

Town of Stratton Selectman's Meeting

October 14, 2024

Present: Selectman: Chair – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, and Boomer Walker; Gary Urbanatti of Pathfinders Snowmobile Club, Steve Petrik of the Southern Vermont Trails Assoc. (SoVTA); Alyson Peterson, Treasurer and Kent Young, Clerk.

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

Modifications: No modifications to the agenda were made.

Town Forest and Rec. Area Trails: Gary Urbanatti was present to ask permission to work on snowmobile trails within the Rec. Area. The Selectmen agreed that it was okay under supervision of the Road Crew. At this time, Gary Urbanatti left the meeting.

Budget Issues: Alyson Peterson was present to discuss budgeting – specifically to discuss options of the Town's Employee Healthcare coverage. The Board reviewed pricing for various plans and HRA coverage for Blue Cross Blue Shield of VT and MVP of Vermont. Following the discussion, the Board agreed to maintain the current healthcare policy and coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Larry Bills so moved. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred. At this time, Alyson Peterson left the meeting.

Town Forest and Rec. Area Trails (cont.): The Board discussed and agreed to have the Town Attorney request that the Attorney representing the Nature Conservancy delay the scheduled Oct 28 meeting, regarding resolutions for the Town Forest dispute out to the next meeting on November 11, 2024. If the change is not acceptable, then the board will meet the Town Attorney to prepare for said meeting at an earlier time on October 28, or on a previous date. Steve Petrik was present to discuss preparations for the next stage of the Rec. Area trails and his discussions with Act 250 personnel. All agreed that it would be best to discuss future projects, such as the pavilion, before deciding how the next revision to the Act 250 permit should progress. Progress of current trail work was also discussed. Following these discussions, Steve Petrik left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Paving: This year's paving project has been completed. **Stratton Corp.:** The Foreman attended a meeting with the State and Stratton Corp. regarding water quality remediations for Styles Brook and the impact the nearby Town culvert under the Access Rd. has on this issue. The Board agreed to discuss this issue further with Stratton Corp., so that preparations for culvert replacement can be completed two or three years out. Also, the Clerk stated that infrastructure improvements for future development that the Resort is considering should accompany this discussion. **Grout Pond Rd.:** The Foreman stated progress continues with the permitting process. **Veterans' Day:** The Board agreed to allow the Road Crew to switch out the Veterans' Day holiday for the day after Thanksgiving. **Access Permit:** The Board reviewed and approved and then all signed an Access Permit for Lettieri onto Pikes Falls Rd.

Town Hall Use: The Board approved the requests for Town Hall usage from Lorraine Weeks-Newell for November 27 – December 1, 2024. and by the Montemagnis for December 7, 2024.

Minutes: Boomer Walker moved to approve the Selectman's minutes of September 23, 2024. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred.

Adjourn: Boomer Walker moved to adjourned at 8:20pm. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*