Town of Stratton

Selectmen's Meeting

September 12, 2022

Present: Al Dupell, Chair, Larry Bills, Greg Marcucci, Chris Liller, Steve Petrik and Justin Hongell of SoVTA.

7:30 pm: Meeting called to order. Orders were reviewed and signed.

Modifications: Consider Road Crossing permit for Kristine Koeppe at 77 County Road. Review and sign Constable Duties and Responsibilities form. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Town Forest: Steve Petrik and Justin Hongell were present to give an update on the trail work taking place in the Town Forest. General Discussion: Mr. Petrik informed the board that the trail work and access from Route 100 are under way. Mr. Petrik also asked if the board would object to them placing benches with naming plaques at various locations on the trail. The purpose of the plaques would be to recognize individuals or groups that have made contributions to the project. The board agreed that the plaques would be allowed. Mr. Petrik also advised that they have encountered a significant amount of garbage in the Town Forest. The board concluded that the garbage may be coming from some of the adjacent landowner's property and may be being dragged onto the town property by bears. Mr. Petrik said the people doing the trail work are happy to remove the garbage and the board agreed to allow them to bring the garbage to the Transfer Station and will waive any fees.

Mr. Petrik also advised the board that there is grant money available and inquired if there was any interest in the SoVTA upgrading or adding some additional trails in the Stratton Recreation Area. The board agreed to allow Mr. Petrik to do a site visit to the Recreation area with Chris Liller to view the property and make a recommendation on what might be appropriate. At this time, Mr. Petrik and Mr. hongell left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: FEMA Grants: No progress regarding said reimbursement. Louis Keller Property: Chris Liller advised that the ditching repairs have been made at the Keller Property on Shepardson Road per the discussion at the site visit. FLAP Grant: Chris Liller advised that there will be a meeting with representatives from Green Mountain National Forest and VTRANS on Friday, September 16, 2022, at the Town Office at 9:00 am to discuss the scope of the road work project. A site visit to Grout Pond Road will follow. MRGP Grants in Aid: Chris Liller advised that the Grants in Aid project for ditching and drainage is under way.

Access Permits: The board approved the access permit For Geoff Steinfeld for access on Mountain Road (0800046). Mr. Steinfeld will now have to get approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a waiver to move forward with construction of the access. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded and all concurred.

The board also reviewed and approved a road crossing permit submitted by Kristine Koeppe for her property at 77 County Road. The permit is to allow underground power to cross County Road. Larry Bills so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded and all concurred.

Constable duties and responsibilities: The board reviewed and signed the "Constable Duties and Responsibilities" document. The board requested that the constable have no duties or responsibilities.

WRC Representative: The board approved the appointment of Erica Reynolds as representative to the Windham Regional Commission.

Town Hall Requests: George Wilson would like to use the Town Hall on 9/14/22 and 10/1/22. The Wardsboro Pathfinders Snowmobile Club would like the use of the Town Hall on 10/15/22. Greg Marcucci so moved, and Larry Bills seconded- all concurred.

Minutes: Chris Liller Moved to accept the Selectmen's minutes of August 22, 2022. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Larry Bills moved to adjourn. Greg Marcucci seconded - all concurred.

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Minutes By: