

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
January 27, 2020**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell – Chair, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Treasurer – Alyson Peterson and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Modifications: No modifications were made.

General Fund Budget: The Treasurer attended the meeting to go over final budget figures, as all appropriations requests and other last minute budget items had recently been finalized. The Final Municipal General Fund Budget amount for 2020/1 was given as \$901,683.68. The Selectmen agreed to have this amount entered into the Town Meeting Warning.

Road Crew Issues: Paving: Chris Liller provided estimates for paving Pike Hollow Rd.. The Selectmen reviewed them and agreed to include paving of this road in next year's proposed projects. They also agreed to raise \$110,000.00 to put toward paving. **Budget:** Chris Liller also reviewed funding for the Little Kidder Brook culvert with the board. After consideration of funds already reserved for the project, as well as approved grants, the Selectmen agreed to raise another \$50,000.00 by taxes. Additionally, the Selectmen discussed funds needed for the replacement of T-5. Following these discussions, the Selectmen agreed upon a Highway budget for 2020/1 at \$868,500. The Clerk agreed to add this amount to the Town Meeting Warning. **Little Kidder Brook Contract:** The Selectmen all reviewed and all signed the contract between the Town and Fitzpatrick Excavating regarding the installation of the Little Kidder Brook culvert. Chris Liller said he will get Mike Fitzpatrick to sign it soon.

Town Meeting Warning: The Clerk, Treasurer and Selectmen reviewed the Town Meeting Warning. The Clerk noted articles to eliminate the Auditors position and to change the lengths of terms for the Planning Commission, as well as an Article concerning the Town joining a Communications District. Additionally, the appropriations requests were reviewed, noting removal of the LaMarche Scholarship Fund and the inclusion of the Joann Liller Scholarship Fund, as requested last year by Laura Hawksley, who is working out details necessary to create such a fund. Following the discussion the Selectmen approved the Warning and all present signed. At this time, Alyson Peterson left the meeting.

Taxation Issue: The Selectmen reviewed a letter from the Delinquent Tax Collector addressing a challenge to delinquent taxes / taxes regarding 66 County Rd.. The letter asked permission for this issue to continue to be pursued / defended by the Town Attorney. The Selectmen concurred.

Census Boundary Validation: Al Dupell signed paperwork confirming that town boundaries have not changed.

Uniform Service: The Chair reviewed a letter to Unifirst Corp. to cancel their service for uniforms for the Road Crew, which is due for renewal on July 9, 2020. The letter conforms to the requirements of the Agreement / Contract. The Chair signed the letter, as did the Road Foreman.

Minutes: Kevin Robinson moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of January 13, 2020. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:20pm. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*