

Town of Stratton Selectman's Meeting

April 14, 2025

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci, and Boomer Walker; Treasurer, Alyson Peterson; Steve Petrik of SoVTA; and Martina Barnes, Jeff Essig and Stacy Stratton of the Manchester Ranger District.

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

Modifications: The board agreed to add IT issues to the Agenda.

IT Issues: The Board considered a quote from Europa IT for Network Equipment Relocation. Boomer Walker motioned to approve said quote. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred and Al Dupell signed the quote.

National Forest: Martina Barnes, Stacy Stratton, and Jeff Essig from the Manchester Ranger District were present to discuss ongoing and upcoming projects in the area. Martina noted that there is a lot going on around Grout Pond, including upcoming timber sales, improvements to the Grout Pond Campground, and reconstruction of some trails. It was also mentioned that the Velemont, a statewide mountain bike trail, will be going through the area. There are also some small things happening at The Hut at Grout Pond, including a shed being built to protect the propane tanks. Recent improvements at Stratton Pond included updating the information kiosk at the trailhead. It was also noted that the annual aerial fish stocking will continue this year. Stacy Stratton, Timber Manager, was present to discuss the Grout Pond timber sale. There are also plans for a future timber sale on the opposite side of Stratton Arlington Road, near the IP road. He produced a map outlining the plans. Jeff Essig introduced himself as the new law enforcement officer. With no further discussion, Martina Stacy and Jeff Essig left the meeting at 7:50pm.

Town Forest and Rec Area: Steve Petrik informed the board that he would be starting spring maintenance on the Rec Area trails and questioned whether spring maintenance can be done on the trails in the Stratton Town Forest. The Board will consult with the Town Attorney for his opinion. Steve Petrik left the meeting at 7:55pm.

Road Crew and Transfer Station Issues: The Board signed off on an access permit for Hanna Call. Chris Liller informed the board of the following: 1) the grant paperwork for the paving grant has been submitted, 2) the culverts on Brazers Way have been put out to bid, and grading of roads will commence in the coming weeks as long as it stays dry. 3) Chris Liller is doing some research on a brush hog mower attachment for the excavator, and he should have quotes by the next meeting. 4) Pricing for the new pickup truck is also available, and he would like to get it ordered in the next few weeks. 5) It was also noted that the Town did receive a grant for the engineering study on the Styles Brook culvert. Chris Liller then asked that the Board enter **Executive Session** to discuss Personnel matters. Boomer Walker so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred and the board entered Executive Session at 8:05pm. The Chair invited Alyson Peterson to attend. Following discussion of said matters, Boomer Walker moved to close the session. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred and the board exited Executive Session at 8:24 pm. No decisions were

made. Boomer Walker made a motion to continue to pay Tim Bills his regular salary during his absence (after the exhaustion of his sick bank), allowing Tim Bills to save his FY25 personal time. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred. Boomer Walker moved to offer Mark Ellison prorated sick and holiday pay for the remainder of the fiscal year. Mark Ellison has been working at the Transfer Station as a temporary employee for over a year; so beginning July 1, 2025, he will receive two weeks of vacation-time in addition to holiday and sick leave (all prorated based on a 24-hour work week). Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred. **FLEET Permits:** The board reviewed overweight permits for Dead River Company, Structural Wood Corporation, and Cota & Cota. Greg Marcucci moved to approve the permits. Boomer Walker seconded. All concurred.

Town Hall: The board agreed to allow the Wadsworth Company to use the Town Hall on April 23, 2025 and Tim Bills to use the Town Hall on June 14, 2025. Chris Liller so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. All concurred.

Selectmen's minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of 3/24/25. Boomer Walker seconded. All concurred.

Adjourn.

Greg Marcucci moved to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Boomer Walker seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

Alyson Peterson