

**TOWN OF STRATTON
MINUTES OF
SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING OF
OCTOBER 6, 2020**

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont met as warned at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. The Moderator was not initially present, so Town Clerk, Kent Young, called the meeting to order. He read the Warning and then nominated Larry Bills as Moderator Pro Tem to fill in until Moderator, Diana Stugger, arrived. DR Holton seconded. No other nominations were made and a voice vote for Larry Bills was unanimous.

The Town Clerk took the roll and 32 voters were present; therefore, a voter majority of 17 currently exists; however, due to COVID 19 concerns the meeting is also being hosted on ZOOM and voters were allowed to be considered present if they had remained in the parking lot in their vehicle. No voters attended in this manner. The Moderator Pro Tem proceeded with the meeting:

ARTICLE 1: *To see if the Town will increase the number of School Directors elected by the Stratton School District, from the number of three to the number of five. If so voted, the term period for the two additional School Directors shall be one-year terms, the first of which shall expire at the Annual School District Meeting of 2022.* Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. The Moderator Pro Tem proceeded with a vote before moving to a discussion. The Town Clerk stated that there needs to be a discussion and that this article needs to be amended. The Moderator Pro Tem then allowed for reconsideration and a discussion. The Town Clerk stated that the statutes do not allow for the new positions to serve beyond the next Annual School District Meeting. He then moved that the article be amended to read: *To see if the Town will increase the number of School Directors elected by the Stratton School District, from the number of three to the number of five. If so voted, the term period for the two additional School Directors shall be one-year terms, the first of which shall expire at the next Annual School District Meeting.* DR Holton seconded. No discussion. All concurred and the Article was amended. The Moderator Pro Tem then asked for a motion to approve the article as amended. Kent Young so moved. Lorraine Weeks-Newell seconded. No discussion. A voice vote followed and the Article passed as amended.

ARTICLE 2: *If Article 1 passed, then the District shall elect two School District Directors, as follows:*

1) *School District Director* *One one-year term*

DR Holton nominated Melissa Walker. Kent Young seconded.

Helen Nault nominated Kellie Delia-Laskin. Sian Read seconded.

The election proceeded with a paper ballot. Voters were told to remain in place while two elections officials carried the ballot box around to collect votes. Additionally, two election officials carried another ballot box to the parking lot; however, no one participated in that manner. At this time, Diana Stugger arrived and took over as Moderator. Upon completion of the collection of all ballots – Melissa Walker received 25 votes and Kellie Delia-Laskin received 7 votes. Melissa Walker was elected as School District Director for a one-year term which will expire at the Annual School District Meeting of 2021.

2) *School District Director* *One one-year term*

Helen Nault nominated Kellie Delia-Laskin. Sian Read seconded. No other nominations. The Moderator asked for a motion to close nominations and for the Clerk to cast one ballot. Larry Bills so moved. DR Holton seconded – all concurred and Kellie Delia-Laskin was elected as School District Director for a one-year term which will expire at the Annual School District Meeting of 2021.

ARTICLE 3: *To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to revise the designation and purpose of the Reserve Fund created at the School District Meeting of March 3, 2020.* Kent Young moved to approve. DR Holton seconded. Discussion: Alyson Peterson stated that the article should be amended as

follows: *To determine if the Town will authorize the School Directors to revise the designation and purpose of the reserve fund created at the School District Meeting of March 3, 2020 from a “Reserve Fund to help Reduce Tax Rate Fluctuations” to a “Tuition Reserve.”* Kent Young moved the amendment. DR Holton seconded. No further discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and all approved the motion. The Moderator then asked for a motion to approved the Article as Amended. Boomer Walker so moved. Larry Bills seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 3 passed as amended.

ARTICLE 4: *To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.*
No additional business was transacted.

ADJOURNMENT: The Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded and the Special School District Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Minutes by:

Approved:

Town Clerk – David Kent Young

Moderator – Diana Stugger

Approved by the Stratton School Directors

Thomas Montemagni

Lorraine Weeks-Newell

Allison Young

Melissa Walker

Kellie Delia-Laskin