

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

April 8, 2019

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell – Chair, Larry Bills, Greg Marcucci, Chris Liller and Kevin Robinson; and Clerk – Kent Young.

Al Dupell called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Orders were reviewed and signed.

Modifications: The Clerk recommended adding: 1) Consider accepting resignation of Allan Hicks as Zoning Administrator and then appoint a new Zoning Administrator and 2) Consider Buchalter Access Permit. Larry Bills so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

Zoning Administrator: The Selectmen reviewed a letter of resignation as Zoning Administrator submitted by Allan Hicks and a recommendation from the Planning Commission to appoint Ray Hawksley as Zoning Administrator. Larry Bills moved to accept Allan Hick's resignation and to appoint Ray Hawksley as Zoning Administrator. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred.

Buchalter Access Permit: The Selectmen reviewed an Access Permit submitted by Eric Buchalter to upgrade Plimpton Rd. An Access Permit applies only to the Town right-of-way. The application was permitted to allow an upgrade to this private road, using private road standards as found in the Zoning Bylaws. Larry Bills so moved. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred.

Road Crew Issues: Little Kidder Brook Culvert: Chris Liller stated that he learned that the SFY 2019 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant awarded to the Town for said project will be supplemented by Federal Funds and, therefore, will need to meet extensive Federal requirements. The Selectmen discussed the disadvantages and setbacks caused by Federal intervention and mutually agreed that it would be easier, cheaper and more efficient to reject the grant offer and consider other ways to fund this project. Kevin Robinson so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred and Chris Liller agreed to research how to refuse said grant. **Yearly Bids:** The Road Foreman and Clerk updated all bid requests for 2019 and they have been properly warned and mailed out to known bidders. Although a bid request went out for paving Pike Hollow Rd., Chris Liller said that the Selectmen should consider grinding it down and repaving it. The grinding would be approx. \$16,000.00 for the mile of road there, but the paving expense doubles. If this option is agreed upon, the Selectmen may want to postpone the project for a year for budgeting reasons. **Backhoe NORTRAX Internet diagnostics:** Chris Liller asked permission to renew said program for three years for \$480.00. Larry Bills so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred. **GMNF Somerset project:** Chis Liller stated that in review of the National Forest's plans for the Somerset / Grout Pond area, they intend to complete work on the Grout Pond parking area, replace the caretaker cottage and close down some trails. He is most concerned with the intent to log out on FR71. He will attend an upcoming briefing to see if the Town should submit comments, as it may mean that the Town will need to plow out to FR71 next winter. Larry Bills recommended that he learn if they intend to hire out the plowing instead of leaving it to the Town. It is also possible that trucks will instead use the southern entrance to FR71. Chris Liller will report back to the Selectmen after the briefing. **Roads Reclassification:** The Selectmen postponed setting a date to hold a site visit and hearing for said issue until the next Selectmen's Meeting. **Summer Roads Site Visit:** The Selectmen will consider this at the next meeting. **FLEET Permits:** The Board reviewed and approved four FLEET permits submitted by 1) Camp Precast 2) Frost Wells 3) Barrett Trucking Co. and 4) Miller Construction. Al Dupell signed the permits and the Clerk will issue them.

Town Hall Reservation: Devon Crowther requested use of the Town Hall on June 29, 2019. The Selectmen agreed and granted the request.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of March 25, 2019. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred - the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Kevin Robinson motioned to adjourn at 8:10pm. Larry Bills seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young