

TOWN OF STRATTON  
MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF  
MARCH 4, 2025

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton met as warned at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 4, 2025. Boomer Walker opened the meeting at 10:00am.

The Clerk took the roll. 28 voters were present – 15 votes constitute a majority. (guests present – Oliver Rivas and Steve Petrik)

The Moderator read the following Article:

*ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.*

Kent Young nominated Boomer Walker. Chris Liller seconded. Chris Liller moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Al Dupell seconded. All concurred. Boomer Walker was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

*ARTICLE 2: To act on the Town Report.*

Kent Young moved to approve the Town Report (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024). Greg Marcucci seconded. Discussion. The Town Clerk stated that one mistake needed to be corrected – on Page 2, the following term expirations are to be corrected: Ray Hawksley to 2025 and Rob Wadsworth to 2027. The Moderator asked for a voice vote to approve the Town Report with said corrections. The ayes were unanimous and the Town Report was approved as amended.

*ARTICLE 3: To elect Town officers as required by law:*

**Selectman (one three-year term):** Kent Young nominated Chris Liller. Alyson Peterson seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Chris Liller was elected Selectman for a three-year term.

**Selectman (one one-year term):** Kent Young nominated Al Dupell. Chris Liller seconded. Kent Young moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Alyson Peterson seconded. All concurred. Al Dupell was elected Selectman for a one-year term. Chris Liller congratulated Al Dupell for having served Stratton as a Selectmen for 50 years, this was followed by a congratulatory round of applause for him.

**Selectman (one one-year term):** Kent Young nominated Boomer Walker. Alyson Peterson seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Boomer Walker was elected Selectman for a one-year term.

**Planning Commissioner (one three-year term):** Kent Young nominated Chris Mann. Alyson Peterson seconded. Kent Young moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Alyson Peterson seconded. All concurred. Chris Mann was elected Planning Commissioner for a three-year term.

**Planning Commissioner (one one-year term):** Kent Young nominated George Rigoulot. Al Dupell seconded. Kent Young moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Alyson Peterson seconded. All concurred. George Rigoulot was elected Planning Commissioner for a one-year term.

**Planning Commissioner (one one-year term):** Kent Young nominated Ray Hawksley. Chris Liller seconded. Kent Young moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred. Ray Hawksley was elected Planning Commissioner for a one-year term.

**Lister (one three-year term):** Chris Liller nominated Candie Bernard. Kent Young seconded. Greg Marcucci moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Alyson Peterson seconded. All concurred. Candie Bernard was elected Lister for a three-year term.

**Lister (a two year term to complete one three-year term):** Chris Liller nominated Britt Wohler. Alyson Peterson seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Britt Wohler was elected Lister for two years to complete a three-year term.

**Cemetery Commissioner (one three-year term):** Chris Liller nominated Larry Bills. Kent Young seconded. Chris Liller moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Alyson Peterson seconded. All concurred. Larry Bills was elected Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term.

**Delinquent Tax Collector (one one-year term):** Greg Marcucci nominated Candie Bernard. Al Dupell seconded. Kent Young moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Diane Niederhauser seconded. All concurred. Candie Bernard was elected Delinquent Tax Collector for a one-year term.

**Trustee of Public Funds (one one-year term):** Chris Liller nominated Alyson Peterson. Kent Young seconded. Greg Marcucci moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Al Dupell seconded. All concurred. Alyson Peterson was elected Trustee of Public Funds for a one-year term.

**Constable (one one-year term):** Chris Liller nominated Paul Bernard. Al Dupell seconded. Kent Young moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Alyson Peterson seconded. All concurred. Paul Bernard was elected Constable for a one-year term.

**Town Agent (one one-year term):** Kent Young nominated John Waite. Al Dupell seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. John Waite was elected Town Agent for a one-year term.

**ARTICLE 4:** *To see if the Town will furnish bonds where bonds are required.*

Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 4 was approved.

**ARTICLE 5:** *To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on notes of the Town or otherwise in anticipation of taxes and/or current expenses.* Helen Eddy so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 5 was approved.

**ARTICLE 6:** *To see if the Town will vote to approve the following appropriation requests:*

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| <i>Aids Project of Southern Vermont</i>        | <i>500.00</i>  |
| <i>American Red Cross</i>                      | <i>500.00</i>  |
| <i>Community Food Pantry</i>                   | <i>500.00</i>  |
| <i>Deerfield Valley Rescue</i>                 | <i>2000.00</i> |
| <i>The Gathering</i>                           | <i>1000.00</i> |
| <i>Grace Cottage Foundation</i>                | <i>8000.00</i> |
| <i>Green Up Vermont</i>                        | <i>50.00</i>   |
| <i>Groundworks Collaborative</i>               | <i>500.00</i>  |
| <i>Health Care and Rehabilitation Services</i> | <i>500.00</i>  |
| <i>Historical Society of Windham County</i>    | <i>250.00</i>  |
| <i>Londonderry Volunteer Rescue</i>            | <i>3150.00</i> |
| <i>The MOOver</i>                              | <i>1000.00</i> |
| <i>Neighborhood Connections</i>                | <i>1000.00</i> |
| <i>Senior Solutions</i>                        | <i>825.00</i>  |
| <i>SeVEDS.</i>                                 | <i>648.00</i>  |
| <i>Stratton Mountain Urgent Care</i>           | <i>6000.00</i> |
| <i>Valley Village</i>                          | <i>335.00</i>  |
| <i>VT Center for Independent Living</i>        | <i>500.00</i>  |
| <i>VT Family Network</i>                       | <i>250.00</i>  |

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| <i>VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force</i>  | <i>200.00</i>     |
| <i>Visiting Nurse Association</i>           | <i>800.00</i>     |
| <i>Wardsboro Public Library</i>             | <i>7000.00</i>    |
| <i>Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association</i> | <i>5000.00</i>    |
| <i>Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue</i>           | <i>5000.00</i>    |
| <i>Windham County Humane Society</i>        | <i>450.00</i>     |
| <i>Winhall Library</i>                      | <i>2888.00</i>    |
| <i>Women's Freedom Center</i>               | <i>750.00</i>     |
| <i>TOTAL</i>                                | <i>\$49596.00</i> |

Kent Young so moved. Chris Liller seconded. Discussion. The Town Clerk stated that the Visiting Nurse Assoc. had contacted the office, after the Warning was approved, and withdrew their request, as they no longer are able to provide services in this area. He moved to amend the article to remove the said \$800.00 request and to correct the total appropriation to \$48,796.00. Al Dupell seconded to amend. All concurred and the Article was amended. The Moderator asked for a voice vote to approve Article 6 and the amended article unanimously passed.

**ARTICLE 7:** *To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$84,315.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget.* Chris Liller so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 7 was approved.

**ARTICLE 8:** *To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to acquire the parcel known as the Stratton Recreation Area (Parcel ID 1100020) consisting of 240 +/- acres for no monetary consideration from the Stratton School District.* Al Dupell so moved. Chris Liller seconded. Discussion: Kent Young explained that this article is meant to give the Selectmen the authority to acquire this property quickly in the event that the Stratton School District is merged with a larger district, as is the current plans, as the State works to revamp the Education system. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 8 was approved.

**ARTICLE 9:** *To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to use excess fund balance, if available, to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year.* Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. Discussion: Helen Nault questioned who determines what amount of fund balance is used in a given year. Alyson Peterson stated that the Selectmen approve this amount when they approve the tax rate, usually per the recommendation of the Treasurer. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 9 was approved.

**ARTICLE 10:** *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,080,047.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2026 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026).* Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. Discussion: Alyson Peterson explained that a very large portion of the General Fund Budget is raised through other revenue sources, such as the local option tax, clerks fees, transfer station revenue, delinquent penalty and interest, and available fund balance. A very small amount is actually raised through taxes. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 10 was approved.

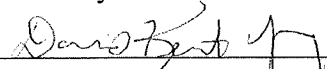
**ARTICLE 11:** *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,583,600.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2026 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026).* Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. Discussion: John Nault asked what projects were planned for the coming year. Chris Liller, the Road Foreman, stated that the Town intends to pave the section of Stratton Mountain Access Rd. from Shattarack Rd. to Mountain Rd. and all of Brazers Way. There may be culverts to replace in other locations as well. The Town tries to replace older culverts a year prior to paving the roadway over them. Victor Rivas asked about the bore testing and progress toward paving County Rd. Chris Liller said that he is working with a Paving Company to put together an analysis of

that project. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 11 was approved.

**ARTICLE 12:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. No other business was discussed.

**Adjournment:** At 10:29AM, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Chris Liller so moved. Helen Eddy seconded and the Annual Stratton Town Meeting for 2025 adjourned.

Minutes by:

  
Town Clerk – David Kent Young

Approved:

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Moderator – Boomer Walker

Approved by the Selectmen:

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Albert Dupell

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Chris Liller

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Larry Bills

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Greg Marcucci

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