

Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
May 08, 2023

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell, chair, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Boomer Walker; Tom Fuller of Fuller Sand and Gravel and Kent Young – Clerk.

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

Modifications – The Selectmen agreed to add the following considerations: 1) acceptance of the Annual Dog Report 2) a request to the State for a Listers' extension 3) the annual appointment of the Fire Warden and 4) Town Property Landscaping.

Consideration of Bids: Requests for Proposal for the following projects were posted as necessary, published in the Brattleboro Reformer and mailed out to known potentially interested contractors: **Paving:** Only two bids were received for the paving project, which entails paving of the Stratton Mountain Access Rd. through the resort, from the Stratton Town line for approx.. 2840' by 40' wide, to include approx.. 12,622 square yards of full depth cold planning and 3500 ft of shoulder gravel placement (material provided by the town). Pike Industries bid \$371,765.84 to complete the project. Fuller Sand and Gravel bid \$302,834.50. Larry Bills moved to accept the bid of Fuller Sand and Gravel. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred and the bid was so awarded. At this time, Tom Fuller left the meeting. **Gravel:** Only a single bid was submitted. Derrig Excavating, Inc of Putney, VT bid \$36.00 / cubic yard of 1¼" crushed gravel - delivered. Chris Liller moved to accept the bid, allowing the Town to exercise the right to purchase material from Cersosimo or other providers if necessary. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred. **Winter Sand:** Derrig Excavating of Putney, VT submitted a bid of \$33 / cubic yard delivered and Pike Industries submitted a bid of \$28.15/ cubic yard delivered. Discussion: The Road Foreman stated that Pike Industries had ceased making deliveries during the winter months last year and did not state so in their bid for last year, which caused some difficulty for the Town at that time. Boomer Walker moved to accept the bid made by Derrig Excavating. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred and the bid was awarded to Derrig Excavating. **Roadside Mowing:** Dana Bemis submitted the only bid at \$70.00 / hour for the approx.. 65 hours needed for said project. Larry Bills moved to accept said bid. Boomer Walker seconded and all concurred.

Listers' Extension: The Board of Listers submitted a signed request to extend the submittal of the Abstract of the 2023 Grand List to the Town Clerk, which is required by statute to occur on or before June 5, 2023, unless granted an extension by the State. The Listers are completing a Town-wide reappraisal, which may require some additional time to complete this year. The Clerk stated that he believes the project will be completed in time, but, out of caution, would like to request the extension of an additional month, in the event that unforeseen difficulties arise. The Selectmen concurred and all members signed the extension request. The Listers will forward it to the Vermont Dept. of Taxes, Director of Property Valuation and Review for their consideration.

Shooting Incident: Ray Hawksley had reported that he had found a bullet-hole in one of his structures following a party at the Stratton Mountain Golf School this past winter, which included a considerable amount of shooting. He reported the incident to the Winhall Police Dept., which is contracted to police the resort area. The Selectmen were concerned and will be interested in learning of the findings of the Winhall Police investigation.

Fire Warden Appointment: The Selectmen agreed to make the recommendation to the VT Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation to reappoint Boomer Walker as Stratton's Fire Warden. The Board signed the recommendation, and the Clerk will send it along to the State. Boomer Walker agreed to talk with Ross Powers who previously indicated an interest in participating as a key contact for permit issuance.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's minutes of April 24, 2023. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Dog Report: The Selectmen reviewed and accepted the annual Dog Report for 2023. Larry Bills so moved. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Landscaping: The Board reviewed a letter stating that Grayson Peterson would like to have his gardener redo the flower beds at the meetinghouse and also, perhaps other flower beds if Diane Schwippert is no longer interested in caring for them. The Selectmen decided to allow Diane Schwippert to do said gardening this summer if she is still interested, and then they will consider bidding it out in coming years.

Adjourn: Larry Bills moved to adjourn at 8:25pm. Boomer Walker seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young