

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
January 13, 2020**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell – Chair, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Little Kidder Brook project bidder – Jeff Fitzpatrick; Resident – Betsy Wadsworth and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Modifications: No modifications were made.

Little Kidder Brook Project: Chris Liller stated that he had reviewed all the bids with Engineer Ron Bell and that all were acceptable. The Fitzpatrick Excavating and Trucking bid was lowest at \$328,000.00, plus \$20.00 / cubic yard for gravel if needed. Kevin Robinson moved to accept this bid. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. The Clerk explained that the contract for said project will be updated to reflect the award and emphasized to Mr. Fitzpatrick that the contract includes a clause that fines the contractor \$1000.00 per day after August 21, 2020, until the road is reopened for traffic. Once the contract is prepared, he will provide it to the Road Foreman. Mr. Fitzpatrick concurred with the stipulation and at that time left the meeting.

Communications District Membership: Betsy Wadsworth was present for this discussion to act as a representative for the Town of Stratton and she said that Candie Bernard has agreed to assist. The Clerk informed the board that following the last Selectmen's meeting, he contacted the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) about the requirement for a Town to join such a district in an attempt to bring better broadband service into the Town. VLCT provided language for the Town Meeting Warning, which essentially requires the Town to vote specifically about the district it is voting to join. Betsy Wadsworth agreed to work with Laura Sibilia and Kelly Pajala in an effort to put together the information necessary for the vote. The Clerk said that this specific information needs to be available by Monday, January 27, 2020 so that it will be included in the Town Meeting Warning. Betsy Wadsworth agreed and at this time, she left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Paving: Chris Liller agreed to work with the Treasurer to present options for budgeting for paving of Pike Hollow Rd., so that the Selectmen can decide a timeline for this project, as they may delay this project for another year. They will, however, ensure that the patch paving over the culverts that were replaced are re-patched as necessary. **Certification of Town Roads:** The Clerk stated that he had prepared said paperwork to reflect that the Town reclassified two roads and discontinued a third. The Selectmen concurred and the Chair signed the paperwork.

ZBA Appointments: Chris Liller moved to re-appoint Diana Stugger and D.R. Holton to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Stipends: Upon a request to consider increases to Town Officer stipends, the Clerk said that he had reviewed old Town Meeting minutes and that board / chair stipends had been voted at Town Meeting about 20 years ago. As for the Zoning Administrator and Health Officer stipends, these could be set by the Selectmen. The Selectmen postponed any discussion concerning this issue.

Town Hall Usage: The Selectmen agreed to allow Alyson Peterson to use the Town Hall on January 25 and Josh Avera to use the Town Hall on February 22.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of December 23 and 26, 2019. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:10pm. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*