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred.

**Adjourn:** Larry Bills motioned to adjourn at 8:40p.m.. Chris Liller seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*