

APPROVED

**TOWN OF STRATTON
SCHOOL BOARD
MARCH 2, 2017
ACT 46 INFORMATIONAL MEETING
MINUTES**

The Stratton School Board held an informational meeting regarding Act 46 at the Stratton Town Hall on March 2, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

ATTENDING: School Board Members Thomas Montemagni, Siobhan Eddy Young, Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell, WCSU Superintendent, William Anton, Stratton Town Clerk, Kent Young, Alyson Marcucci, Act 46 Study Committee members Stacie Chiodi and Melissa Walker, town residents John Wadsworth, Nancy Ferrucci, Candie Bernard, Sherry & Mike Nowicki, Greg Marcucci, Boomer Walker, Lisa Hughes and Nick Squire.

DISCUSSION

School Board Chairman Thomas Montemagni reviewed the process that Stratton's Board has addressed over the past year regarding Act 46. He stated the various directions Stratton has investigated in regards to joining other districts such as Winhall, Sandgate and Ira as well as others to form RED.

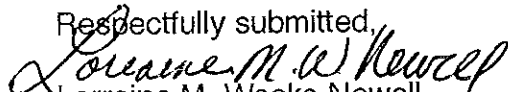
The Board shared discussions they have had with the study committee and William Anton regarding the possibility of Stratton becoming a "stand alone" or independent district. Act 46 Consultant, John Everett, has spoken with the Board and Study Committee regarding this strategy. He will contact the Board after gathering information which may be helpful in this decision.

Also discussed was Article #10 in the Warning for the Annual School District Meeting on 3/7/2017. The article, to be voted on, asks the Towns authorization to apply to the VT State Board of Education its approval to change supervisory unions from the Windham Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) to the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU). Burr & Burton Academy and The Mountain School at Winhall are schools districts in the BRSU. Both schools educate the majority of Stratton's students.

Finally, questions were asked of the Board concerning school choice. Study Committee members Stacie Chiodi and Melissa Walker, parents of children attending the Mountain School, stated to the group the importance of maintaining this option.

As there was no other discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell