

# TOWN OF STRATTON

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton met as warned at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. Boomer Walker opened the meeting at 10:00am.

The Clerk took the roll. 28 voters were present – 15 votes constitute a majority.

The Moderator read the following Article:

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

Kent Young nominated Boomer Walker. Chris Liller seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young 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. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the article. The ayes were unanimous and the Town Report was approved.

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Lister (one three-year term):*** No one accepted nomination, therefore the vote on this position was tabled.

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

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

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

**Constable (one one-year term):** Kent Young nominated Paul Bernard. DR Holton 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.*

Chris Liller so moved. Greg Marcucci 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.* Kent Young so moved. DR Holton 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:*

<i>Aids Project of Southern Vermont</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>American Red Cross</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Big Heavy World</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>Community Food Pantry</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Deerfield Valley Rescue</i>	<i>2,000.00</i>
<i>The Gathering</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>
<i>Grace Cottage Foundation</i>	<i>8,000.00</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>3,150.00</i>
<i>Neighborhood Connections</i>	<i>1000.00</i>
<i>Senior Solutions</i>	<i>800.00</i>
<i>SeVEDS.</i>	<i>648.00</i>
<i>Stratton Mountain Rescue</i>	<i>6000.00</i>
<i>Valley Cares, Inc.</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>
<i>VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Visiting Nurse Association</i>	<i>800.00</i>
<i>Wardsboro Public Library</i>	<i>7,000.00</i>
<i>Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>
<i>Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>
<i>Windham County Humane Society</i>	<i>400.00</i>
<i>Windham County Safe Place</i>	<i>200.00</i>
<i>Winhall Library</i>	<i>2,625.00</i>
<i>Women's Freedom Center</i>	<i>750.00</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$48,608.00</i>

Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 6 unanimously passed.

**ARTICLE 7:** *To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$90,292.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget.* Kent Young so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 7 passed unanimously.

**ARTICLE 8:** *To see if the Town will vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year.* Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 8 passed unanimously.

**ARTICLE 9:** *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,121,988.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025).* Kent Young so moved. Alyson Peterson seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 9 passed unanimously.

**ARTICLE 10:** *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,520,500.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025).* Kent Young so moved. Alyson Peterson seconded. No discussion. No further discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 10 unanimously passed.

**ARTICLE 11:** *To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.* The Moderator read a letter from Grace Cottage detailing plans for construction of a new facility and a request for donations to support this endeavor.

**Adjournment:** At 10:22AM, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Kent Young so moved. Alyson Peterson seconded and the Annual Stratton Town Meeting for 2024 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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