

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
September 9, 2019**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Greg Marcucci, and Kevin Robinson; SeVEDS representative – Laura Sibia; and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Modifications: No modifications were made.

Road Crew Issues: The Road Foreman was not present. The Clerk relayed that in regard to the Little Kidder Brook Culvert, the Road Foreman has not been able to contact the Engineer since the Selectmen's meeting the Engineer had attended. No progress has been made regarding the F550 truck replacement and Fuller Sand and Gravel has not yet commenced paving Pikes Falls Rd., but they should be here to complete that job within the month.

Rec. Area: The Road Crew had reported that vandals had damaged the new gate that restricts vehicle access onto the Basketball Court. Someone had set up a skate board course on the court – the Road Crew hauled away a truckload of this material to the dump. The Selectmen agreed that the Clerk should contact Low Voltage, Inc. for security camera recommendations. The Clerk agreed to do so.

Transfer Station: The Transfer Station Attendant requested the following days off: Sept 15, 17 and 19. Gerry Cloutier will not be available; therefore, Al Dupell agreed to cover on Sept 15 and the Road Crew will cover the remaining days requested.

Town Hall / Rec. Area Use: Larry Bills requested use of the Town Hall from September 20 to 22 for an event. The remaining Selectmen present concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of August 26, 2019. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

SeVEDS: Laura Sibia was present representing Brattleboro Development Credit Corp. regarding the Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategy. The Town supports this organization by appropriation. Ms. Sibia was present to give the Selectman an annual briefing of its activities and to learn of any concerns the Town might have regarding associated issues. Highlights of the discussion included the problems the town's economy could face if new Act 250 legislation is passed as proposed - one issue being the reduction of the elevation restriction from 2500 ft. to 2000 ft.. Another issue of concern is the availability of broadband and cell service. They are working to form a Communications District for this area and would like someone from Stratton to attend meetings once it is formed. A district was formed in another area of Vermont which was able to fund the installation of fiber optics in areas where broadband service was previously limited. The Selectmen were interested in this idea, but no prospective representative of the Town was noted. Following the discussion, Ms. Sibia left the meeting.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:15pm. Larry Bills seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young