Town of Stratton Selectman's Meeting

July 14, 2025

Present: Selectman: Chair – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci, and Boomer Walker; Clerk, Kent Young; Town Attorney, Robert Fisher; Steve Petrik and Tom Oakley of SoVTA.

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

Modifications: The Clerk stated that the following items are to be added to the agenda: 1) consider acceptance of the annual dog report 2) consider propane agreements with Guy E. NIDO, Inc. 3) Consider endorsement of the Stratton Corp. / Winhall Police contract (2024-2027) and 4) consider Stratton Town History reprint approval. Boomer Walker so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Town Forest and Rec. Area Trails: Town Attorney, Robert Fisher, along with Steve Petrik and Tom Oakley of SoVTA were present to discuss the trails within the Town Forest. Mr. Fisher asked to enter Executive Session to discuss these ongoing legal matters. Al Dupell concurred and invited Robert Fisher, Steve Petrik, Tom Oakley and Clerk, Kent Young to attend the session. Boomer Walker so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded and the board entered Executive Session at 7:32pm. At 8:28pm, Boomer Walker moved to exit Executive Session. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and Executive Session ended. No decisions were made. Following Executive Session, Robert Fisher and Tom Oakley left the meeting. Steve Petrik reported that trails within the Rec. Area have been completed.

Internal Control Checklist and Personal Time Calculations: Per request of the Treasurer, and following the board's review of the Internal Control Checklist, Chris Liller moved to approve said checklist and have Chair, Al Dupell sign it. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred and the Chair signed the document. The board reviewed and approved and all signed the Personal Time calculations submitted by the Treasurer.

Road Crew Issues: Grant Agreements: Chris Liller asked that the board approve the following grants: 1) the Scoping Study of the Styles Brook Culvert and 2) Road Erosion Category A – Better Roads Grant. Boomer Walker so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and Al Dupell signed said grants. Paving / Culverts: Chris Liller stated that the paving project is underway. Brazers Way and the portion of Stratton Mountain Access Rd. between Brazers Way and Ober Tal Rd. have been reclaimed and the paving will commence. Following this project, Fuller Sand and Gravel, Inc. will move down to complete the Canedy Rd. bridge and Penny Avenue bridge pavement projects. The replacement culvert for the failed culvert on West Jamaica Rd. has been delivered and replacement is scheduled for the week of July 21. Power infrastructure: Green Mountain Power discussed infrastructure improvements along W. Jamaica Rd. – The Foreman believes they will put the entire length of power lines overhead, instead of burying along the unpaved portion at the Jamaica line. The New F350 Truck: The Road Crew is now in possession of said truck. The Selectmen authorized the Road Foreman to purchase a toolbox, rack and fuel tank for it. Boomer Walker so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred. FLEET Permits: The board reviewed permits submitted by Beacon Sales Acquisition and Consolidated Communications. Larry Bills moved to approve said permits. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred. Alexnder property Access on Mountain **Rd**.: The board discussed a complaint from the owner / builder that the access approved by the Town for the previous owner is potentially dangerous and they would like to move it southward. This approved Access, being in the Green Belt, had required Zoning Approval and a waiver from the ZBA, which were granted. The Town Clerk has instructed the builder to submit a Zoning Permit for the Town to consider this change per the required process necessary to relocate it permanently. He also recommends that the Selectmen grant a temporary access to the desired location if the Road Foreman agrees to the new location, if this seems practical to the parties involved. Boomer Walker so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred with a temporary access permit.

Personnel issues: Regarding a previous decision about medical leave for Tim Bills. With the start of the year on July 1, he now has this year's sick time available for use. If he uses this up for his recovery, the board will consider granting extended leave time so that he will still have his personal (vacation / holiday) time available to him.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci motioned to approve the Selectman's minutes of June 23, 2025. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Stratton Corp. Police Contract: The board reviewed a contract for the 2024 – 2027 period for police coverage for the Stratton Resort as required by Act 250. Following the review, Greg Marcucci moved to approve the contract. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred and Al Dupell signed the document.

Annual Dog Report: The Clerk's Office submitted the annual dog report to the Selectmen. Boomer Walker moved to accept said report. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

Propane Agreement: The Board reviewed three contracts for pre-buy propane (July 10 - 2025 - May 15, 2026) from Guy E. Nido, Inc. for 1.80 / gallon – pre-buys as follows: Town Garage – 2.750 gallons for 4.950.00; the Town Hall – 1.125 gallons for 2.025.00; and the Town Office – 1.200 gallons for 2.025.00. Boomer Walker to approve these contracts / purchases. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred and the documents were endorsed.

Stratton Town History Reprint: The Clerk presented a contract for reprinting the History of Stratton from Repro. They will print 100 books for \$4190.00. The Clerk stated that the town had budgeted \$4000.00 for this project this year. The Clerk had asked for a quote for 100 copies, Repro also quoted for 150 copies and 200 copies which reduces the per copy costs (200 copies for \$6295.00, which is a considerable savings per copy). The Clerk noted that these costs, however, do not include delivery expenses. Following the discussion, the board agreed to go with 100 copies for \$4190.00. Chris Liller so moved. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred. The Clerk will sign for and order the prints.

Adjourn: Larry Bills motioned to adjourn at 9:20 pm. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young

David Kent Young, Clerk