

Town of Stratton
Selectman's Meeting
July 28, 2025

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

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: Town Attorney, Robert Fisher, along with Steve Petrik of SoVTA were present to discuss the trails within the Town Forest. Mr. Fisher asked to enter Executive Session to discuss ongoing legal matters regarding this property. Al Dupell concurred and invited Robert Fisher, Steve Petrik and Clerk, Kent Young to attend the session. Larry Bills so moved. Boomer Walker seconded and the board entered Executive Session at 7:31pm. At 8:42pm, Chris Liller moved to exit Executive Session. Boomer Walker seconded. All concurred and Executive Session ended. No decisions were made. Robert Fisher informed the board that he will invite the Nature Conservancy and their legal counsel to the August 25 Select Meeting. Following Executive Session, Robert Fisher and Steve Petrik left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Chris Liller stated that a representative of Green Mountain Power will attend the August 11 meeting to discuss upgrades of their infrastructure within Stratton, including work along the West Jamaica Rd. **Grout Pond Rd.:** The archaeological study has been completed and so approval of this project is progressing. **Paving / Culverts:** Chris Liller stated that the paving project on Brazers Way and the Stratton Mountain Access Rd. is now complete. Fuller Sand and Gravel, Inc. will come back, most likely during the week of August 18, to complete the Canedy Rd. bridge and Penny Avenue bridge pavement projects, as well as patch paving over the culvert on West Jamaica Rd., which was replaced last week. **Personnel:** Chris Liller said that Tim Bills is doing well during his recovery and that Stuart Chapin is out on vacation this week. Scott Marquis substituted for Mark Ellison at the Transfer Station on Sunday and again will cover in mid-August.

2025/26 Annual Tax Rates: The Board reviewed the recommended tax rates determined by the Treasurer for this fiscal year. These rates are as follows: A Total Homestead Tax Rate of \$1.0312 (\$0.9223 Education Tax Rate + \$0.1089 Municipal Tax Rate) and a Total Nonhomestead Tax Rate of \$1.4275 (\$1.3186 Education Tax Rate + \$0.1089 Municipal Tax Rate). With due dates of September 15, 2025 (60%) and February 17, 2026 (40%). Larry Bills moved to approve said Tax Rates and due dates. Boomer Walker seconded – all approved and all signed the 2025/26 Tax Rate Warrant.

Minutes: Boomer Walker motioned to approve the Selectman's minutes of July 14, 2025. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Propane: Chris Liller stated that Guy Nido, Inc. had evaluated the heating system in the Town Hall during their propane inspection and they recommend a realignment of the system for more efficient operation. The Board concurred.

Adjourn: Larry Bills motioned to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young

David Kent Young, Clerk