

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
June 26, 2023**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell, chair, Larry Bills, Greg Marcucci and Boomer Walker; and Kent Young – Clerk and Steve Petrik and Tom Oakley of SoVTA.

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

Modifications – No modifications were made.

Hiking Trails: Steve Petrik introduced the board to Tom Oakley, the new president of SoVTA. He reported that SoVTA has been awarded the grants expected for the Stratton projects at the Town Forest and Recreation Area. He is still waiting for a letter from Wetlands Division needed before the Act 250 permit can be considered for approval for the Rec. Area project. He said they are concentrating work efforts at the Town Forest, where they will be slightly extending the length of some parking spaces. Mr. Petrik asked for directions regarding replacement of the Town Forest sign. The Selectmen agreed to have a two-sided sign similar to what is currently there. All area signage should resemble this format. Following this discussion, Steve Petrik and Tom Oakley left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: The Road Foreman is on vacation this week. **Paving Project:** Stratton Corp. has completed the Road Crossing project in the resort, so that paving can commence there; however, the Paving Project has been postponed for about two weeks to allow for a culvert replacement in Winhall, since Fuller Sand and Gravel will also be paving that section of road in Winhall. **FLAP Grant (Grout Pond Rd.):** Al Dupell signed a letter addressed to Jon Lemieux, the Project Manager of said project, appointing Margo Ghia of WRC as the Municipal Project Manager for said project. The Clerk will forward the letter to Mr. Lemieux. **Access Permit:** Consideration of the Access Permit submitted by John Webber has been postponed until after the Road Foreman returns and reviews the proposed site.

Town Property Use: Town Hall: The Selectmen reviewed and approved usage of the Town Hall by Devon Marcucci on July 15, 2023 and Jackie Bills on August 19, 2023. **Rec. Area:** The Selectmen agreed to allow the use of the Recreation Area by the Wadsworth Co. on July 21, 2023, as they intend to put up a tent on the upper parking area. The placement of the tent is contingent on approval of the Road Foreman, who is to verify the location of power lines to the new camera system there. Also, as in all cases, the general public will still have access to the Rec. Area during that time. **Daniel Webster Memorial:** The Clerk reported that the person who had set up camp there had been asked to leave by the State Police, as per their request, and that said person has left and has removed his truck and camper from the site.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of June 12, 2023. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Salary Review: The Selectmen performed the annual salary review for hourly wages. The Town Clerk stated that Candie Bernard is now the Chair of the Listers and he recommends that her hourly wage should be brought up to be consistent with the Town Clerk / Treasurer and Road Foreman hourly wage. Boomer Walker so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred. Boomer Walker then noted that the inflation rate is approx.. 4.5% and that \$1.50 is consistent with that rate, in regard to the highest current hourly wage. After a discussion, Larry Bills moved to give a pay rate increase of \$1.50/hr. to all hourly pay rates for Town positions. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Boomer Walker moved to adjourn at 7:55pm. Larry Bills seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young