

Town of Stratton
Selectman's Meeting
June 23, 2025

Present: Selectman: Chair – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci, and Boomer Walker; Clerk, Kent Young; Town Attorney, Robert Fisher; Jeff Cavagnino of Stratton Corp.; Attorney, Merrill Bent and Lynn McNamara, representing the Nature Conservancy.

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

Modifications: The Clerk stated that the annual Salary Review needs to be added to the agenda. Boomer Walker so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Stratton Corp.: Jeff Cavagnino was present to ask the board to reconsider speedbumps on the Stratton Mountain Access Rd., as it passes through the village area. He brought in examples of removable speedbumps for summer usage. Chris Liller presented his research on State regulations regarding not only speedbumps, but other methods of traffic control and signage. The board also discussed possibly increasing enforcement by the Winhall Police Dept., which contracts with Stratton Corp. and the Town to patrol in the Resort area. The Clerk reminded Mr. Cavagnino that the Selectmen are required to endorse the contract and that no contract has been submitted recently. Mr. Cavagnino agreed to look at the current contract and get a copy to the Town for their consideration. In conclusion, the board agreed to be open to the idea of speedbumps but would like to have further discussion before approval. After this discussion, Jeff Cavagnino left the meeting.

Town Forest and Rec. Area: Town Attorney, Robert Fisher, along with Attorney Merrill Bent and Lynn McNamara were present to discuss the trails within the Town Forest following the site visit by Nature Conservancy. Mr. Fisher asked to enter Executive Session to discuss these ongoing legal matters. Al Dupell concurred and invited Robert Fisher, Merrill Bent, Lynn McNamara and Clerk, Kent Young to attend the session. Larry Bills so moved. Chris Liller seconded and the board entered Executive Session at 7:47pm. At 8:59pm, Boomer Walker moved to exit Executive Session. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and Executive Session ended. No decisions were made. During the session, Merrill Bent and Lynn McNamara left the meeting. Following Executive Session, Robert Fisher left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Paving / Culverts: Chris Liller stated that this year's paving project should begin on June 30. This includes the designated section of Stratton Mountain Access Rd. and Brazers Way, as well as the Canedy Rd. bridge and Penny Avenue bridge road repair. The replacement culvert for the failed culvert on West Jamaica Rd. should be ready and delivered in about three weeks and will immediately be installed upon delivery. **Power infrastructure:** Green Mountain Power is expected to return to continue discussion on infrastructure upgrades through town, which includes buried power lines on the West Jamaica Rd., nearest the Jamaica line. Chris Liller said that other towns have reported problems with the related culvert work and recommended that the Town require Town approval of the contractor as well as imposing specifications regarding said work. The Selectmen concurred. The Foreman will discuss this with GMP before scheduling another meeting with the board. **Truck Replacement:** The Selectmen agreed to purchase the extended warranty for the new truck for \$5500.00 and authorize the Treasurer to cut a check for \$70,431.00 so that the Road Crew can pick up the new truck tomorrow. Boomer Walker so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred. **Personnel issues:** Chris Liller reminded the board that Tim Bills will begin an extended leave on or just prior to July 17. Mark Ellison will take some vacation around August 13 and Scott Marquis will cover the Transfer Station during that time.

Town Hall Rentals: Boomer Walker moved to reserve the Town Hall on June 28 for Larry Bills. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

Town Party: Steve Fletcher relayed that preparations for this event are on schedule for July 19. The office has sent out invitations.

Annual Salary Review: After discussion, the Board agreed upon an increase in salaries of all town employees by \$1.60 per hour (based on 4% of the highest salaries). Boomer Walker so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Boomer Walker motioned to approve the Selectman’s minutes of June 9, 2025. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

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