

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
January 11, 2021**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell – Chair, 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: A FLEET permit application was added for consideration.

Road Crew Issues: Workman's Comp. Claim: Chris Liller said that he had fallen on the ice last week and had to see a physician. He submitted a claim for the visit, but he did not miss any work time. **Wheeled Excavator:** Chris Liller discussed the Road Crew's preferences for the purchase of this machine from Liftech JCB, as previously discussed. The option they prefer does not include the mulcher offered by Liftech JCB. Instead, they would like to purchase a different model. The preferred mulching head is distributed by Chapel Tractor. The total cost of the Wheeled Excavator from Liftech JCB, with options and warranty, the trade-in of the backhoe (for \$50,000.00), and including the separate purchase of the mulching head from Chapel Tractor is \$180,608.72. After a discussion, the Selectmen agreed to said purchase. Kevin Robinson so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. Following this discussion, the Selectmen agreed to increase the 2021/22 Highway Budget's "New Equip. Purchase" line item by \$25,000.00. The Clerk will inform the Treasurer. **FLEET:** An overweight permit application submitted by Barrett Trucking Co., Inc. was reviewed and approved. Al Dupell signed the permit.

Rec. Area: Chris Liller stated that resident, Dan Young volunteered to help maintain the ice rink. He recommended that Dan Young should be given a key to the shed so that he has access to the required equipment. The Selectmen concurred.

Transfer Station: The Clothing Box is now on site and available for collecting used clothing. Dan Gilbeau is working as the temporary Attendant.

Town Meeting Preparations: The Selectmen reviewed a draft of the Warning for the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. They also reviewed an appropriation request from VT Family Network for \$250.00, which the Clerk said he had placed in the appropriations' article. The board did not object. They reviewed the Selectmen's Report to be included in the Town Report and a preview of the cover page. No changes were requested. A COVID 19 Protocol for holding the meeting was reviewed. It is similar to the protocol used for the October School District Meeting. Kevin Robinson reported that the Fire Dept. Budget will be voted on at their upcoming meeting. Once the budgets have been updated, the Warning will be finalized and can be signed at the next Selectmen's Meeting.

ZBA Appointment: Greg Marcucci moved to reappoint Paul Bernard to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Fire Dept. False Alarms Issue: Treetop Alarm Systems: The Selectmen reviewed a letter from the Fire Dept., regarding failure of the complex to maintain said systems. The Clerk said that the Ordinance does not mandate that systems shall be properly maintained and that it would be difficult to regulate that circumstance, since systems are not required by the Town to be installed in structures, per this regulation, nor in the Town's Zoning Permit for the Treetop complex. The assurance that these systems are maintained correctly can, however, be best assured by the existing fee schedule assessed on false alarms. He provided a letter to TPW Property Management that requests that they ensure that these systems are maintained properly to prevent said fees. The letter notes the most recent fee placed on one of the units as an example. Following the discussion, Al Dupell signed the letter. The Clerk will send it to TPW Property Management, as well as a copy to the Treetop Home Owners' Assoc.. **Lift Line Lodge:** The Fire Dept. submitted a list of preventable alarms for December 26, 2020, January 1, 2021 and January 10, 2021, which had occurred at the Lift Line Lodge, due to cooking. In accordance with the Ordinance fees

for “Preventable Alarms,” such as cooking, are \$200.00 for each call. The Board agreed to have the Clerk produce a letter for said fees to be considered at the next meeting.

Minutes: Kevin Robinson moved to approve the Selectmen’s Minutes of December 28, 2020. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Chris Liller motioned to adjourn at 8:35p.m.. Greg Marcucci seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young