

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
November 13, 2017**

Present: Selectmen: Chair - Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib; Treasurer – Alyson Marcucci; Rob Wadsworth and Chris Mann of Vermont Barns; Kelly Pajala – State Representative candidate; and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Modifications: No modifications were made.

State Representative: Kelly Pajala attended the meeting to introduce herself as a potential replacement for Oliver Olsen, the State Representative of the Windham-Bennington-Windsor Legislative District, of which Stratton is a member. Mr. Olsen resigned as Representative effective November 1 and the Governor will be appointing his replacement soon. Ms. Pajala introduced herself to the Selectmen. She is the Town Clerk in Londonderry and intends to maintain that position if she is appointed to the Legislature. She is well acquainted with the northern towns in the district, including Londonderry and Weston, so she is very interested in learning more about Stratton, as well as other towns in the southern section of the district, with which she is less familiar. She is also interested in learning Stratton's concerns with State government and said that, if she is appointed to the position, she will work with the Town to address those concerns. The Selectmen were pleased to meet with her and look forward to working with her if she is appointed as our district's Representative. At this time, Kelly Pajala left the meeting.

Rec. Area Pavilion Project: Rob Wadsworth and Chris Mann attended to discuss plans for this project. Kent Young stated that the intent is to prepare a presentation for Town Meeting, as the Town will likely be voting for funding for this project as a separate Article. The intent is to present plans for the structure previously discussed, but presented so that it can be easily altered if necessary in the event that the voters want to limit it. The discussion continued to define the elements of the project. Rob Wadsworth said that the initial plan for the 40 ft. x 60 ft. structure he designed would cost about \$212,000.00. This equated to about \$90.00 per sq. ft., so other dimensional variations can be adjusted proportionally. This does not include the barbeque pit or a sanitary facility. The Selectmen would like to see the barbeque pit included and covered, within the structure and a single sanitary facility available near the pavilion. Rob Wadsworth recommends that these structures be estimated separately. In this way, the voters can pick and choose the scope of the project and an approximate cost estimate can be determined for an amended vote, if necessary. Alyson Marcucci stated that there is approximately \$65,000.00 in the Pavilion fund. Al Dupell reiterated that in the previous discussion the Selectmen had agreed to pay the Wadsworth Co. to create the specifications for proposal, as the project will have to be bid out. Kent Young stated that he will need an amount for the Article to be included in the Annual Town Meeting Warning by early January. He recommends using the estimated cost of the initial design along with the cost of the barbeque pit and sanitary facility, taking into account funds already available. This amount can be amended at the meeting, should the voters decide to approve something smaller. Rob Wadsworth and Chris Mann agreed to work on developing some options to present at Town Meeting and will provide an estimate for the Article as previously noted. At this time, Rob Wadsworth and Chris Mann left the meeting.

Health Insurance: Alyson Marcucci was present to discuss changing the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) provider for the Town. Employees have had difficulty working with the current provider. The Treasurer recommended using Health Equity, which is associated with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont. She said that the plan is cost free to Employers with less than 100 employees and had been recommended to her by other Towns. She would like to make the change effective on January 1. After a general discussion Chris Liller moved to make the change to Health Equity. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. At this time, Alyson Marcucci left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Ralph Staib reported that he had purchased tires for the Grader. Chris Liller stated that he will need to take leave in January for medical reasons. The Selectmen concurred. **County Rd. repairs:** Ralph Staib reported that it is too late in the year to work on the road. He will schedule repairs for next spring / summer. **Municipal Roads General Permit:** Ralph Staib informed the Selectmen that a WRC representative will meet with him on Thursday to review and discuss the permit, as it applies to Stratton, and budgetary requirements the Town will need to implement. The Clerk suggested that they meet with the Treasurer as well as she needs to be aware of changes to the budget's structure. The Foreman asked if the Selectmen had any ideas about potential projects to include in the discussion. The Selectmen determined that the Mountain Rd. culvert north of Kidder Brook was a priority, as well as a culvert at Bear Creek Rd. and the culvert at the top of Penny Ave..

Security Systems: George Wilson of Low Voltage, Inc. will next begin installations of cameras and conversion of the fire alarm system at the Town Hall, within the coming days.

Town Hall: The Selectmen reviewed a request from the Pathfinders (Wardsboro Snowmobile Club) for use of the Town Hall for meetings on Dec 30, Jan 13, Feb 10, Feb 24, Mar 17, and Apr 14. Chris Liller so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded. The Selectmen concurred. Greg Marcucci stated that he had received a complaint that the water heater in the building seems to be providing an inadequate amount of hot water. He thinks it might have a bad element and would like to have it tested. The Clerk agreed to contact Southworth Electrical about the problem.

Zoning Administrative Positions: The Selectmen reviewed a recommendation from the Planning Commission to re-appoint Alan Hicks as Zoning Administrator and Ray Hawksley as Assistant to the Zoning Administrator for respective three-year terms. Chris Liller so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of October 23, 2017. Chris Liller seconded the motion. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Chris Liller motioned to adjourn at 8:35p.m.. Larry Bills seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young