

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
September 23, 2019**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci, and Kevin Robinson; Betsy and Rob Wadsworth of the Wadsworth Co.; Winhall-Stratton Fire Dist. (WSFD) reps. – Tom Snopek, Helmer Pearson and Engineer Ed Floyd; and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Modifications: Visitors asked to add, "Consideration of a complaint about the Zoning Administrator / Health Officer." Greg Marcucci so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

ZA / Health Officer Complaint: The Wadsworth Co. and WSFD representatives addressed the Selectmen about the Town's ZA / Health Officer over-stepping his authority in regard to the construction of a single-family home in the North Brookwood neighborhood, along with the construction of the sewer line extension in that neighborhood. On several occasions he has attempted to direct workers in their duties, by-passing their supervision, and he has tried to implement restrictions upon the projects that are not within his jurisdiction, such as work hours. The Sewer construction is under the guidance of an approved Engineer following an approved design. The Engineer answers to ANR; DEC – not to the Town Health Officer. Said Complainants understand that the ZA position is appointed and falls under the supervision of the Selectmen, while the Health Officer position is recommended by the Selectmen to the State for appointment. They ask that the Selectmen intervene as necessary to ensure that the duties of these positions are carried out appropriately. WSFD Reps also felt that the Town and its officers should support and encourage the expansion of the sewer system, as directed by the State of Vermont's guidelines, instead of seemingly opposing it. The Selectmen ensured those in attendance that they do thoroughly support the expansion of the sewer system. Following the discussion, the Wadsworths and the WSFD Reps left the meeting. The Selectmen agreed to review Health Officer guidelines and Health Officer and ZA job descriptions before inviting the ZA / Health Officer to a future meeting for discussion.

Road Crew Issues: Rock Salt: The Selectmen agreed to reserve Rock Salt with American Rock Salt at \$65.83/ton and will purchase from there only if necessary, as Appalachia has offered a lower price per ton. **Culverts:** In regard to the Little Kidder Brook Culvert, the Road Foreman has not been able to contact the Engineer for an update. **F550 Truck Replacement:** Additional information regarding the F550 truck replacement needs to be gathered before presenting truck and body options to the board. Incidentally, the existing F550 truck had to be towed for fuel system repairs. **Paving:** Fuller Sand and Gravel will commence paving Pikes Falls Rd. and do the necessary patch-pavings on October 1. **County Rd.:** Chris Liller said he believes the drainage issue on Ross Powers' land will be resolved with the installation of a longer driveway culvert, which has failed. He also said he had given Mr. Powers an application for an Access / Work in Right-of-way permit for potentially routing power under the road from the Matthews' lot. **Sand / Salt Shed:** Chris Liller recommends that the Selectmen have All Seasons Const. return to remove the doors and extend the openings upward on the building to allow for better unloading of sand or salt. Other Towns have determined that the doors fail due to corrosion and are generally unnecessary. The Selectmen concurred. **Grader:** Chris Liller said that Stuart Chapin, who grades the roads, is satisfied with the cutting edge on the grader; although currently, it has pulled up some large rocks, ultimately, by identifying these areas in need of finer gravel, the roads will be able to be graded more smoothly, resulting in better gravel road surfaces. **Part-time Employee:** Chris Liller reports that Grayson Peterson is scheduled to test for his CDL license in the coming weeks, prior to the winter season. The Clerk reminded the board that he will need to be added to the Occupational Drug Testing schedule as required by law.

Rec. Area: George Wilson of Low Voltage, Inc. visited and inspected the area with Chris Liller. For the needed security, he recommends six to eight cameras with a control unit to be housed in the maintenance building there. The Selectmen agreed to have him submit a quote for the system with eight cameras.

Town Hall / Rec. Area Use: Connie Montemagni requested use of the Town Hall, Church and Rec. Area for October 3, 2020 for a wedding. She also inquired about the potential power installation at the ball field. The Selectmen agreed to the reservation; however, they do not think that power will be installed before that time.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of September 9, 2019. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

ACT 250 Revision: The Selectmen reviewed a letter prepared by the Clerk in response to the discussion at last meeting with Laura Sibia. The letter states the Selectmen's opposition to proposed revisions to Act 250. The Clerk prepared letters to the District Rep., the Governor and Windham County Senators. Following review the Selectmen signed each of the four letters and the Clerk agreed to mail them out. A copy of the general letter will be posted on the website.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:45pm. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young