

Town of Stratton
Selectman's Meeting
May 12, 2025

Present: Selectman: Chair – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci, and Boomer Walker; Clerk, Kent Young; Victor Rivas – Emergency Management Director; and Margo Ghia of Windham Regional Commission (WRC).

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

Modifications: The Clerk asked that the following item be added to said agenda: Consider adoption of Stratton's Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP). Boomer Walker so moved. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred.

LEMP: Victor Rivas discussed the LEMP that he and WRC had prepared, as the latest version has expired. Following the discussion, Chris Liller moved to adopt said plan and Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. Mr. Rivas stated that he is also working with WRC on the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town. At this time, Victor Rivas left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Grout Pond Rd. FLAP Grant: Margo Ghia of WRC was present to discuss progress of the project, as well as issues that have increased costs and extended the timeline of the project. Margo Ghia provided a list of, and reasons for these additional costs and extensions, which includes an archaeological study of the surrounding areas to be disturbed. Said study is scheduled for this summer. Following a lengthy discussion, Boomer Walker moved that the project be put on hold until the town receives answers regarding some recommendations for potential changes to said project and how these changes might affect the cost so that the board can make a decision whether to stop the project and pay the current accumulated expenses or to agree that the project shall continue. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. Boomer Walker provided these recommendations to Margo Ghia. She will follow up on this request and report back to the town as soon as possible. **Storm Water Master Plan:** Chris Liller and Margo Ghia discussed this project, which is intended to locate potential storm water hazards (per State criteria) across the Town. It is meant to evaluate public lands and will also work with willing landowners. The plan is funded with no expense to the Town. Following a discussion, Boomer Walker moved to proceed with said plan. Greg Marcucci seconded and all concurred. At this time, Marg Ghia left the meeting. **Stratton Resort Cross Walks:** Chris Liller provided a quote of \$7460.00 to have said crosswalks on the Stratton Mountain Access Rd. painted. Larry Bills so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. All concurred. **Speed Bumps in the Resort:** Chris Liller said that Stratton management has requested permission for speed bumps on the Stratton Mountain Access Rd. to slow traffic through the village. The Selectmen do not believe this to be a good idea due to snow plowing requirements and so will not allow it. They recommended that since the Resort contracts with the Winhall Police Dept. for resort coverage, they should request more patrolling in the resort. **Green Mountain Power (GMP) Powerline Upgrades:** Chris Liller is concerned about said project's buried powerline installations affecting Town culverts. He will write a list of requirements / specifications that GMP will need to adhere to when working around Town culverts. He will have something ready soon for the board to review and approve. **Culverts:** The culvert at 227 W. Jamaica Rd. has failed. Chris Liller is working with Josh Carvajal the VT ANR River Management Engineer to get it replaced. The Brazers Way culverts are scheduled for replacement during the week of May 19. Brazers Way will be closed from SMS to the Pikes Falls intersection during workdays all that week. **Brush Hog and Pickup Replacement:** Chris Liller reported that this equipment has been ordered. **Meetinghouse Maintenance:** Chris Liller received an estimate from Ed Perkins, a mason (currently rebuilding the Pike Hollow Cemetery wall), for \$11,000.00 to \$12,000.00 to repair the stone foundation on the meetinghouse (old stone on the roadsides and new stone on the back and church sides. He was also asked about adding stone around the schoolhouse foundation and Mr. Perkins estimated \$8000.00 to

\$8500.00. He will be available to perform this work soon after the cemetery project is complete. In a discussion with the Treasurer, Chris Liller said the Town has about \$3000.00 in the budget for the meetinghouse, but the Board agreed that the project should be done and that surplus funds can be put toward it. Boomer Walker so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred. **Road Erosion Inventory Grant:** The Board reviewed said grant and concurred. Al Dupell signed it. **Canedy Rd. bridge:** Chris Liller will get the membrane for said bridge so that it will be prepared when the time comes to pave said bridge.

Town Hall Rentals: Boomer Walker moved to allow Bethany Chase to hold line-dancing classes at the Town Hall on Thursday evenings until further notice. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

Ethics Training: The Clerk recommended an incentive to get Town Officers to take said training by authorizing meeting pay to each individual town officer who has taken it. Boomer Walker so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Memorial Day Meeting: The Chair asked for a motion to cancel the meeting scheduled for May 26, 2025. Greg Marcucci so moved. Boomer Walker seconded and all concurred. The Clerk will post the cancellation.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci motioned to approve the Selectman’s minutes of April 28, 2025. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Boomer Walker motioned to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young

David Kent Young, Clerk