

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

January 22, 2018

Present: Selectmen: Chair - Al Dupell, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Sheriff's Deputies - Tyler Cook and Jessica Fellows; and Clerk – Kent Young.

Al Dupell called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Orders were reviewed and signed. Consideration of a FLEET permit application was added to the agenda.

Sheriff's Contract: Deputies Tyler Cook and Jessica Fellows were present to discuss the 2018/9 contract between the Town and the Sheriff's Dept.. The Selectmen intend to go with a 20 hours per week service. They hope to get varied coverage to include evenings. Deputy Fellows said that the department intends to coordinate hours with Jamaica, and that Jamaica also intends to contract for 20-hour weeks. Deputies will be on 10-hour shifts, and so can dedicate 5 hours to each town on days they patrol the towns. The Selectmen implied that they are more interested in visibility than in traffic stops, and were concerned about vandalism at the Rec. Area. In conclusion, the budgeted amount for the 20 hours per week service will need to be approved at Town meeting as part of the General Fund Budget. Deputy Fellows may try to attend the Town Meeting. The Town will inform the Sheriff's Dept. of that outcome. At this time, Deputies Cook and Fellows left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Chris Liller will be out for the next week for personal reasons. **Accident:** The Selectmen then discussed the incident of the Road Foreman damaging the Electrical lines to the Town Hall and Town Office on Jan 17, 2018. Southworth Electrical and Green Mountain Power evaluated the damage and a temporary fix was made on Jan 22, 2018. A complete repair of the conduit for this underground service cannot be made until spring, once the ground has thawed. The Road Foreman has submitted an incident report to the Town's insurance provider, VLCT-PACIF. **FLEET Permit:** The Selectmen reviewed said permit application submitted by Newport Sand and Gravel Co. Greg Marcucci moved to approve. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred. Al Dupell signed to approve.

Town Hall: During the thaw and heavy rain during the weekend of Jan 13 &14, 2018, the crawlspace of the Town Hall flooded and swamped the furnaces. The crawl space was pumped out and the furnaces were repaired. The Selectmen concluded that when the concrete layer was applied all across the crushed-stone floor of the crawlspace to minimize moisture, the old drain must have been covered. That drain needs to be located and cleared to allow for proper drainage.

Security Systems / New phone lines: The Clerk reported that Fairpoint is scheduled to install the necessary phone lines to the Town Office / Town Hall tomorrow, Jan 23, 2018, at which time, George Wilson can continue converting the security systems over to his systems in the Office and Town Hall. He has also ordered heat detectors to replace the old detectors and will install those as well. Meanwhile, the Clerk sent notice to Countryside Lock and Alarm informing them that their service is no longer needed for the Town Hall, but that they should continue to monitor the Town Office until further notice.

2018 Town Meeting Warning: The Clerk presented the Selectmen with the Warning for their approval. The last appropriations requests were added and the budgets for the General Fund and Highway Fund have been calculated by the Treasurer. Greg Marcucci moved to approve. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred and signed the Warning. The other Selectmen may sign if available before it is posted on January 25, 2018.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of January 8, 2018. Kevin Robinson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

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

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*