

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
December 11, 2023**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell, chair, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Boomer Walker; Pathfinder Snowmobile club members / VAST: Ernest Legge, Joe Conti, John Bilda, John DiLorenzo, Anthony Liquore, Bryan Cormier, Brian Juliano, Michael DiLorenzo, Mike Edwards, Mark Edwards, Ivor Stevens, Gary Urbanati, Doug Jacobs, Luke Ferrio; and resident, Steve Fletcher and Treasurer – Alyson Peterson.

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

Modifications: The Selectmen agree to readdress: Opening of roads to Snowmobile use.

Snowmobile Trails: Opening roads for Snowmobile usage: During last meeting's discussions, the Board had agreed that the town would not open Rec. Area trails and Town Road usage until full access for the surrounding snowmobiling community has been agreed upon. Boomer Walker recused himself as a Selectmen and also deferred representing the Pathfinders to Mike DiLorenzo. Pathfinders / VAST believe they have or will have the necessary landowner permissions for a complete trail system from the Wardsboro Country Store into and through Stratton. Following the discussion, the Selectmen agreed that once letters of permission have been received for those lands and a copy of said letters forwarded to the Road Foreman, that he may open up applicable portions of Canedy Rd., Ball Farm Rd., Old Town Rd. as well as the designated snowmobile trails across the Recreation Area for snowmobile usage. Only Town equipment may be used to work on trails, etc. within the Recreation Area. Larry Bills so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – the remaining Selectmen concurred. Following the discussion, the above-named members of the Pathfinders / VAST clubs left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Grout Pond Rd.: The Foreman reported that the FLAP kick-off meeting has been held for said project. The Selectmen considered and approved an addendum to the Engineering agreement allowing an additional expense of \$3345.00 for winter engineering to expedite the project – all concurred.

Trucks: The Road Foreman informed the board that the new truck has been delivered and the old truck is being prepared for trade-in.

Budget Meeting – The Board and the Treasurer commenced developing the 2024/5 Town Budget to be considered at Town Meeting. Steve Fletcher was also present to participate. Following Budget discussions, Alyson Peterson left the meeting.

Town Hall: Boomer Walker moved to allow Allison Young use of the Town Hall on December 16, 2023. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of November 27, 2023. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Meeting Cancellation: The Selectmen agreed to cancel the regular meeting of December 25, 2023.

Adjourn: Larry Bills moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: Chris Liller

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