

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

April 11, 2022

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Boomer Walker; Steve Petrik of SVTA; and Kent Young – Clerk.

7:30pm: the meeting opened. Orders were reviewed and signed. No modifications were made to the agenda.

Town Forest: Steve Petrik of the Southern Vermont Trail Assoc. was present to continue discussion regarding use of the Town Forest for hiking and mountain biking trails. Mr. Petrik had presented a map showing a potential layout which includes a parking area, as discussed at the last meeting. The Clerk had forwarded to him an example of a State Access permit onto Rt. 100, to ensure SVTA would know what to do to acquire one for the Town. Mr. Petrik will contact the abutting property owner regarding the lot site. Additionally, he and the Clerk had discussed the project with the Town Attorney, Robert Fisher, who had made comments and corrections to the proposed Landowner's Agreement. Mr. Petrik is incorporating Attorney Fisher's recommendations into the document. The application for the Grant has been pushed back to the end of May, so Mr. Petrik will be back to a future meeting to finalize the agreement. At this time, Steve Petrik left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: FEMA Grants: Chris Liller stated that FEMA will now cover 90% of the cost of approved projects. He is still working with FEMA to obtain approval of last summer's flood related projects. **Yearly Bids:** RFPs have been distributed and published for the May 9, 2022 consideration date. **FLEET Permits:** The Selectmen reviewed and approved FLEET permit requests from 1) Beacon Sales Acquisitions 2) Cota & Cota, Inc. and 3) GW Tatro Construction. Chris Liller so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred and Al Dupell signed these permits. **Projects:** Chris Liller stated that the Road Crew will be working to fix manhole-covers on the Stratton Mountain Access Rd.. They may also be ready to open Penny Ave. after the coming rain this week. **Transfer Station:** Gerry Clotier has been substituting for Scott Marquis for over two weeks – Scott Marquis should be back to work this week. **Recertification:** The Board reviewed additional requirements needed to complete recertification. The Clerk and Road Foreman will gather and submit the information needed for completion.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Greg Marcucci moved that Stratton make the one-time irrevocable decision to elect the "Standard Allowance" approach for our ARPA award in the amount of \$59,190.09, to spend on the provisions of government services throughout the period of performance of the grant. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred and the motion passed.

Fire Warden: Boomer Walker has been in contact with Jim Esden of the State. He asked that the Board submit the appointment form. The Selectmen signed to appoint Boomer Walker as Forest Fire Warden.

Town Hall use: Chris Liller moved to approve a request for use of the Town Hall from Melissa Teitelbaum for June 4, 2022. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes and Liquor Control Board minutes of March 28, 2022. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Broadband: The Board reviewed a letter from Fred Schwacke of Winhall asking that Stratton consider joining TriMountain Broadband – a CUD, as DVFiber's plans are not adequate in his opinion for this area. The Selectmen were not interested at this time.

Adjourn: Chris Liller moved to adjourn at 8:15pm. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*