

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
February 12, 2024**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell, chair, Chris Liller, and Greg Marcucci; and Clerk – Kent Young. Jeremie Krohn and Stacy Stratton of the Green Mountain National Forest

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

Modifications: No modifications were made.

Green Mountain National Forest: Stacy Stratton and Jeremie Krohn were present to discuss ongoing projects within the GMNF within Town limits. They provided a map for posting of projects within town, such as scheduled burn areas and firewood and Christmas tree cutting areas. They briefly discussed plans for maintaining Grout Pond recreational facilities as well. Chris Liller recommended that they coordinate with the Town to have improvements (i.e. paving) made to the Kelly Stand Parking area, since the Town intends to have the Strat-Arl Rd. paved this summer. Mr. Krohn noted, however, that GMNF funding is limited this coming year and recommends that any future plans that might need to be coordinated should be made known to them well in advance so that budgeting can be considered. Chris Liller said that unfortunately, the paving on Strat-Arl Rd. was not something the Town had planned in advance, but that it was more in response to unexpected culvert work. The discussion continued with the Grout Pond Rd. improvements project, which the GMNF has been aware of. Chris Liller said that those improvements may not occur until 2026. Following the discussion, Mr. Stratton and Mr. Krohn left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Green Mountain Power: Chris Liller mentioned concerns about the previously discussed plans to bury power along a section of Mountain Rd.. He had heard that in the event of a line break, in winter, the replacement line might have to be laid across the snowbank until spring allowed for the new line to be buried. This does not seem like a good idea and since only a short distance of line is planned to be buried for this project because of the overhead requirements around culverts, it may be better to have GMP put it all overhead. The Selectmen concurred and asked the Foreman to notify GMP for a continuance of this discussion. Chris Liller agreed to do so. **Strat-Arl Rd. / W. Jamaica Rd. intersection** – Lorraine Weeks-Newell had left a request for the Selectmen to consider putting a flashing light prior to said intersection to slow drivers coming up Strat-Arl Rd. from Wardsboro, as they take that turn too fast. The Selectmen did not agree with that idea. Kent Young recommended a three-way stop for this intersection as it is difficult to see traffic coming up from Wardsboro when turning off of W. Jamaica Rd. The Selectmen did not agree with that idea either. **FLEET Permits** – The Selectmen reviewed and approved the following Overweight permits 1) Frost Wells and Pumps, Inc. 2) Renaud Bros. Inc. Greg Marcucci so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred and the permits were signed.

Town Hall Usage: Boomer Walker had requested to reserve the Rec Area for the Pathfinders' Snowmobile Ride-in for March 10, 2024. The Selectmen agreed that they can use it, but policy allows for other guests to use the area as well. Candie Bernard requested the Town Hall for February 24, and March 2, 2024. Chris Liller moved to approve these requests. Greg Marcucci seconded - all concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of January 29, 2024. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young