

Town of Stratton
Selectman's Meeting
February 26, 2024

Present: Selectman: Al Dupell, chair, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci, Boomer Walker, Tim Johns of Green Mountain Power: John Nault, owner of 354 Mountain Road.

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

Green Mountain Power: Tim Johns of Green Mountain Power was present to continue discussion concerning the installation of power line along Mountain Road. Since the meeting with Green Mountain power in November of 2023, Chris Liller, Road Foreman, had identified another area on Mountain Road where the power lines will have to be installed on poles rather than underground as originally proposed. This is due to a lack of adequate road shoulder. The Selectmen believe this could cause road stability issues in the future. The board also expressed concerns regarding the line being buried from the Kidder Brook Box Culvert up the hill to the Nault property at 354 Mountain Road, which could adversely affect the culverts and future maintenance along that section of road. Mr. Nault expressed his wish that the lines be buried and has offered an easement to Green Mountain Power so that the new line can be installed on his property, out of the Town's right-of-way. Tim Johns advised the board that Green Mountain Power will look at these changes and, as soon weather permits and once an updated plan is produced, he will return to address these changes – probably in in April. Following the discussion, Tim Johns and Mr. Nault left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Grout Pond Rd, FLAP Grant: Chris Liller advised the board that a Public Meeting will be scheduled for The Grout Pond Road project. This is a requirement of the federal grant awarded to the town to fund this project. Branden Roberts of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. will be present to do a presentation on the proposed upgrade to Grout Pond Road. The meeting will be held at the Stratton Town office on April 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm. **Mud Season Road Closures.** Chris Liller asked the board to authorize the closing of Penny Ave. for mud season. The board concurred and advised the Road Foreman to close any roads he deems necessary during mud season. **Town Generators' Maintenance:** The Board agreed and Al Dupell signed a maintenance agreement for the Town's generators with Powers Guaranteed Generators.

Town Hall Requests: Steve Fletcher has requested the use of the Town Hall on March 3, 2024. Tammy Bates has requested the use of the Town Hall on September 8, 2024. Boomer Walker so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci motioned to approve the Selectman's minutes of February 12, 2024. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

SoVTA: The Board reviewed a Landowner Agreement with VT Mountain Bike Assoc. for use of the Rec. Area. Al Dupell signed the agreement.

Adjourn: Boomer Walker motioned to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

Minutes by Chris Liller