

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
January 23, 2017**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell - Chair, Greg Marcucci Chris Liller, and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib; School Board Chair – Tom Montemagni, and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Modifications to the Agenda: No modifications were made.

Rec. Area Rental: Tom Montemagni was present to discuss the School Board's request for an increase of the rental for the Recreational Area. The School Board believes that the appropriate annual rate should be \$120,000.00. The Selectmen concurred and will include this amount in the budget to be vote at Town Meeting. The budget and the Town Meeting Warning already had been produced for their review in anticipation of this change. Following this discussion, Tom Montemagni left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Plowing Routine: The Selectmen discussed this issue with the Road Foreman to ensure the new routine established at the last meeting had been implemented. Ralph Staib confirmed that it had. **Salt:** Ralph Staib stated that an additional 400 tons of salt had been delivered.

Town Hall Use: The Selectmen considered and approved the use of the Town Hall by Ralph Staib for a VTrans seminar on May 11, 2017. They agreed to reserve the Town Hall for Candie Bernard for Feb 11 and 12, 2017 and for Greg Marcucci for Feb 4, 2017.

Town Meeting Warning for March 7, 2017: The Selectmen reviewed the Warning as prepared by the Town Office and reviewed and discussed appropriations requests thereon that had been submitted to the Selectmen for inclusion on the Warning. Following the discussion, the Selectmen decided to remove the request for \$10,000.00 submitted by the Stratton Mountain Carlos Otis Clinic submitted for their ambulance replacement fund. Their existing ambulance is seven years old with 70,000 miles. The Selectmen also decided to remove the request for the Betty Boop Bus for \$1500.00. The rest were acceptable. Kevin Robinson so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred. The Clerk corrected the Warning accordingly and the Selectmen reviewed and then signed the Warning. The Clerk stated that it can be posted after Thursday, Feb 26, 2017 and that the Town Report will be sent to the printers on Thursday.

Fire Dept. Service Fees: The Selectmen reviewed a letter from the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Co. which detailed their responses to preventable alarms. In each case, the alarm should have been anticipated and the alarm company notified, or, following the alarm, the alarm company should have been notified that it had occurred in error. Instead, each alarm resulted in the Fire Dept. responding to the scene. Each of the following incidences shall be charged the \$200.00 service fee, in accordance with the ordinance, *The Town of Stratton Regulations of Private Fire Alarm and Security Gate Systems*. **The Stratton Mountain School:** 1) 1/17/2016 due to burned popcorn 2) 2/16/2017 due to burned food 3) 8/24/2016 set off by workmen 4) 10/25/2016 set off by workmen – total fees - \$800.00; **Village Square #3:** on 12/5/2016 workmen cut wire – total fee \$200.00; **Vantage Point #65:** – on 1/11/2016 working on alarm system – total fee \$200.00; **130 Sunbowl Ridge Rd.:** on 5/19/2016 set off by workmen – total fee \$200.00; **65 East Birch Rd.:** on 3/16/2016 two false alarms set off while working on the system – total fee \$400.00; **5 Beechwood Rd.:** on 6/14/2016 set off by workmen – total fee \$200.00. Kevin Robinson so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes for January 9, 2017. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred – the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Chris Liller motioned to adjourn at 8:25p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*