

Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

May 23, 2022

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Boomer Walker; Steve Petrik of SVTA; and Kent Young – Clerk.

7:30pm The Selectmen met as warned. Orders were reviewed and signed.

Modifications – Add 1) Discuss replacing the water filter system for the Town Hall / Office. 2) Discuss implementing an updated Procurement Policy and Conflict of Interest Policy. 3) consideration of FLEET permits. Greg Marcucci so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Town Forest: Steve Petrik was present to inform the board that Southern Vermont Trail Assoc. have received a \$25,000.00 grant for projects and expects their board to allocate \$15,000.00 toward the Stratton Town Forest trails and parking lot. He agreed to proceed with the application for an Access Permit from VTRANS onto Rte. 100. He also stated that with the Owner's Agreement signed, they have added the Town of Stratton to their insurance policy so that they will cover any potential claims resulting from activities regarding their organization. Following this discussion, Mr. Petrik left the meeting.

Logging Town Properties: The Selectmen reviewed a second letter from the Windham County Forester, Sam Schneski, regarding logging potential at the Rec. Area, in addition to the Town Forest. Since the Rec. Area is an Act 250 Property and parts of the Town Forest are above 2500 feet and, therefore, subject to Act 250, the Selectmen agreed to inquire into a jurisdictional opinion from ANR regarding the need for a permit to log these properties. The Clerk agreed to make that inquiry.

Road Crew Issues: FEMA Grants: Chris Liller is still working with FEMA to obtain approval of last summer's flood-related projects – FEMA is questioning the amount of material used, and also the town's procurement and conflict-of-interest policies. The Clerk stated that the minutes from the 1995 Town Meeting, which provided a basic procurement policy, which has been used by the Town since that time, was provided to FEMA. This was sufficient for FEMA after Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 and other FEMA projects through the years, but may not be sufficient at this time. Additionally, the Conflict-of-Interest policy within the Personnel Policy was provided to FEMA, but this was also questioned. Since FEMA may require more detailed policies for future projects the Treasurer retrieved example policies from VLCT. The Clerk and Treasurer will work to create policies for the Selectmen to adopt. **MRGP:** Chris Liller is working to comply with the Municipal Roads General Permit. One of the issues is that the end section of Shepardson Rd., which is included on the Highway map, but not properly maintained, should be discontinued. It is abutted only by the National Forest. The Clerk will contact the Town Attorney regarding this procedure. Additionally, the Foreman and Selectmen discussed work correcting drainage issues on Penny Ave., Pleasant Valley Rd. and Forrester Rd. **FLEET Permit:** The Selectmen reviewed a FLEET application from Consolidated Communications. The board concurred and the Chair signed the permit.

Rec. Area: Some Selectmen had met with George Wilson of Low Voltage Services, LLC., to discuss details concerning a Security System. Mr. Wilson will present a proposal soon – a special meeting may need to be held to consider the proposal within the next two weeks. The investigation regarding the vandalism within the Rec. Area is ongoing. The Rec. Area remains closed to the Public.

Cannabis Local Control Commission: The Selectmen reviewed a resolution that creates said commission which will consist of the active members of the Select Board. Greg Marcucci moved to approve. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred and signed the Resolution. The Clerk will forward the Resolution to the State.

Town Hall and Office Water System: Aqua-Aid Systems relayed that the existing system is failing and needs to be replaced. They have submitted a quote for a replacement system for \$3195.00. Chris Liller moved to accept the quote. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and the chair signed the paperwork.

Town Hall use: Chris Liller moved to approve a request for use of the Town Hall from the Wadsworth Co. on June 24, 2022 and Brenda Colbeth on July 2, 2022. Greg Marcucci so moved. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen’s and Liquor Control Board minutes of May 9, 2022. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci moved to adjourn at 8:20pm. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young