

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

And Road Reclassification / Discontinuance Site Visit and Public Hearing

June 24, 2019

Present: Selectmen: Larry Bills, Greg Marcucci, Chris Liller and Kevin Robinson; Attorney Robert Fisher and Clerk – Kent Young.

Road Reclassification / Discontinuance: The Selectmen, Town Attorney and Clerk met at the Stratton Town Office at 6:00pm and immediately set out for **Site Visits** as required for 1) the Road Reclassification of all of *Stone Chimney Rd.* (TH7), a 0.2 mile length of road, from Class 3 to Class 4, 2) the Road Reclassification of the 0.4 mile section of *Pike Hollow Rd.* from *241 Pike Hollow Rd.*, northwestward to its end at the Crafts' lot and 3) the Discontinuance of TH26, a 0.04 section of road at *230 Pike Hollow Rd.*

The Selectmen viewed these roads. With exception of the Town Attorney and the Clerk, no other party attended to participate.

The Selectmen, Town Attorney and Clerk returned to the Town Office. The **Public Hearing** was opened at 7:00pm by Larry Bills, Vice-Chair. No additional attendees were present. Town Attorney, Robert Fisher, read the Public Notice. Discussion: Larry Bills commented that the Town will need to maintain the ditching for the Bairds (*230 Pike Hollow Rd.*), as runoff from Pike Hollow is directed down along TH26. The Selectmen agreed. No further discussion.

Attorney Fisher asked for a motion to discontinue TH26. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred and so TH26 was discontinued.

Attorney Fisher asked for a motion to reclassify from Class 3 to Class 4 the western end of *Pike Hollow Road* (TH 18) from *241 Pike Hollow Rd.* westerly to the terminus of *Pike Hollow Rd.*, a distance of 0.4 miles. Chris Liller so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred and so said section of *Pike Hollow Rd.* was reclassified as Class 4.

Attorney Fisher asked for a motion to reclassify from Class 3 to Class 4 the entire length of *Stone Chimney Rd.* (TH7), a distance of 0.2 miles. Kevin Robinson so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred. *Stone Chimney Rd.* (TH7) was reclassified as Class 4.

At 7:10pm, Chris Liller moved to close the Public Hearing. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred and the Public Hearing ended.

Al Dupell arrived at 7:15pm.

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

Modifications: The Clerk asked that the Selectmen modify the agenda by adding consideration of approval of a Recording Fee / Town Office Fee Policy, as changes to the Statutes have increased some of the existing fees. Also, consideration of an email / website upgrade. The Selectmen agreed.

Road Crew Issues: Project WorkSAFE: Chris Liller is implementing recommendation from said review. He requested permission to purchase a flammable liquids cabinet. The Selectmen concurred. **Chlorides Storage Tanks** – Innovative Surface Solutions, which had been awarded the chloride bid by the Town, offered a three-year rent-to-own contract for storage tanks for their products. Chris Liller made inquiries about the agreement and believes it will be beneficial to the Town. It will require using said company for three years. The Selectmen felt that it would be acceptable to maintain their services for the three years, after which the Town will own the tanks. All concurred. **Pikes Falls Rd.:** In preparation for paving, the Road Crew, working with Bills Excavating, is in process of replacing culverts on said road and should be completed at the end of the week. Chris Liller stated that he also will rework a twenty-foot section at the Town line prior to paving, as that section is in terrible shape. **Town Pickup:** Said truck has a broken driveshaft and was towed away for repairs today. **Garage Gate:** Springfield Fence had to replace a circuit board in the gate operator which had failed. **Town Road Standards:** Chris Liller stated that said standards have been revised by the State and may require re-adoption by the Town. He and the Clerk will work with the State and prepare a revised document if necessary for the Selectmen to consider.

Town Email / Website Service: The Selectmen reviewed a recommended upgrade package from GoDaddy, which currently provides our said services. The Clerk recommended purchasing said upgrade (2 years for \$2,328.51). The Selectmen concurred.

Recording / Town Office Fee Policy: The Selectmen reviewed said policy revised to include new fees which are scheduled to go into effect on July 1. All the Selectmen signed to approve the policy.

Salary Review: The Selectmen reviewed salaries of all full / part time employees and agreed to an across the board increase of 87¢ / hour. Larry Bills so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred.

Marullo Access Permit: Larry Bills presented said permit application, which changes the driveway for *15 Pike Hollow Rd.* to a point closer to the Stratton-Arlington Rd. intersection, allowing for a better line-of-sight distance away from the opposite curve. This is in conjunction with a new permitted garage. All Selectmen signed to approve it.

Painting / Meetinghouse Ramp: Ron Chiodi relayed that he will begin staining / painting projects previously discussed – the restroom facility at the Rec. Area, the Cold Storage Building (weathered side) and the Meetinghouse (weathered area). He also asked if the ramp could be removed or replaced on the meetinghouse. The Selectmen concurred with the staining / painting projects, but agreed to leave the ramp in place as is.

Fournier Letter: The Selectmen reviewed a copy of a letter addressed to them and the School Board complaining about a game camera on Willis Cemetery Rd., among other School Board related issues.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of June 10, 2019. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred - the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Larry Bills motioned to adjourn at 8:15pm. Greg Marcucci seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young