

Town of Stratton
Selectman's Meeting
September 23, 2024

Present: Selectman: Chair – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Boomer Walker; also Attorney, Robert Fisher; Steve Petrik of the Southern Vermont Trails Assoc. (SoVTA); and Kent Young, Clerk

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

Modifications: No modifications were made.

Town Forest and Rec. Area Trails: Larry Bills moved to enter Executive Session to discuss the dispute between the Town and the Nature Conservancy (NC) concerning the Town Forest trails. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred. The Chair invited Attorney Robert Fisher, Clerk, Kent Young and Steve Petrick of SoVTA to attend the session – all agreed. At 8:pm, Boomer Walker moved to exit Executive Session. Greg Marcucci seconded – no decisions were made. Chris Liller moved to invite Nature Conservancy's attorney to the October 28 Selectmen's meeting to continue discussions regarding said dispute. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred. At this time, Attorney Robert Fisher and Steve Petrik left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Paving: Fuller Sand and Gravel (which is doing the paving job for Winhall) will come this week to finish paving the remaining sections of the roadway and accesses at the Winhall town line. **Stratton Corp.:** The Foreman will attend a meeting with the State and Stratton Corp. regarding water quality remediations for Styles Brook and the impact one Town culvert under the Access Rd. has on this issue. **Grout Pond Rd.:** The Foreman stated that discussion regarding archaeological sites along said road are delaying approval of the permitting sought for an upgrade to the road. **Pikes Falls Rd.:** The foreman stated that the beaver pond at the Winhall Town line has an abundance of beavers that cannot be controlled, in regard to their continued dam-building within the wetlands there. Permit for dam-removal will be expensive. It would likely be less expensive to eventually raise the road by 1.5 ft. Meanwhile, the Animal Control Office can take out the dam nearest the road without machinery. **Crack-sealing:** The foreman recommended foregoing the remaining crack-sealing of roads and move the remaining \$2500.00 over to purchase gravel. Larry Bills so moved. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred. **Mountain Rd.:** The foreman informed the board that Green Mountain Power has delayed their project there until next year.

Rec. Area and Town Hall: The Board considered requests for Town Hall usage from Lorraine Weeks-Newell for November 30, 2024 and by Bethany Chase for line-dancing classes on the following Thursday evening: October 3, 10, 24 and 31. Greg Marcucci so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred. No further discussion regarding the Rec. Area at this time, while awaiting estimates on ballfield work from Grayson Peterson.

Minutes: Boomer Walker moved to approve the Selectman's minutes of September 9, 2024. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred.

Adjourn: Larry Bills moved to adjourn at 8:15pm. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young