

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
February 14, 2022**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell – Chair, Chris Liller and Greg Marcucci; and Kent Young – Clerk. Also present: Steve Petrik and Tera Adams of the Southern Vermont Trails Assoc.

7:30pm: Al Dupell opened the meeting. Orders were reviewed and signed.

Modifications to the Agenda: Added DVFiber resignation, Fire Warden appointment.

Town Forest: Steve Petrik and Tera Adams of the Southern Vermont Trail Assoc. were present to discuss use of the Town Forest for hiking and mountain biking trails. They are working to acquire grants to build new trails and create continuity with existing trails in the southern part of the State. They have spoken with Robert Fisher, a nearby property owner, who is also interested in making his property available for trails that can link up with existing trails within Dover. As previously discussed, the Selectmen were interested in allowing trails within the Town Forest. The Clerk read from the deed from the Nature Conservancy to the Town, which included restriction on use. Said trails apparently comply with these restrictions. As per the Selectmen's previous request, the Clerk had contacted the County Forester, who agreed to walk the property to identify potential logging options. Discussion continued with the option of connecting the Rec. Area if possible and the possibility of discussing links with the Ski Resort as well. In conclusion, SVTA will first work to develop the plans necessary to obtain grants for their projects, which will include trails within the Town Forest, as this is due in April. Mr. Petrik will work with Robert Fisher, who is Stratton's Town Attorney, to develop an owner's agreement. He will also work with the County Forester and the Town to coordinate potential logging of the Town Forest with any trail development. Additionally, the Selectmen discussed potential parking options for the trail system. Parking areas will likely be available in Dover, near the Blue Brook Rd. intersection with Rt. 100. Following the conversation, Steve Petrik and Tera Adams left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Paving: The Foreman will be working with Tom Fuller to determine what will be necessary for this year's paving projects. **FLEET Permits:** The Selectmen reviewed and approved FLEET permit requests from Valley Crane Services, Renaud Brothers Inc., and Barrett Trucking. The Chair signed these permits. **Snowmobiles Use of Roads:** Chris Liller moved to add to the list of roads to be used by snowmobiles as follows: Knowlton Farm Rd. and the section of Stratton-Arlington Rd. from its intersection with Knowlton Farm Rd. to its intersection with Willis Cemetery Rd. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

IT and Internet Security: The Selectmen reviewed a proposal from Dominion Tech regarding said services, which will cost \$1800.00 / month. The Clerk stated that this is required now for insurance to protect against loss of town revenue due to online theft or ransom-wear. Besides security, this service will provide the office and garage with the IT support it requires. Chris Liller moved to approve up to \$1800.00 / month for said services. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

DVFiber: The Selectmen received and reviewed letters of resignation from Candie Bernard and Alyson Peterson as alternate representatives. The Selectmen accepted their resignations.

Fire Warden Appointment: Chris Liller stated that since Kevin Robinson has passed away, it is necessary to appoint a new Fire Warden. The Board agreed to appoint Ray Hawksley, with Matthew Underwood as the assistant. Jim Emsden from the State will need to approve of the appointment. Greg Marcucci so moved and Chris Liller seconded – all concurred and the appointments were approved.

Selectmen's Meetings: The Clerk agreed to cancel the Feb 28 meeting and warn an Organizational Meeting with the consideration of orders, etc. on the agenda for March 1, following the Town Meeting.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of January 24, 2022. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Chris Liller moved to adjourn at 8:45pm. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*