Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

March 28, 2022

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

7:30pm: Larry Bills opened the meeting. Orders were reviewed and signed.

Modifications to the Agenda: No modifications were made.

Town Forest: Steve Petrik and Tera Adams of the Southern Vermont Trail Assoc. were present to continue discussion regarding use of the Town Forest for hiking and mountain biking trails. They brought a workup of a Landowner's Agreement and site plans for trails and a parking area for the Town Forest. Discussion concentrated on the parking area. The drawing showed a potential area at the peak of the hill on Rte. 100, but the Selectmen recommended a lower point of access along the edge of the forest, which had been an old road at one time. Mr. Petrik was working with the State in regard to various required permitting issues. The Clerk said that additionally a State Access Permit from VTrans will be required for access onto Rte. 100 and a Town Zoning Permit for the parking lot also may be necessary. Other concerns were policy items regarding use and maintenance of the area and the parking lot, which should be included within the agreement. Mr. Petrik has not been able to discuss the agreement with the Town Attorney yet; however, he intends to do so soon. The Clerk agreed to contact Robert Fisher, the Town Attorney, to ensure he knows he will be representing the Town in regard to this project. The application of the Grant is due April 29, so Mr. Petrik will be back to a meeting next month will a final draft of the agreement for signatures. At this time, Steve Petrik and Tera Adams left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: **AOT Grants**: Chris Liller asked for approval signatures for the Town's Financial Plan, which is necessary for the grant requests for paving and structures. All present reviewed and signed the document. **FLEET Permits**: The Selectmen reviewed and approved FLEET permit requests from 1) Suburban Propane and 2) Dead River Co.. Greg Marcucci so moved. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred and Larry Bills signed these permits. **Yearly Bids**: The Selectmen agreed to schedule bid openings for the meeting of May 9, 2022. **Annual Site Visits**: The Selectmen will tentatively hold their annual site visit of various roads requiring maintenance on April 25, 2022.

Fire Warden: Boomer Walker agreed to take on the Fire Warden Position. Chris Liller so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded. Chris Liller said he will contact Jim Emsden of the State, who will review the Board's recommendation.

Town Hall use: Boomer Walker moved to approve request for use of the Town Hall from Jodie Perkins / Diane Schwippert on May 22, 2022 and a change of the Pathfinders Snowmobile Club request from April 17 to April 24, 2022. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

Transfer Station: Recertification: The Clerk stated that the recertification application had been submitted and accepted by the State. He will keep the board informed regarding the approval process. **Attendant Coverage**: Scott Marquis may be out for some time. Gerry Clotier will be able to cover during his absence.

ZBA Appointment: This was not considered, as a resignation letter from Diana Stugger has not been received.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of March 14, 2022. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

DVFiber: The Board agreed to reappoint Betsy Wadsworth as Stratton's Representative to DVFiber. No one has agreed to take on the Alternate positions. Larry Bills signed the appointment paperwork.

Adjourn: Chris Liller moved to adjourn at 8:40pm. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: David Kent Young