

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

April 25, 2022

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Boomer Walker; Steve Petrik and Tera Adams of SVTA; Tom Montemagni, Chairman of the ZBA, and Kent Young – Clerk.

7:00 The Selectmen met as warned at the Stratton Town Office and proceeded to various locations within Town to conduct site visits for potential roadwork. Following the site visit, the board returned to the office for their regular meeting.

7:35pm: the regular meeting opened, with the above-named individuals present. Orders were reviewed and signed.

Modifications – Discussion of the Cannabis Commission and consideration of the 2022/3 Rescue Inc. contract were added to the agenda.

Town Forest: Steve Petrik and Tera Adams of the Southern Vermont Trail Assoc. were present and continued discussion with the board, regarding use of the Town Forest for hiking and mountain biking trails. The Clerk presented the Landowner's Agreement, which had been reviewed and revised by Town Attorney, Robert Fisher, to ensure that various concerns of the Selectboard had been addressed within this document. Following a review, Chris Liller moved to approve the agreement. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred and Al Dupell signed the agreement on behalf of the Town. Steve Petrik signed as SVTA Chapter Contact. He will take the original agreement for endorsement by the Vermont Mountain Bike Assoc. and the Catamount Trail Assoc. and return the fully-endorsed document to the Town for recording. At this time Mr. Petrik and Ms. Adams left the meeting. The Selectmen also reviewed a letter from the Windham County Forester, Sam Schneski, detailing his visit to the Town Forest and his opinions regarding potential logging operations thereon. The Selectmen were discouraged by the need for an Act 250 permit to conduct logging on much of the lot, as it is over 2500' in elevation. The Clerk stated that the County Forester will also be visiting the Rec. Area for this same purpose and noted that it is an Act 250 lot, as well.

ZBA Appointment: Tom Montemagni was present to discuss options to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, created with the resignation of Diana Stugger, who had recently moved from Town. The Board reviewed and accepted Diana Stugger's letter of resignation. The only known individual interested in the position is Boomer Walker. Following a brief discussion, Chris Liller moved to appoint Boomer Walker to the ZBA. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. At this time, Tom Montemagni left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: **FEMA Grants:** Chris Liller is still working with FEMA to obtain approval of last summer's flood-related projects. **Yearly Bids:** Sand supply may be an issue. Chris Liller will work to find a supplier, if no one places a bid for sand. **Projects:** The Selectmen's earlier site visit was to the Stratton Mountain Access Rd. to view the road at the Treetop intersection. The board agreed to have a layer of pavement added and to replace the guardrails. **Forrester Rd.:** The foreman stated that they are working to replace a culvert there and that blasting will be necessary. He will hire out for that operation. Funding for the Municipal Roads Grant Permit (MRGP) will apply. Additionally, Jeff Nugent will coordinate with the Road Crew this summer to ensure that the town remains in compliance with the MRGP. **Roadway Trees:** The Selectmen considered the need for a tree services for various dead or dying trees, especially on North Rd. They agreed to have the Road Foreman hire Wimmelman and Sons Logging and Tree Service.

Transfer Station: The Clerk informed the Selectmen that the Recertification has been submitted and that he mailed out notifications as required to abutting property owners. He hopes it will be approved soon.

Rescue Inc. Contract: The Selectmen reviewed said contract for the 2022/3 year, which is for \$12,980.00. This had been what the Town approved in the budget for this coming fiscal year. Boomer Walker moved to approve said contract. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and Al Dupell signed the contract.

Cannabis Local Control Commission: The Selectmen reviewed guidelines regarding said commission and the Clerk said he would draw up a resolution necessary for the Selectmen to consider creating a local control commission.

Deerfield River: The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Christopher Curtis regarding the previous endorsement from the board, regarding the Stratton portion of said river being designated as a “Wild and Scenic River.” He asked that the board endorse the new bill addressing this subject and also would like the board to attend a media event regarding this issue. The Selectmen felt their initial endorsement was sufficient.

Town Hall use: Chris Liller moved to approve a request for use of the Town Hall from the Pathfinder Snowmobile Club on May 29, 2022. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen’s minutes of April 11, 2022. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

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

Minutes by:

David Kent Young