

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

August 14, 2017

Present: Selectmen: Chair - Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib; George Wilson of Low Voltage Services, LLC; Rob Wadsworth and Chris Mann of Vermont Barns; and Clerk – Kent Young.

Al Dupell called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Orders were reviewed and signed. No modifications were made to the agenda.

Security Systems: George Wilson of Low Voltage Services, LLC was present to discuss camera options as discussed at the last meeting. A general discussion ensued. It was agreed upon that the high definition camera would be needed, so that remained in the upgrade package. It was agreed, however, to remove the camera at the Cold Storage Building. Mr. Wilson will make the adjusted order and begin transferring the buildings over to his systems. Meanwhile, the Selectmen agreed to continue service with Countryside Lock and Alarm until the transition is complete. They reviewed a bill that business had submitted and agreed to pay it, although the coverage will likely overlap the Low Voltage Services coverage contract. At this time, George Wilson left the meeting.

Rec. Area: Pavilion: Rob Wadsworth and Chris Mann were present for the opening of bids for the pavilion. Only two bids were presented - VMS Construction and Rob Wadsworth of VT Barns. Kent Young relayed a concern from another potential bidder, as well as from Rob Wadsworth, that the specifications were too vague. All Seasons Construction did not bid for this specific reason. The Clerk also relayed that there will be a need for the School Board to borrow funds from the Town this year to pay for the large number of new students that had not been anticipated for the budget; therefore, this project may have to be delayed until next year. Additionally, one estimate of the expense for this pavilion indicates that considerably more money will need to be appropriated for the pavilion over and above the amount already set aside for it. After a general discussion, the Selectmen agreed that the scope of this project needs an engineered design to be fair to all bidders. Rob Wadsworth offered his company's services for the design. At this time, Rob Wadsworth and Chris Mann left the meeting. Following additional discussion, the Selectmen agreed to hire Vermont Barns for the purpose of the design. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred. The Clerk agreed to contact Rob Wadsworth and set up a special meeting to discuss the design. **Power:** The installation of power lines into the ball field area remains on hold.

Road Crew Issues: Culverts: The Road Crew continues to replace culverts on Stratton-Arlington Rd. **County Rd. Repairs:** The Selectmen asked the Road Foreman to schedule the repairs, as discussed at the previous meeting, for some time in the Fall. **Cold Storage Building staining:** The Selectmen agreed that the two weathered sides of said building should be re-stained. The Clerk will request Ron Chiodi to do so.

Personnel Issues: The Clerk stated that Pat Coolidge had significantly reduced her hours as Assistant Town Clerk. Last year she averaged 11 hours per week, which, per the Town's Personnel Policy makes her ineligible for benefits, which require a minimum of 20 hours per week. He asked that the Selectmen make an exception by allowing her to remain on the 50% Delta Dental plan for the year. The Selectmen agreed to do so.

School House Engravings Restorations: The Clerk presented an estimate from "Works on Paper" to restore the two Daniel Webster engravings that had been kept in the School House. The estimate was between \$665.00 and \$1200.00. The Selectmen agreed to have the artwork restored. The Clerk will make arrangements with "Works on Paper" for the restoration to take place.

Subdivision Regulations Revision: The Selectmen reviewed the Town of Stratton Subdivision Regulations (2017), which had been developed by the Planning Commission and is now formally

submitted to the Selectmen, following the Planning Commission's Public Hearing held August 2. The Clerk recommended that the Selectmen hold the Legislative Public Hearing for this document on September 11, 2017. The Selectmen agreed. The Clerk will properly warn the Public Hearing.

Orders Questioned: Sheriff's Patrols: The Selectmen asked the Clerk to obtain an explanation concerning the Sheriff's Report, as it indicates that in many instances, the roads patrolled were in the Town of Jamaica – the Board will delayed paying the bill until further notice. **Pest Control:** The Selectmen questioned why the Town Hall was treated twice within a month. They, however, agreed to make payment for both treatments this time. In the future, they would like a contract that shows when applications will be made or a notice before each application is made. The Clerk agreed to pursue these issues.

Town Office: The Selectmen reviewed a proposal for the replacement doors for the Town Office. They concurred with the proposal of \$2280.37 submitted by WW Building Supply. The Clerk will order the new doors. Chris Lille stated that Paul Bernard has agreed to install them.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of July 24, 2017. Larry Bills seconded the motion. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Larry Bills motioned to adjourn at 8:50p.m.. Chris Lille seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young