

**TOWN OF STRATTON  
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY**

**Minutes – February 22, 2021**

Board members present: Kent Young, Al Dupell, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci, Kevin Robinson, Lorraine Weeks-Newell – also by ZOOM - Helen Fuller Eddy and Nancy Ferrucci. Candie Bernard was present to coordinate the ZOOM online attendees.

The Town Clerk, Kent Young, called the meeting to order at 7:15pm to organize for the Annual Town and School District Meetings of March 2, 2021:

The Clerk asked for the board to approve Candie Bernard and Alyson Peterson to serve as Election Officials for these meetings. Al Dupell so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

The Clerk stated that the COVID 19 Protocol developed for the October School Meeting will be in place for these meetings as well. This means that voters will remain separated and that in the event that a paper ballot is needed, BCA members will be needed to carry around the ballot box. Also, people in the parking lot attending via ZOOM will be able to vote; therefore, another two BCA members or other assigned Election Officials will carry out a ballot box and a voter checklist to collect those votes. He said this may be necessary for the School Meeting, as there are four positions to be elected. Hopefully, if a limited number of nominations are made, there will be only one nominee per position – this, however, cannot be guaranteed. He said that at both meetings, individual election officials will be picked at that time, as no one up for a given position will be allowed to participate in the collection of ballots or the counting of ballots for that particular election.

The Clerk next said that the BCA should make a determination about a possible delay of these meetings until May. Currently, the Governor has extended the State's COVID Emergency to March 15. He and others discussed the current situation, highlighting the progress of vaccinations, the high rate of infections currently in Vermont, the potential weather for next week with the fact that windows will need to be opened during the meetings; therefore, a delay to May would be beneficial in several ways, but utmost it will keep people safe. Following the discussion, most in attendance agreed. The Town Clerk asked for a motion to recommend that a motion would be made at Town Meeting to adjourn to a place, date and time certain of 10:00am on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at the Stratton Town Hall. Kevin Robinson so moved. Al Dupell seconded. All present concurred with exception of Greg Marcucci, who voted no. The motion passed. The Town Clerk asked for a motion regarding the School District Meeting, but recommended that it be set for 10:30am, instead of 11:00am, so that the process will move quickly, should Town Meeting end in less than an hour. Kevin Robinson moved to make a motion at said School District Meeting to adjourn to a place, date and time certain of May 4, 2021 at 10:30am at the Stratton Town Hall. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

Chris Liller moved to adjourn. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*