TOWN OF STRATTON BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

Minutes – July 27, 2020

Board members present: Kent Young, Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci, Helen Fuller Eddy, and Lorraine Weekes – Newell. Nancy Ferrucci attended remotely. Candie Bernard was present to operate the computer for ZOOM access to the meeting.

The Town Clerk, Kent Young, called the meeting to order at 7:15pm to organize for the VT State Primary Election of August 11, 2020:

The Town Clerk asked for the board to approve Candie Bernard and Alyson Marcucci as Election Officials. Larry Bills so moved. Al Dupell seconded – all concurred.

The Town Clerk stated that Candie Bernard and Alyson Marcucci have agreed to work the polls from 10:00am to about 3:00pm. Helen Fuller Eddy and Pat Coolidge agreed to work the polls from 3:00pm to 7:00pm.

The Town Clerk asked for members to count ballots beginning at 7:00pm. Pat Coolidge had previously agreed to do so. Helen Fuller Eddy, Lorraine Weeks-Newell and Chris Liller also agreed to do so. Candie Bernard stated that she is willing to come in to count as well, if needed.

The Town Clerk asked for a motion to allow the Clerk to appoint JPs as necessary if there are any requests for ballots to be delivered to eligible ill or physically disabled voters. Pat Coolidge had agreed to do so. Chris Liller so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

The Town Clerk stated that this election will be conducted using COVID 19 precautions. The door will remain locked and can use the doorbell for entry. Voters will be allowed to enter one at a time or in a family group. If multiple voters arrive, they will be instructed to remain in their cars or out in the parking lot until the voting area is available. Poll Workers will wear masks and will remain more than six feet from the voter. Voters will be asked to wear a mask, but will be allowed to vote regardless. The three ballots to be given to each voter can be placed in a neutral area for the voter to retrieve, so to keep the appropriate separation distance. The Clerk stated that poll workers need to ensure that voted ballots are placed in the "VOTED" ballot box and the two unused ballots placed in the "UNUSED" ballot box. The voting area can be sanitized after each voter. Counting can be conducted with more than six feet between Poll Workers. When asked about using the Town Hall as the Polling Place instead of the Town Office, the Town Clerk stated that the election was initially warned for the Town Office, as is the case for most all elections, because the office will remain open for business during regular hours. There is enough room there for all to maintain safe distances from one another.

With no further discussion, Chris Liller moved to adjourn. Larry Bills seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young