Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

February 11, 2019

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell – Chair, 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 said that consideration of the Brett S. Purvis and Assoc. Assessing contract and a FLEET permit request should be added to the agenda. Chris Liller moved to do so. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Road Crew Issues: Culvert replacements: Chris Liller reported that he had been in contact with a representative of a conservation group working with Meadowsend Timberlands, LTD., which owns land on the east side of the Bear Creek culvert, where an increase in the right-of-way would be required to straighten out the road there. They would like to work with the Town to make the change. Currently they are in the process of placing all their lands in Stratton (along Mountain Rd.) into a Conservation easement. The Clerk had previously contacted the representative working on this project so to ensure that the Town had time to make such an arrangement. Apparently, we do have time to plan the culvert project before an opportunity to increase the right-of-way is lost. Chris Liller said that tomorrow he is meeting with an Engineer from New Hampshire, who is interested in working with the Town on the Little Kidder Brook culvert as well as the Bear Creek culvert, as he is looking at grants for both projects - expected time of actually replacing those culverts are two to three years out. Road Changes: Chris Liller said that due to requirements of the Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP), he would like to have the Town Attorney perform a road change package that includes: 1) as previously discussed, reducing the end of Pike Hollow Rd. [TH18] from 241 Pike Hollow Rd. (Bills) up to the Crafts lot [0.4 miles] to a Class 4 road 2) Throwing up the section of road that splits off to 230 Pike Hollow Rd. (Baird) [TH26 - 0.04 mile], and 3) reduce Stone Chimney Rd. [TH7 west of Mountain Rd.], which runs out to North Cemetery [0.2 mile] to a Class 4 road, as it will be very difficult to comply with the State mandates of the permit and maintain the aesthetics of that road. Al Dupell first wants to ensure that the change is allowed, since Stone Chimney Rd. progresses to a cemetery. Chris Liller reminded him that the road is not maintained in winter – Stratton Corp. uses it as part of their cross-country trails - also, that other cemeteries in town are not accessible by Class 3 roads. The Clerk will investigate. The Selectmen concurred to proceed with the changes. Transfer Station: Chris Liller reported that Scott Marquis, the Transfer Station attendant, had fallen while on the job Sunday afternoon and will be out for a time. Al Dupell agreed to stand in on Tuesday and Thursday. DR Holton has agreed to stand in on Sunday. Chris Liller will prepare some signage, in case there is no coverage during normal open hours. He also thought of a person who might be able to stand in on occasion, as needed. The Selectmen agreed for Chris to approach that person about a temporary position and also agreed to offer him the regular Transfer Station attendant rate. MRGP: The Selectmen reviewed the annual planning report for said Permit, as signed and submitted by the Town Clerk. FLEET: The Selectmen reviewed an overweight permit submitted by rk Miles, Inc. All concurred and the Chair signed the permit.

Town Hall Reservations: Chris Liller requested use of the Town Hall for the Pathfinders Snowmobile Club for February 23, 2019. Greg Marcucci asked to reserve the Town Hall on Easter (April 21, 2019). Kevin Robinson moved approval of both requests. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Grand List Close Out: The Selectmen reviewed the annual close out of the Grand List submitted by the Listers, as there are no appeals or suits pending for the 2018 Grand List. Greg Marcucci moved to certify. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred and all signed the certification.

Assessing Contract: The Selectmen reviewed said contract submitted by Brett S. Purvis and Assoc. for the coming year. The Listers had recommended approval. Chris Liller moved to approve. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred and the Chair signed the contract.

Minutes: Kevin Robinson moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of January 28, 2019. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred - the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:20pm. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young