

## Town of Stratton Selectman's Meeting

September 9, 2024

**Present:** Selectman: Chair – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Boomer Walker; also Tom Oakly and Steve Petrik of the Southern Vermont Trails Assoc. (SoVTA); resident Steve Fletcher and Kent Young, Clerk

7:32 pm: Al Dupell called the meeting to order. Orders were reviewed and signed.

**Modifications:** No modifications were made.

**Town Forest and Rec. Area Trails:** The Board reviewed a letter from the Nature Conservancy (NC) Attorney, shared by the Town Attorney, detailing some of the changes and conditions the NC wish to have for the Town Forest trail system. After review, the board asked the Clerk to invite the Town Attorney to the September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting to discuss these terms and then schedule to have him and the NC Attorney attend the October 14 meeting. The Clerk agreed to do so. Steve Petrik stated that in the next two weeks he will have finished work on the existing trail. He presented a choice of signage to be placed along the trail. The board agreed on the brown signs with the “no motorized vehicles allowed” notice on each sign, as appropriate. Steve Petrik also suggested that we have local elementary school-aged children name the trails. Boomer Walker recommended that we contact the School Board Chair to organize giving all of Stratton's Elementary students the chance to participate in this task. The Clerk recommended a contest and agreed to contact the School Board Chair. At this time, Tom Oakly and Steve Petrik left the meeting.

**Road Crew Issues: Paving:** Work on the Stratton Mountain Access Rd. in Winhall is complete and so Fuller Sand and Gravel (which is doing the paving job for Winhall) will come in to finish paving in Stratton. **SMS Signage:** Chris Liller briefly discussed with SMS Headmaster, Carson Thurber, the policy for roller skiers on Town Roads and the accompanying signage. Mr. Thurber has agreed to pay for these signs. **Salt:** The Foreman stated that the salt shed is full and ready for winter. **Road Signs:** The Foreman stated that road signs continue to be stolen and he is replacing them as necessary. **Stratton Corp.:** The Foreman was in receipt of a request for him to attend a meeting with the State and Stratton Corp. regarding water quality remediations for Styles Brook. **Transfer Station:** The Foreman reported that Scot Marquis requests Sept 12, 15 and 17 off. He will contact Mark Ellison for coverage, and if unavailable, Beth Liller can cover on Sept 15 and the Road Crew can cover the week days. **Access Permit:** Two access permit applications for driveways onto Willis Cemetery Rd. were submitted (by Grayson Peterson for his lot and by Larry Bills for the Rybachuk lot). The Selectmen signed to approve both permits.

**Rec. Area and Town Hall: Town Hall:** The Board considered requests for use from Steve Fletcher for October 6; Olivia Brown for October 27; the Wardsboro Fire Dept. for the Annual Turkey Supper for November 13-17 and the Town's Holiday Party will occur on December 14. Larry Bills so moved. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred. **Rec. Area:** Steve Fletcher discussed the possibility of plans for future gatherings. The Board agreed to plan for a Town gathering at the Rec. Area next summer on July 19. This can be noticed in the Town Report. He also agreed to organize this event, as well as the Holiday Party.

**Minutes:** Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectman's minutes of August 23, 2024. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred.

**Adjourn:** Larry Bills moved to adjourn at 8:00pm. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*