

# Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

June 25, 2018

**Present:** Selectmen: Chair, Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci, and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib; and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

**Agenda Modifications:** Discussion of 1) the Sheriff's Report for May and 2) consideration of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes class action lawsuit were added to the Agenda.

**Sheriff's Report:** The Selectmen reviewed the Sheriff's report for May and questioned patrolling that was occurring at the Ski Resort and even into Winhall. The Selectmen asked the Clerk to call and discuss this issue with the Sheriff. The Clerk agreed.

**Road Crew Issues: Health Insurance:** Kent Young stated that the Treasurer needs to know how to pay what the Selectmen had agreed to pay for Ralph Staib's health care during his retirement transition. He recommended that the Town get invoices as the Staib's are billed for each installment, so that payments are documented. The Selectmen agreed. **Culverts and Ditching:** The Road Foreman stated that he is waiting for more information concerning the Mountain Road culvert replacement previously discussed. The Road Crew is working to replace a culvert on Mountain Rd. as well. Also, close-out and reimbursement for ditching on Strat-Arl. Rd. is subject to photographing of the completed job, which should occur this week. **Paving:** The Road Foreman reported that Paving and placement of shoulder gravel on Strat-Arl. Rd. and Mountain Rd. have been completed. Striping was also performed by the State.

**Rec. Area Maintenance:** The Selectmen discussed the need for four new gates at the Rec. Area. Springfield Fence quoted gates and installation of all four for \$6,980.00. RIBCO had quoted \$7000.00 for the gates, but the Town would have to install them. Greg Marcucci moved to accept the quote from Springfield Fence. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

**Outside Audit:** The Selectmen reviewed the Outside Audit Engagement Letter submitted by Sullivan and Powers. All the Selectmen signed the letter and a duplicate.

**Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT):** The Selectmen reviewed notice of a Class Action Lawsuit to recover additional sums of PILT from the US Government for 2015-2017. The Selectmen agreed to have the Treasurer pursue this issue.

**Alarm System: Town Office:** The Fire Marshall inspected the Fire Alarm system in the Town Office and noted that strobes are required in the restrooms. The Clerk will contact George Wilson of Low Voltage Services for installation. **Town Garage:** One of the phone lines designated to the alarm system has static during rainy weather, causing a fault to the system and a subsequent report from the Alarm Co.. The Selectmen asked the Clerk to get Consolidated Comm. to repair the problem. The Clerk agreed.

**Town Hall: Furnaces:** No progress regarding the new furnace installations have been relayed to the Town. The Clerk will contact W2D for updated information. **Drainage:** The road crew have not been able to determine where the drains daylight. The Selectmen asked the Clerk to see if Dorr will trace the drain for us. The Clerk agreed.

**Salary Review:** The Selectmen reviewed salaries and agreed to give a 3% raise across the board, rounding it to a \$0.87 per hour increase. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

**Minutes:** Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of June 11, 2018. Chris Liller seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Adjourn:** Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:00p.m.. Chris Liller seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*