

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
September 27, 2021**

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

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

Modifications to the Agenda: No modifications were made.

SeVEDS: Laura Sibia was present to update the Select Board on progress of the Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS), a program conducted by Brattleboro Development Credit Corp. which continues to help southeastern Vermont build a better and more resilient economy. The Town helps to fund this effort through a yearly appropriation. She highlighted the recent increase in population due to COVID, which is in contrast to the previous trend of a decreasing and aging population. Recent projects carried out by SeVEDS include progress toward the upgrade of the region's internet availability with fiber optics, as it seems that the DVFiber Communications Committee is working hard to get a company in to provide it throughout this area. The discussion then went toward discussions of road repairs and hinderances resulting from what the board believes to be unnecessary legislative and agency requirements regarding repairs. Following the discussion Laura Sibia left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Flooding Event of July 29, 2021: Chris Liller stated that Fitzpatrick's Excavating has moved in to work on the bank stabilization projects to ensure that they will be completed by October 1. The permitting necessary for the replacement of Bridge 23 on W. Jamaica Rd. is progressing and he hopes it will be approved soon. Currently, he is waiting for approval from the Army Corp. of Engineers.

Pickup Truck: It is still out for repairs. **MRPG Grant:** The Foreman asked that the Selectmen sign approval for a grant to purchase a turbine blower attachment for the excavator, needed to help clean out stone-lined ditches. The Selectmen concurred and signed the grant application. **Paving:** Chris Liller reported that the paving of the northern portion of Mountain Rd. is complete, with the exception of the aprons. **Rec. Area Maintenance:** The Road Crew have been working in the Rec. Area on various small projects.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes and Liquor Control Board Minutes of September 13, 2021. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Larry Bills motioned to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.. Greg Marcucci seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young