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**TOWN OF STRATTON
INFORMATIONAL ACT 46 MEETING
&
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
STRATTON TOWN OFFICE
JULY 12, 2017**

The Stratton School Board held an informational meeting for Stratton residents on Wednesday, July 12, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

PURPOSE: The reason for the meeting was to present information dealing with Acts 46 and 49 and to discuss options which include a possible merger with the towns Winhall and Sandgate as well as tax incentives from the State.

ATTENDING: Stratton Board members, Thomas Montemagni (Chair), Siobhan Eddy Young (Director), Lorraine Weeks Newell (Clerk), Kent Young (Stratton Town Clerk), Alyson Marcucci (Stratton Town Treasurer), Candie Bernard (Stratton Lister), Al Dupell (Selectboard) and Stratton residents: Wren Young, Stacie Chiodi and Melissa Walker (Act 46 Committee Members), Alison Young, Avis Pickering, Al Dupell, Rob Guinta, Sheri Nowicki, Ed Fitzgerald and Steve Goldfarb.

Stratton Chair, Tom Montemagni gave a review of Act 46 which deals with guidelines for district merging, timelines and the Stratton school boards efforts to provide the best option for the towns approval and ultimately the best education opportunities for Stratton's students. He also discussed Act 49 which offers additional merger options and tax credit incentives for merging non operating districts.

Questions pertaining to the tax incentives and their benefits, the number of Stratton board representatives in a newly formed district and the continuation of school choice were at the top of the list.

It was agreed that Stratton would enter into a formal study group with Winhall and Sandgate which could result in a single district under the BRSU. However, at the time the meeting adjourned, those in attendance agreed that Stratton remain a stand alone, non operating district.

The informational portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

**STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Following the informational meeting, the Board held a brief meeting to address any year end (2016/2017) billing as well as other business that may come before the board. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M.

ATTENDING: Tom Montemagni, Siobhan Eddy Young and Loraine M. Weeks-Newell.

MINUTES: The minutes from the June 21, 2017 meeting were read. Stratton Town Treasurer Alyson Marcucci was incorrectly stated as Alyson Hescock. With the correction made, Siobhan Young motioned to approve the minutes and Tom Montemagni seconded. The minutes were approved.

BILLING:

The Mountain School at Winhall	Tuition Deposit 2017/2018	\$16,000	
CK#4366			
WCSU	Special Education/Final Adjustment Bill	\$3,038.83	CK#4367

The Board reviewed the billing. Board member Siobhan Young had questions regarding the special education adjustment billing. After a brief discussion, Chair Montemagni stated that payment for these services will be approved only after a valid explanation is received from the WCSU. Alyson Marcucci will contact the WCSU regarding the boards request.

The 7/12/17 order was reviewed and approved (see conditions above).
The amount of the order was \$19,038.83.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine M. Weeks Newell
Stratton School Board Clerk