

Town of Stratton
Selectman's Meeting
May 13, 2024

Present: Selectman: Chair – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci, and Boomer Walker; Kent Young – Clerk; Mike Bernard of Green Mount Power Corp. and resident, John Nault.

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

Modifications to the Agenda: The Clerk stated that the Board needs to add 1) “Consider cancelling the May 27, 2024 meeting” and 2) “Consider a request to negotiate a resolution to an Assessment Appeal of the BCA decision for Skyfall, which has been appealed to PVR.”

Road Crew Issues: Green Mountain Power Project: Mike Bernard was present to discuss the power line project on Mountain Rd., from Sun Bowl Rd. down to 354 Mountain Rd. A line will also split off to proceed along the upper portion of County Rd's south side. Due to culverts and other aspects of the route down Mountain Rd., overhead lines will proceed beyond the Kidder Brook culvert before going underground for the last 1200 feet. Following the discussion Boomer Walker moved to approve the project. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred and the Chair signed the approval form. At this time Mike Bernard and John Nault left the meeting. **Generator Replacement:** Powers Guaranteed Services quoted a new generator for the Town Garage: A Kohler diesel-fueled 60kW generator with a 133-gallon fuel tank, for \$47,415.00. Brook Field Service submitted a quote for a John Deere JD-50(kW) Diesel generator quoted at \$46,304.00 and Kinsley submitted a quote for a diesel-fueled Kohler 60(kW)REOZK for \$57,540.00. The Selectmen also reviewed offers on propane-fueled generators, but all agreed to go with diesel fuel, as the town has its own fuel tank if refills are needed. The board also wanted the 60kW generator, so they only considered between the Powers and Kinsley quotes. Boomer Walker moved to accept the Powers Generator quote for their diesel generator. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred. **Crack-Sealing:** Chris Liller said that crack sealing will continue by sealing the Town Office parking lot. **Line-Striping:** Chris Liller said the State will re-stripe the Access Rd. through the resort in the next few days. **Culvert Project:** Chris Liller said that Hunter Excavating has postponed the project, but intends to start next week. The state requires a stream permit and a larger culvert in one area. That culvert has been purchased and delivered at a cost of an additional \$5000.00. This expense, along with the additional work necessary for installation, fall outside the original bid and will add to the cost of the project. Additionally, ANR's Wetlands Division will need to review the entire project and issue a permit before it commences. The Selectmen concurred to proceed as necessary. **Propane:** Nido has inspected the Town's propane components and will soon replace the tanks at the Town Office and the Town Garage. **Transfer Station:** Scott Marquis continues on sick leave. Mark Ellison has agreed to continue covering for him. Additionally, Ken Tuttle notified the Selectmen that he is interested in this job, if it becomes available. **Town Forest:** Nature Conservancy offered dates for a site visit to view the new trails there. Boomer Walker agreed to attend and settled for the May 23, 2024 date offered. The Clerk will notify the other parties involved. No quorum will attend, so no Notice need be posted. **Beaver Removal:** The Foreman stated that the Animal Control Officer is now required to obtain written permission from property owners if he traps beavers, even in the Town right-of-way as needed to protect road culverts. He agreed to do so, as necessary.

Town Hall Rentals: The Selectmen approved to allow Snowald the use of the Town Hall on August 31 / September 1, 2024.

Skyfall Appeal: The Town Attorney was notified by Skyfall's attorney that they would like to negotiate a solution with the Town prior to the PVR Appeal Hearing scheduled for May 21, 2024. He recommended that the board go into Executive Session to discuss this issue. Boomer Walker moved to enter Executive Session. Greg Marcucci seconded. The Chair invited the Clerk to attend as well and then the board entered Executive Session at 8:10pm. Boomer Walker moved to exit Executive Session. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and the session ended at 8:20pm. No decisions were made. Boomer Walker moved that the Selectmen would not negotiate this matter and that it should proceed to the PVR Hearing. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Boomer Walker moved to approve the Selectman's minutes of April 22, 2024. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred.

Meeting: The Selectmen agreed to cancel the Meeting of May 27, 2024, as it falls on Memorial Day. The Clerk agreed to post the cancellation.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci moved to adjourn at 8:50pm. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young