

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

June 12, 2017

Present: Selectmen: 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.

Modifications to the Agenda: 1) Consider Cooney resignation letter 2) Consider Town sign flower bed design and estimate. Chris Liller moved to add said issues to the agenda. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred.

Rec. Area: Ball Field Electrical: The Selectmen reviewed an estimate from Green Mountain Power (GMP) to add underground power to a new service in the ball field area for \$6184.00 (the Town will be required to do the digging). Larry Bills moved to approve. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred. Chris Liller will inform GMP of their decision. **Pavilion:** Chris Liller stated that VMS Construction is willing to do some basic plans based on the general description provided by the Selectmen at the last meeting. The Selectmen also agreed to ask other builders, including All Seasons Construction and the Wadsworth Company for estimates.

Road Crew Issues: Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid Pilot Program: Ralph Staib presented to the Selectmen a Letter of Intent to Participate in said program for the Selectmen to consider. The letter is required to be submitted by July 5, 2017, if the Town intends to participate. The Selectmen concurred to do so and all signed the letter. **Stratton-Arlington Rd. Culverts Project:** Ralph Staib said that installation of the culverts should begin this Wednesday. **Road Crew scheduled vacations:** Ralph Staib informed the Selectmen that Chris Liller will be taking a week of vacation beginning July 17, 2017 and Ralph Staib will be taking a week of vacation beginning July 24, 2017. The Selectmen approved.

Town Alarm and Camera systems: The Selectmen continued discussion concerning the ongoing service issues we have had from our provider. Chris Liller had contacted Code 3; however, Countryside Lock and Alarm does not leave keys to the systems, so he was unable to look it over. He did state that he is unable to work with the cameras and computer system currently installed at the Town Garage. He recommended installing an updated system. The Selectmen agreed to first contact George Wilson of Low Voltage Services, who may be able to service the current system.

Town Hall and Rec. Area Usage: The Selectmen reviewed requests from Barbara Bedortha for use of the Town Hall on August 12, 2017 and the Wardsboro Fire Dept. for use of the Town Hall on November 8-12, 2017 for their annual Turkey Supper fundraiser. The Selectmen also considered a request from Vermont Challenge LLC (John Sohikian), who requests to use the Rec. Area for the start and finish of their bike race on August 20, 2017. Larry Bills moved to approve all requests. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Rec. Area Lease Agreement: The Selectmen reviewed an amended lease agreement for the Rec. Area previously approved by the School Board. The Amended Lease Agreement reflects the change as approved at the 2017 Town Meeting of an increase of the rent to \$120,000.00 per year, beginning July 1, 2017. Greg Marcucci moved to approve the amended lease agreement. Larry Bills seconded. All Concurred. Al Dupell signed the agreement and it was notarized by the Clerk.

Outside Audit Agreement: The Selectmen reviewed a Scope of Services letter of Agreement submitted by the outside auditors – Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.. The Selectmen concurred with the letter and signed the agreement.

Planning Commission Resignation: The Selectmen reviewed a letter of resignation from the Planning Commission submitted by Rodney Cooney, who is now considered a resident of Florida. Chris Liller moved to accept the resignation. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred. Kent Young said he will post the vacancy as required.

Salary Review: The Selectmen discussed employees' and officers' salaries for the coming year and agreed on the following changes: Alyson Marcucci's pay rate is to be raised to \$29.92 (\$29.07 + 0.85); Scott Marquis is to be raised to \$18.48 (\$17.63 + 0.85); all other positions shall be increased by \$0.85. Larry Bills so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

Town Hall sign: The Selectmen reviewed a proposal from Paul Bernard to install a raised flower bed constructed of stone, surrounding the Stratton sign, located at the Town Hall. The estimate was \$2750.00. The Selectmen agreed upon the oval shape example. Larry Bills moved to approve that Paul Bernard shall construct the raised flower bed (the oval design) for \$2750.00. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of May 22, 2017 and the Liquor Control Board meeting minutes of June 5, 2017. Larry Bills seconded the motion. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Larry Bills motioned to adjourn at 9:00p.m.. Greg Marcucci seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young