

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

July 24, 2023

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell, chair, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Boomer Walker; and Kent Young – Clerk.

7:30pm: Al Dupell called the meeting to order. Orders were reviewed and signed. No modifications were made to the agenda.

Road Crew Issues: The Road Foreman reported the overall status of repairs for the flooding event of July 9 and 10, 2023. Most repairs have been completed and all roads are open. The Road Crew continues to replace shoulder gravel, where needed. The culvert on Stratton-Arlington Rd., east of Grout Pond Rd. has been repaired and both lanes are open. Road repairs needed near the Sunderland Town line will be performed along with the upgrades necessary to comply with the Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) sometime in the near future. The stream bank on the edge of the Penny Ave. culvert on Pike Hollow Brook needs to be reinforced to prevent it from sliding. The foreman has obtained or is acquiring the necessary permits to perform this job, as well as the permission from the landowner. The trees that had fallen or were leaning have been cut. Bills Excavating is participating in performing the project. The Road Foreman estimates expenses to be approximately \$20,000.00 to build the rock wall to State standards. The Selectmen discussed applying for FEMA funds and agreed the damage was minimal, with exception of the Penny Ave. culvert repair. Currently they do not intend to apply, but they may later submit for said culvert repair. Because of the flooding, the Fitzpatrick Gravel Pit in Jamaica has been allowed to provide materials until October 15. The Foreman will obtain what he can from that pit, as necessary. He also stated that the Fitzpatricks are attempting to get ANR's permission for the continuation of operations to provide material to municipalities. They hope to obtain letters of support for this idea from surrounding towns. The Selectmen agreed to support this idea. **Paving Project:** The Second-class Paving Grant from the State has been issued, requiring the Town's endorsement. Al Dupell signed the grant. The Foreman stated that he and the Treasurer agreed to recommend holding off on the additional paving previously discussed, so to have funds available for repairs for the above flood damages. The Selectmen concurred. The Foreman said that he has been in contact with Fuller Sand and Gravel and they are scheduled to commence milling and paving the *Stratton Mountain Access Rd.* through the resort, beginning the week of July 31, 2023. **Grants-in-Aid (2024/5):** Al Dupell signed to accept said grant for next year's MRGP projects.

Alarm Systems: Chris Liller stated that he has been in contact with Prue Electric, which will take over for Low Voltage Services, Inc.. The process will take some time, as the equipment and programming for each building needs to be switched over to be monitored by a different company.

Town Hall usage: Jodi Perkins and Helen Eddy requested to use the Town Hall on July 27, 2023. Bette Parsons requested its use on September 2, 2023. Larry Bills moved to approve said usage. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Outside Audit: The auditors were in the Town Office today performing the audit. The Selectmen considered approval of the Outside Audit Engagement letter as required for this annual audit. Boomer Walker moved to approve. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred and all signed the documents.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of July 10, 2023. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Boomer Walker moved to adjourn at 8:10pm. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young