

**Town of Stratton  
Selectman's Meeting  
February 9, 2026**

**Present:** Selectman: Chair – Al Dupell, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Boomer Walker; Clerk, Kent Young; and Steve Petrik of Southern Vermont Trail Assoc. (SoVTA).

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

**Modifications:** No modifications were made.

**Town Forest and Rec. Area Issues:** 1) **Rec. Area:** Steve Petrik was present to request approval to apply for various grants to be used toward improvements to the Rec. Area, as follows 1) An application to Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) – Timber for Transit Grant for up to \$100,00.00 as a 50% match toward the planned Rec. Area Pavilion and 2) an NBRC Catalyst Program grant for up to \$100,000.00 as a 50% match applied to administrative / permitting work, volunteer labor and ‘already executed’ work on 6-miles of adaptive / family-friendly multi-use trails and cross-country ski trail improvements. He also discussed several grants that do not require Selectmen approval, as they apply to SoVTA. Boomer Walker moved to allow SoVTA to proceed. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. Steve Petrik also informed the Selectmen that the Act 250 permit amendment for the Rec. Area next moves into a formal discussion with ANR to propose said improvements. He hopes that ANR will allow for said permit to be issued in phases, so that these improvements may be altered (i.e. location of the proposed pavilion) as needed during the process. The Selectmen agreed to proceed. 2) **Town Forest:** Additionally, Steve Petrik noted that the National Forest intends to move into their land adjacent to the Town Forest to do some logging and recommended that the Town consider simultaneously logging a portion of the Town property, since it is highly recommended to extract the ash crop (due to the ongoing emerald ash borer beetle infestation). Prior to discussing this issue, the Selectmen would like to consult with the Town Attorney. The Clerk relayed that Attorney Fisher is not available immediately and so the board agreed to invite him to the March 9, 2026 Selectmen's Meeting. The Clerk agreed to do so. At this time, Steve Petrik exited the meeting. The Board reviewed an update regarding the controversy with the Nature Conservancy. Boomer Walker moved to enter Executive Session to discuss this potential litigation regarding the Town Forest. The Chair agreed, and Greg Marcucci seconded the motion – all concurred and the Board entered Executive Session at 7:45pm. The Board exited Executive Session at 7:55pm. No decisions were made.

**Road Crew Issues: Green Mountain Power:** A representative will attend next meeting (Feb 23, 2026) to discuss the continuation of their infrastructure upgrade within Stratton. **New Truck:** The Foreman noted that the new Ford F-600 has been delivered and is in use. **Styles Brook Culvert:** WRC has commenced the Scoping Study necessary to plan the replacement of the Styles Brook culvert.

**Town Hall Requests:** The Selectmen reviewed the following requests: Bethany Chase (Thursday Line-Dancing) on 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 and 3/26; Steve Fletcher for March 7 and Coop Bills for May 30. Greg Marcucci so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

**Minutes:** Chris Liller motioned to approve the Selectman's minutes of January 26, 2026. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

**Adjourn:** Chris Liller motioned to adjourn at 8:10pm. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*

David Kent Young, Clerk