

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
July 24, 2017**

Present: Selectmen: Chair - Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson;
Service Contractor - Grayson Peterson and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Modifications to the Agenda: Add 1) Rec. Area maintenance 2) Continue discussion concerning change to Uniform services for the Road Crew 3) Town Hall use.

Rec. Area: Maintenance: Grayson Peterson was present to discuss ditching at the volleyball court, as this area is very wet. The Selectmen concurred that this should be done. He can coordinate the project with the Road Crew. Al Dupell asked that Mr. Peterson also apply lime to the baseball field, as soon as the field is dry enough to do so. The Selectmen concurred. **Pavilion:** VMS Construction and Rob Wadsworth of VT Barns have submitted plans and bids. Chris Liller said that All Seasons Construction should have a bid in soon. The Selectmen agreed to wait until a third bid has been submitted before considering this project. **Fencing:** The Selectmen agreed that the fence around the old cellar hole at the Rec. Area should be replaced. **Power installation:** This project is on hold until the weather cooperates with the Road Crew's schedule. At this time, Grayson Peterson left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Uniforms: Chris Liller said that the Treasurer had contacted Unifirst about closing out their contract. In accordance with that 5-year contract, the Town would have to pay \$4772.45 to opt out of it. After learning this, Chris Liller had conversations with Unifirst management who wanted to know the problems encountered by the Town. He explained those problems to management. Unifirst would like to resolve those issues and continue as the Town's uniform provider. After considerable discussion, the Selectmen decided that the best way forward is for the town to send a letter to Unifirst expressing our dissatisfaction and informing them that all discrepancies with their services will be documented. If problems continue, the Selectmen will turn the issue over to the Town Attorney. The Clerk agreed to produce a letter to Unifirst explaining this decision and also contact Foley Services that the Town will not be contracting with them at this time. **Culverts:** The Road Crew continues to replace culverts on Stratton-Arlington Rd. **County Rd. Repairs:** As discussed in the spring, the Selectmen agreed to rework an exceptionally wet section of County Rd. with an underlay of fabric in hope that this will alleviate the mud problem there during mud season.

Security Systems: Home Security Services (HSS) submitted proposals for installing a new camera security system at the Town Garage and a new system at the Town Hall to cover the area of the Town sign and the parking lot / Town Office. This company does not maintain commercial Fire Alarm systems. The proposals did not include servicing and monitoring of the motion sensors either. Low Voltage Services, LLC submitted bids to provide cameras, new monitoring systems (with exception of the garage), using some existing motion sensors – he will install the new system and provide a monitoring service as well. Equipment and Installation charges are as follows: Town Office - \$5640.00, Town Hall - \$4875.00 and Town Garage - \$11,900.00. After discussion, Greg Marcucci moved to accept the bids from Low Voltage Services, with the option to vary the type and location of some of the cameras. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred. The Clerk agreed to arrange for a meeting between Low Voltage Services and the Selectmen to discuss some options for camera placements, etc.

Transfer Station: Scrap Metal: Chris Liller stated that the Town is still using Evergreen, Inc. for scrap metal removal, although the Selectmen previously had decided to use Casella. The Selectmen agreed to make the change now. The Clerk will contact Casella to have a container delivered. Chris Liller will contact Evergreen to pick up the existing container, without leaving a new container. **Attendant:** Scott Marquis will be out on July 25. The Road Crew has agreed to cover the Transfer Station at that time.

Tax Sales: The Delinquent Tax Collector requests permission to proceed with tax sales on the following delinquent properties: 66 County Rd., owned by Craig Collins with delinquent taxes of \$9053.63 and 62B Snowbridge Rd., owned by Thomas and Elaine Plaut, with delinquent taxes of \$21,768.65. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred.

Accounting and Procedures Manual: The Selectmen reviewed said manual, presented by the Treasurer, which details the treasurer's financial routines for the Town. Greg Marcucci moved to approve. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred and all signed the manual.

Town Hall Reservations: The Clerk stated that a group had called to reserve the Town Hall during the week of Aug 14 – 19, 2017, with the exception of Tuesday evening, Aug 15 – he has not yet received a formal letter of request, and he did not get the name of the individual who called. The charge will be \$100.00 per day, as well as the security deposit. He will hold the Town Hall in reserve for this group until further notice.

School House Restoration: The Clerk stated that Ron Chiodi is nearly finished painting the school house interior. He had recommended restoring the two Daniel Webster engravings on display there. The Clerk has requested an estimate from a nearby art restoration firm. He will present the estimate and request approval to proceed at the next meeting.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of July 10, 2017. Larry Bills seconded the motion. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:40p.m.. Larry Bills seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young