

**Town of Stratton
Selectman's Meeting**

October 28, 2024

Present: Selectman: Chair – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Boomer Walker; Town Attorney – Robert Fisher; Tom Oakley and Steve Petrik of the Southern Vermont Trails Assoc. (SoVTA); 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: The Board immediately went into Executive Session to discuss the Nature Conservancy complaint regarding the Town Forest. It was decided that the audio-recording for this brief period was unnecessary and that said recording will commence following the session. Greg Marcucci moved to enter Executive Session to discuss the Town Forest trails issue with the Town Attorney. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred. The Chair invited Attorney, Robert Fisher, Clerk, Kent Young and SoVTA members, Tom Oakley and Steve Petrik to join the session. The Executive Session commenced at 7:31pm. At 8:22pm, Larry Bills moved to exit Executive Session. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred and the Executive Session ended. No decisions were made. The Board will meet with the Nature Conservancy for further discussion regarding the Town Forest trails at the November 11, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting. At this time Robert Fisher, Tom Oakley and Steve Petrik left the meeting.

Road Crew Issues: Stratton Corp.: Regarding the previously discussed Styles Brook culvert issue, Stratton Corp. personnel will arrange to attend a future meeting. **Grout Pond Rd.:** The Foreman stated that the State has decided that the archaeological sites will require more study and a dig before approval of the project can be considered. **Winter Sand:** The Foreman stated that delivery has commenced this week. **Town Garage Lighting upgrades:** The Foreman asked the board for permission to have Southworth Electric to upgrade the lighting in the garage to LEDs. The estimated cost was \$8000.00. The board agreed provided adequate funds are available in its budget. If the treasurer agrees that funds up to \$10,000.00 are available, the project can proceed. **Winter Snow Plowing / Call-In Schedule:** The Foreman presented the board with said schedule for the coming winter. The Selectmen concurred. **Foreman's Leave:** Chris Liller stated that he will need to take some extended time off in the Spring – tentatively beginning March 12.

Town Hall Use: The Board approved the requests from Bethany Chase for Town Hall usage on Thursdays, November 7 and 21.

Town Meeting Preparations: The Board agreed to include the Moover's \$1000.00 appropriation request on the Appropriations Article for the 2025 March Meeting. Boomer Walker so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred. The Board also reviewed Rescue Inc.'s contract renewal and agreed to table it until the upcoming Budget Meeting.

Minutes: Boomer Walker moved to approve the Selectman's minutes of October 14, 2024. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred.

Adjourn: Larry Bills moved to adjourn at 8:43pm. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*