

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
October 23, 2017**

Present: Selectmen: Chair - Al Dupell, Larry Bills, 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: No modifications were made.

Road Crew Issues: Culverts: Ralph Staib reported that the Stratton-Arlington Rd. culvert project has been completed, including patch-paving over each culvert. **County Rd. repairs:** Ralph Staib reported that the fabric for this project has been delivered and that he has begun preparing the road. **Security Systems:** The fire and burglar alarm systems have been activated for the garage, and Countryside Lock and Alarm was notified that they no longer are responsible for monitoring the garage building, but to continue monitoring the Town Office and Town Hall until further notice. George Wilson of Low Voltage, Inc. is working on the cameras at the garage. The new camera for monitoring the gate has not yet arrived. George Wilson stated that the fire panel at the garage has not been inspected for four years. He had asked if the Selectmen wish for him to perform the inspection. Larry Bills moved for Low Voltage, Inc. to perform the inspections on the Town's fire panels. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. Al Dupell signed the State Police's burglar alarm response registrations for the garage and office. The Clerk will send this to the State Police, with the appropriate fees. **Municipal Roads General Permit:** Ralph Staib informed the Selectmen of the implications the permit will have on the Town's roads, regarding new requirements for ditching in affected areas, and that the Town needs to implement a Capital Budget plan for the Highway Dept.. **Truck Replacement:** He also stated that it is time to replace his truck (T-1) and asked if he should proceed with obtaining quotes. The Chair said to hold off on this until the Treasurer reports on the availability of funds. **Road Foreman retirement:** Ralph Staib announced that he intends to retire at the end of next summer due to personal reasons.

Rec. Area: Ralph Staib reported that the conduit for the power installation has been ordered. Once it arrives, he will coordinate with Green Mountain Power and Larry Bills to schedule the installation. The Chair requested that the Clerk contact Rob Wadsworth regarding the pavilion options to be presented at next year's Town Meeting, as we will want a figure to present in the budget.

Listers' Stipulation: The Selectmen reviewed "Errors and Omissions" determined by the Listers, regarding *Landmark at Stratton* units. The change was a reduction of the assessments of the 34 units located on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors to 50% of their initial 2017 assessments, due to structural deficiencies that resulted in the upper two floors being closed down by the VT Dept. of Public Safety, and the 2nd floor scheduled to be closed during repairs. The deficiencies were unknown to the Listers until after the grievance period had passed. Assessment adjustments of the 34 units result in a total change from \$15,821,700.00 to \$7,910,850.00. Kent Young stated that the assessments will be reconsidered in the spring of 2018. Larry Bills moved to approve the Errors and Omissions as presented by the Listers. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred and all signed the Stipulation.

Town Hall Requests: the Coolbeths requested use of the Town Hall on December 16. The Selectmen concurred.

Budget Meeting: The Selectmen agreed to hold their annual Budget Meeting on Dec 11, 2017.

Road Naming: The Selectmen reviewed a request from Chris Ponessi for approval of a name for a private road within a proposed subdivision at the end of North Rd., by McAvoy et al, owners of the existing lot, as required per Town Ordinance. The preferred name requested for approval is "Margeaux Lane." Larry Bills moved to approve said request. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: Greg Marcucci moved to re-appoint Paul Bernard to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three-year term. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of October 9, 2017. Larry Bills seconded the motion. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Larry Bills motioned to adjourn at 8:30p.m.. Greg Marcucci seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young