

**Rutland Town Select Board**  
**Highway Committee Meeting**

**11-9-15**

The meeting came to order at 4:15 at 11-9-15. Present were Select Board members Mary Ashcroft and John Paul Faignant and Road Commissioner Byron Hathaway.

1. **Stantec Change Order:** Byron presented a chart showing figures from Stantec concerning services requested in connection with the new highway garage. He explained that the first two items—engineering for construction general permit and storm water ponds—were costs incurred and paid for to get permits in place before the town’s vote on the garage project in August. These two prepaid items cost \$9,615.90. The items that were included in the highway garage estimates for Stantec were \$24,200 for inspections and certifications, and now an additional \$10,200 for the enhanced water line and water supply permit related to adding the sprinkler system.

The Highway Committee agreed to recommend to the Select Board that that the town contract with Stantec for this additional \$10,200.

2. **Fences in Right of Way:** Byron discussed a property on Karen Drive where the fence is clearly in the highway right of way. He will send a letter to the landowner pointing this out and letting him know that the town will not be responsible for repairs to the fence. There is also an iron pole in front of the fence which could present a hazard to the plow driver. Byron will include a reminder in his next Circle article about removal of obstacles in the right of way to avoid damage from plowing.

3. **Winter Plowing:** Byron noted that Quirk Brothers would not be doing winter plowing this year due to the illness and recent of death of John Quirk. Byron had contacted three contractors he knew to find out if they were interested in taking over some routes. Two did not get back to him, and one declined due to family obligations. Byron said that his son BJ then expressed some interest in doing winter plowing for the Town. The Highway Committee agreed to raise this with the full Select Board.

4. **Highway Garage:** Byron reported that one retention pond has had its liner installed, and the other will be done tomorrow. He believes the footings for the building will be going in this week.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Ashcroft, Select Board Member