

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
November 12, 2018**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell – Chair, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson, Alex Beck of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corp. (BDCC) and Clerk – Kent Young.

Al Dupell called the regular meeting to order at 7:30pm. Orders were reviewed and signed. The following items were added to the agenda: 1) consideration of changing or cancelling the December 24, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting 2) consideration of approving a loan to the Stratton School District. 3) Set a date for the annual Budget Meeting. Kevin Robinson so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

BDCC and SeVEDS Programs and Projects Presentation: Alex Beck of the BDCC was present to explain efforts and programs available for local businesses and education opportunities, with an emphasis on the Trades as opposed to College for some students. Mr. Beck presented packets to each Selectman and the Clerk to make available for distribution to interested individuals. He discussed programs available for helping to promote and finance small businesses and he discussed efforts these organizations have made to promote smarter career choices that will help keep students in Vermont after they graduate – options such as consideration of internships in the Trades, which are the prominent job markets of this area, and career choices which can be lucrative, without the burden of student debt. The Selectmen agreed with this position. Following the discussion, the Clerk agreed to make the packet available to local existing and potential small businesses and interested individuals. At this time, Mr. Beck left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Culvert Replacements: Road Foreman, Chris Liller, explained progress toward a plan to straighten Mountain Rd. in the vicinity of the Bear Creek Rd. intersection. He and Ralph Staib had previously met with State officials – there is a possibility that the size of the culvert there can be reduced. Additionally, the State can help with the surveying and engineering of the new section of road. The next step is to contact adjacent land owners about the needed change to the right-of-way and use of adjacent land for a staging area. Larry Bills pointed out that it would be ideal to offset the new section far enough off the existing section so that the new culvert can be added without closing the road. **Rec, Area** – Chris Liller stated that the new rink lighting has been installed. He is looking to purchase better signage for the use of the lights. **Paving:** Fuller Sand and Gravel should be able to mill and repave over several culverts on the north end of Mountain Rd. this week. **Town Garage:** Chris Liller stated that the garage roof membrane passed its inspection. **One-Ton Truck:** The plow assembly has been repaired and the truck is now back in service. **Winter Call Schedule:** Chris Liller presented a Winter Call Schedule to the end of the year. He has included Grayson Peterson, although he does not yet have a CDL. Chris Liller explained that in the event that one of the larger trucks is needed for the call, he or Stuart Chapin will be available.

Selectmen's Schedule: The Selectmen agreed to cancel the regular meeting of December 24, 2018. A quorum can be notified if orders need be signed. Also, the Selectmen agreed to set a budget meeting for December 10, 2018. The Clerk will inform the Treasurer (All new available 2019 appropriations requests will be considered at that time).

Town Hall Use: Larry Bills moved to approve Heather Jackson to use the Town Hall on December 9, 2018. The Clerk stated that Ms. Jackson is aware that the Town Party will precede it the night before and will not be clean. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

School District Loan Request: The Stratton School District submitted a request for a \$100,000.00 loan at 0% interest, in anticipation of a deficit for the 2018/9 school year, to be repaid by June 30, 2020. Larry Bills so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred and all signed the loan request.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of October 22, 2018. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred - the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Larry Bills motioned to adjourn at 8:25pm. Greg Marcucci seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*