

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
January 09, 2023**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell, chair, 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.

Modifications – The Board agreed to add the following items to the agenda: Consideration of 1) a letter of resignation as Justice of the Peace submitted by Loretta Clark 2) approval of the Certificate of Highway Mileage 3) the Annual Zoning Board of Adjustments appointment 4) changes to the Personnel Policy.

Rec. Area Trails: Steve Petrik of Southern Vermont Trails Assoc. was unable to attend, but he submitted a drafted letter to the board for their support of the RPT Grant to be awarded by the RPT Grant Selection Committee for construction of hiking / biking trails within the Stratton Recreation Area. The board agreed and authorized the chair to sign said letter of support. He had also relayed that they are working on the Act 250 paperwork required for said project, as the original permit had expired in 2022.

2024 Budget continuation / 2023 Annual Meeting preparations: The Board considered a request from “Windham County Safe Place” a child-advocacy provider to add their \$200.00 request for appropriation to the Town Warning. The Selectmen concurred. The Clerk then stated that the Warning cannot be posted until January 26 – 40 days before Town Meeting. The board agreed to consider the Town Warning at the January 23 Selectmen’s meeting for approval. The Clerk will not post until January 26. The Board reviewed the Selectmen’s report for the Town Report and Al Dupell signed it.

Justice of the Peace Resignation: Loretta Clark has submitted her resignation as one of Stratton’s recently elected Justices of the Peace. The Clarks sold their home and moved from Town, prompting the resignation. Chris Liller moved to accept said letter of resignation. Boomer Walker seconded. All concurred. The Clerk stated that he will post the open position. He knows of someone interested in the position and hopes that they will submit a letter of interest, so that the Board can make a recommendation to the Governor for appointment before BCA Hearings commence for the Reappraisal this summer.

Road Crew Issues: Highway Mileage: The Selectmen considered the Certificate of Highway Mileage for 2023. This year the discontinuance of 0.15 miles at the end of Shepardson Rd. completed last summer will need to be reflected on said certification. The Board reviewed the paperwork. Greg Marcucci moved to approve. Boomer Walker seconded and all members present signed the document for submittal to AOT. **Tree issue:** The Foreman stated that a tree on the corner of Old Forrester Rd. and Strat.-Arl. Rd. needs to be removed for safety reasons. The Board concurred. The Foreman will reach out to the property owner about its removal. **Garage Alarm System:** The Road Foreman said that there are problems with the alarm system at the garage. Low Voltage, LLC has looked into the problem and recommends removal of the burglar alarm system, removal of the third phone line installed for that purpose, and to upgrade the fire alarm system in the cold storage building. The Selectmen concurred. **Transfer Station:** The Foreman stated that “Discover Books” would like to add a container to collect used books at the Transfer Station. The Selectmen concurred as long as they maintain their container regularly.

Personnel Policy: Several issues were discussed, including the pay policy for mandatory court appearances. Currently the policy only has a policy addressing appearances for town issues and for Jury duty. The board believes that other issues should be considered on a case-by-case basis. They agreed to pay for a recent appearance required of Tim Bills as submitted by him. Questions concerning call-in time and appropriate use of personal time will be discussed at a later date.

ZBA Appointment: Chris Liller moved to reappoint DR Holton to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of December 12, 2022. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

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

Minutes by:

David Kent Young