

# Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

June 14, 2021

**Present:** Selectmen: Al Dupell - Chair, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Martina Barnes, Manchester District Ranger for the Green Mountain National Forest, and Kent Young – Clerk.

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

**Modifications to the Agenda:** Add: 1) Consider lifting COVID 19 restrictions for the Town Hall. 2) Consider Town Office / Hall generator maintenance 3) Consider approving Winhall Police contract with Stratton Corp. and 4) Consider approval of the Sullivan and Powers annual Outside Audit contract. Larry Bills so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred.

**Nation Forest Projects:** Martina Barnes, the new Manchester District Ranger for the Green Mountain National Forest attended the meeting to introduce herself to the Select Board and to discuss ongoing projects within Stratton, as well as to hear any of the Selectmen's comments or concerns about the National Forest within Stratton. She said that the Clerk had previously asked about plans to burn off the cleared area within the National Forest, near the far western end of Pike Hollow Rd.. She said that this should take place in the late summer or fall of this year. She said that work toward previous plans for the Grout Pond vicinity continue with the extension of the parking area (and loop), as well as continuation of trail work and increasing the number of camp sites, and increasing access for canoes and kayaks onto the Pond. At Grout Pond, they plan to build a new privy facility, as well as a cabin that can be rented out online (apparently this is up near the old cabin site). She also discussed an upcoming timber sale associated with various cuttings in the vicinity of Grout Pond – better information will be provided at a later date. Chris Liller also brought up the issue of ditching along Town roads and the necessity to meet State standards, if the National Forest intends to do any ditching along Town Roads. Various other minor issues were discussed. Ms. Barnes agreed to share the Town's comments and concerns with her staff. Following her discussion with the Selectmen, Ms. Barnes left the meeting.

**Road Crew Issues: Crack Sealing:** The Foreman said that this project has been completed. **Grants:** Chris Liller informed the board that the Town is certain to get the paving grant; however, the amount has not yet been determined.

**Road Crew Personnel:** A Notice has been advertised, as necessary. The board is scheduled to consider applications at their next meeting on June 28.

**COVID 19 Policy:** The Governor relaxed all State policies regarding COVID 19, as of this date. The Selectmen agreed to do the same for the Town, which means that routines, such as Town Hall usage, may continue. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred. *(The Office staff, however, have agreed to maintain controlled access to the Town Office during work hours and to continue with appointments for vault time, for the foreseeable future.)*

**Town Office / Hall Generator:** Powers Generator submitted a proposal to replace the battery in said generator during the next servicing of said generator. All agreed and Al Dupell signed the proposal.

**Outside Audit:** The Selectmen reviewed a contract with Sullivan and Powers for the Town audit for the 2019/20 fiscal year. The Selectmen all signed the contract.

**Stratton Corp. / Winhall Police Contract:** Stratton Corp. had submitted a contract between the resort and the Winhall Police Dept. for patrolling the resort area, including Stratton Town Roads, for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023. The Selectmen agreed to the contract and Al Dupell signed the document, with the Clerk signing as witness.

**Minutes:** Chris Liller moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of May 24, 2021. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

**Adjourn:** Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:15p.m.. Larry Bills seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*