

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
December 23, 2013**

Members present: Selectmen – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci, and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib, Jess Rizzo of Beck Engineering and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Kidder Brook Culvert – Jess Rizzo of Beck Engineering reviewed acquired bids of culvert structures with the Selectmen. The following bids were submitted:

- 1) White Mountain Precast (Michie): 20' span rigid frame bridge with engineering of structure, precast footings, wingwall footings, wingwalls, headwalls and field assistance - \$112,421.00.
- 2) Contech: 20' 3" Aluminum box culvert with engineering of structure, precast footings, wingwall footings, and field assistance - \$110,552.00.
- 3) Contech: 21' concrete arch bridge with engineering of structure, precast footings, wingwall footings, wingwalls, headwalls and field assistance - \$166,252.00.
- 4) Lane: 22' span Aluminum Arch with engineering of structure, precast footings, wingwall footings, and field assistance - \$101,452.00.
- 5) Lane: 22' span galvanized steel plate arch with engineering of structure, precast footings, wingwall footings, wingwalls, headwalls and field assistance - \$92,464.00.
- 6) Atlantic Industries: 20' span galvanized steel plate arch with engineering of structure, precast footings, wingwall footings, wingwalls, headwalls and field assistance - \$122,889.00.

After consideration of the various types of structures and costs, Larry Bills moved to accept the bid of White Mountain Precast for \$112,421.00. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. Beck Engineering will handle all aspects of managing the project, including obtaining State and Federal permits, as soon as possible, so that the project can be completed by the September deadline. At this time, Jess Rizzo left the meeting

Town Budget: The Selectmen continued work and completed the 2014/5 Town Budget.

Road Crew Issues: Town Trucks: Ralph Staib explained the breakdown of T3 last week, which has since been repaired, and that his Truck (T1) needs to back to Osgood Welding to repair a problem with the plow. He also will have bids for replacing T3 available for consideration at the next meeting. **Penny Ave.:** As soon as the weather cooperates, the Selectmen agreed to use Bills Excavating to work with the Road Crew to cut back trees along Penny Ave.. Applicable property owners were notified and responses have been received directing the Town on how to dispose of the trees. **Town Garage Roof** – Chris Liller stated that with the thaw and rain, the roof continues to leak.

Delinquent Taxes: The Delinquent Tax Collector requested permission from the Selectmen to proceed with tax sales of four properties delinquent in paying their 2012 taxes. Larry Bills so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded - all concurred.

Planning Secretary pay: The Clerk asked permission for the Planning Secretary, Jenna Pugliese, who currently is paid hourly for Planning meetings, to be paid the standard rate per meeting as other Town Officers are paid, beginning with the new year. The Selectmen concurred.

Health Care: Kent Young asked if it would be acceptable for the Town to continue using HSAs instead of switching to the HRA plan until next December, when the Town will be required to enter the Health Exchange. The Selectmen concurred.

Town Hall Use: Robert Thrasher requested use of the Town Hall for January 10 to 12, 2014 for Boy Scout Troop 90, as they had used the hall last year. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Chris Liller moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of December 9, 2013. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:45p.m.. Larry Bills seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*