

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
August 23, 2021**

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

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

Modifications to the Agenda: No modifications were made.

Road Crew Issues: Paving: Fuller Sand and Gravel has started grinding Mountain Rd. **Town Garage Internet:** VTEL can install a new higher antennae – approx.. 30 ft high - for approx.. \$1000.00. The Selectmen agreed to have them do so. **Pick up:** The Pickup is still in the shop awaiting parts for a recall repair and may not be available for another two weeks. **Flooding Event of July 29, 2021:** Chris Liller stated that the board should make a site visit to the Pikes Falls Rd. and County Rd. intersection where two culverts in town rights-of-way are separated by another culvert on private property, owned by Stewart and Carolyn Underwood. This culvert needs to be replaced or removed. The owner does not want it removed, as it allows for vehicle access (mowers, etc.) on either side. Chris Liller will arrange a site visit with the Underwoods. The area between the two rights-of-way is approx.. 20 ft.. The Clerk recommended getting an extended easement for the right-of-way, so the Town can maintain it, allowing it to potentially be covered by State and Federal funds in the future. Next, the Board discussed the possible immediate replacement of the West Jamaica Rd. culvert at Nelson's property, as the hydraulic study determined that an 8' x 16' box culvert will be sufficient. It may be possible to replace it before winter and, therefore, eliminate the need to install a temporary bridge there – saving the Town the associated expense for a temporary bridge. The Selectmen agreed to have the culvert bid separately from the installation. Chris Liller and the Clerk will work to get these bids out, if possible, for consideration at the September 13, 2021 meeting. Additionally, it was recommended that the Town hire an Engineer for all Town projects for a period of time – perhaps two years. This will also be bid out for September 13 consideration, as well as the additional minor projects created by the July 29 Flood event. The Selectmen concurred.

Internal Control Checklist: The Selectmen reviewed said checklist. Larry Bills moved to approve. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and the Chair signed the document.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of August 9, 2021. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Larry Bills motioned to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young