

# Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

March 13, 2017

**Present:** Selectmen: Al Dupell - Chair, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib; resident – Robert Giunta; Stratton Corp. Representative – Jeff Cavagnino and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

**Modifications to the Agenda:** The Clerk asked that the following issues be added to the agenda: 1) Discussion of County Rd. improvements, 2) consider approval of Town Meeting Minutes and Selectmen's Organizational Meeting minutes, and 3) consider Treasurer's request to purchase an EZ Deposit Scanner. Larry Bills moved to add these items to the agenda. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred.

**County Rd.:** Robert Giunta was present to discuss problems with County Rd. when the road thaws (mud season). He stated that his wife recently had a skiing accident and is housebound; therefore, she is currently getting medical and therapeutic assistance at home. He said there have been complaints from these people about the road. He asked that the Selectmen do something to improve the road and quoted from the statutes concerning the accessibility of Class 3 roads. Several of the Selectmen and the Road Foreman were adamant that they do a good job of maintaining the road and that mud season creates difficulties on all dirt roads in this town, as well as all of Vermont. Al Dupell stated that the Selectmen do not intend to pave this road. The discussion then turned to adding stone and minimizing traffic. Chris Liller stated that the Road Crew recently purchased No Thru Traffic signage for this road to help minimize its use – unnecessary traffic makes muddy conditions worse. He hopes the new signs will discourage its use. He also said that they do intend to add stone to the road, in areas that are bad - they've not yet done that on County Rd.. Ralph Staib thought that the road was still good, as opposed to others in town as well as roads in other towns. Larry Bills explained the problem of adding too much stone during the winter, as it makes it dangerous to drive on when it is dry during the summer months. Chris Liller said there are some places he can add stone on that road, and will do so in the coming weeks, when the weather warrants it. In conclusion, Mr. Giunta asked why the Selectmen are so opposed to paving the road. Al Dupell replied that it will cost too much. The Road Foreman estimated at about \$400,000.00 just to put down the pavement, while preparations of the road prior to that would be three or four times that. Following the discussion, Mr. Giunta left the meeting.

**Stratton Resort Special Event:** Jeff Cavagnino of Stratton Corp. presented plans for a special event to be held at the resort on April 7 and 8, called the Minus Zero Festival. He stated that the State Commercial Public Assembly Permit required approval from the Town. Mr. Cavagnino reviewed the public safety plans prepared by the Resort and the Winhall Police Dept. with the Selectmen. Following the review, Larry Bills moved to approve the event. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and Al Dupell signed the Town letter stating so.

**Transfer Station:** The Selectmen reviewed an agreement prepared by *Complete Recycling Solutions, LLC* for disposal of various hazardous wastes, including fluorescent bulbs. The Selectmen agreed to use their services. Al Dupell signed the agreement.

**FLEET Permits:** The Selectmen reviewed the following FLEET permit applications: Barrett Trucking Co., Inc., United Natural Foods, Inc., and Lawrence White Construction. Larry Bills moved to approve. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. Al Dupell signed the permits.

**WRC Commissioner Appointment:** Chris Liller moved to re-appoint Renee Mulkey as Stratton's WRC Commissioner. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred and Al Dupell signed the certificate.

**Minutes:** Chris Liller moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes for February 27, 2017 and the Organizational Meeting of March 7, 2017. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

**Town Meeting Minutes:** The Selectmen reviewed and approved the minutes of the March 7, 2017 Town Meeting. All signed the minutes.

**EZ Deposit Scanner:** The Selectmen reviewed a request from the Treasurer to purchase said scanner so that incoming checks can be deposited from the office. The cost of the item will be about \$720.00. Chris Liller so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

**Adjourn:** Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:20p.m.. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*