

# Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

March 9, 2020

**Present:** Selectmen: Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

**Modifications:** The Selectmen agreed to add consideration of 1) the approval of, and appointments to the Communications Union District 2) approval of the March 3, 2020 Town Meeting Minutes 3) appointing WRC Reps. and 4) review of Hopkins' law suit to recover taxes. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

**2019 Grand List:** The Selectmen approved by signature the certificate of the 2019 Grand List. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

**Reappraisal:** The Listers had submitted to the Select Board for approval two contracts for a Vision Appraisal software upgrade which will be necessary for the continuing use of this program by the Listers. The Vision Upgrade contract is for \$12,975.00 to be paid in two equal installments. An additional agreement for Cloud Services, regarding said upgrade, at a cost of \$2500.00 was also considered. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. Chris Liller signed the documents as acting Chair. The Clerk, who is also the Chair of the Listers, stated that the Listers are moving toward a Town-wide Reappraisal for 2022. The intent is to implement use of this new version of vision and to contract with our assessing company, Purvis and Assoc. for this service. The Listers are also considering to hire a company that specializes in appraising Ski Resorts specifically.

**Town Hall Use:** The Selectmen considered and approved Town Hall requests for 1) the Wardsboro School Club by Allison Young for March 14, 2020, 2) a Vermont Local Roads Workshop by Chris Liller on March 24, 2020 and 3) the Democratic Party caucus for April 21, 2020, requested by Nancy Ferrucci. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

**Communications Union District:** The Selectmen formalized joining and made appointments for said district, known as the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District, as voted by the Town at the March 3, 2020 Town Meeting. Betsy Wadsworth was appointed Representative and Candie Bernard and Alyson Peterson were appointed alternates. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. Chris Liller signed the document as acting Chair.

**Road Crew Issues: FLEET Permits:** The following FLEET permit applications were considered and approved: Structural Wood Corp. and Newport Sand and Gravel Company. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. Chris Liller signed these documents as acting Chair. **Road Postings:** Chris Liller requested permission to close Penny Avenue at his discretion as it thaws. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred. **Crack-Sealing:** A town-wide inspection regarding crack-sealing of the roads, as needed, will occur on Wednesday, March 11.

**Annual Bids:** The Selectmen discussed and then agreed to warn the Annual Town bids for consideration on April 27, 2020. The Clerk and Road Foreman will prepare bid requests for that date.

**Transfer Station:** the attendant will be out on March 17, 2020. Chris Liller has contacted Gerry Cloutier, who will stand in on that date. The Selectmen also considered and agreed to close the Transfer Station each year on Town Meeting Day.

**Law suit:** The Selectmen reviewed paperwork submitted by the Delinquent Tax Collector and the Treasurer associated with a law suit filed in Small Claims Court by Teddy Hopkins against the Town to recover taxes associated with his property on County Rd.. The ongoing dispute is in regard to taxes involving a previous tax sale of the property. The Selectmen agreed to pursue it in the Town's interest. The Town Attorney will defend it for the Town.

**Minutes:** Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of February 24, 2020 and the Organizational Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2020. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred and the minutes were approved.

**Town Meeting Minutes:** Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2020. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred and all present signed the minutes.

**Windham Regional Commission:** The Selectmen agreed to re-appoint Renee Mulkey as the Town's representative to WRC. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. Chris Liller signed the document as acting Chair.

**Adjourn:** Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:00pm. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*