

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
November 27, 2023**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell, chair, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Boomer Walker; and Kent Young, Clerk.

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

Modifications: No modifications made.

Town Forest: The Clerk stated that he had discussed the Nature Conservancy request with Town Attorney, Robert Fisher. Mr. Fisher, in turn, had a discussion with that organization and invited them for a site visit sometime in the Spring; therefore, further discussion regarding this issue will be postponed until after the site visit is held.

Road Crew Issues: Grout Pond Rd.: The Agreement for the reimbursement method and amount for the consultant approved at the last meeting has been accepted by the State. **Trucks:** The Selectmen reviewed a quote from Viking Cives for a truck body for a replacement truck for the 2020 F550. The full replacement is scheduled for 2025. The foreman thought it prudent to get a quote now because of the significant backlog. The Selectmen agreed and approved acceptance of the quote for \$80,500.00. The Foreman also requested that the Town budget for a smaller pickup for use by the road crew. The Selectmen concurred.

VT Declaration of Inclusion – The Board heard requests from Barbara Noyes Pulling and Norm Cohen, who discussed the initiative by conference call. Following the call, the Selectmen adopted the following Declaration of Inclusion:

The Town of Stratton condemns racism and welcomes all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, age, or disability, and wants everyone to feel safe and welcome in our community.

As a Town, we formally condemn all discrimination in all of its forms, commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community, and will strive to ensure all of our actions, policies, and operating procedures reflect this commitment.

The Town of Stratton has and will continue to be a place where individuals can live freely and express their opinions.

By the Stratton Selectboard on November 27, 2023.

Chris Liller so moved. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred and the declaration was adopted.

Snowmobile Trails: Opening roads for Snowmobile usage: During the discussion, general consensus was that the town should not open said trails and road usage until full access for the surrounding snowmobiling community has been agreed upon. Following the discussion, the board agreed that the Town will not open Town Roads or the Town's Recreation Area for snowmobile usage for the 2023/24 winter season. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded. Boomer Walker recused himself – the remaining Selectmen concurred.

Town Hall: Chris Liller moved to allow Steve Fletcher use of the Town Hall on December 10. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of November 13, 2023. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Larry Bills moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young