

**Town of Stratton**  
**Selectman's Meeting**  
January 27 and 29, 2025

**Present:** Selectman: Chair – Al Dupell, Greg Marcucci and Boomer Walker; Treasurer – Alyson Peterson; Town Attorney – Robert Fisher; Steve Petrik of Southern Vermont Trail Assoc. (SoVTA); Christine Gutterson of Green Mountain Power Co. (GMP) and Kent Young, Clerk.

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

**Modifications:** The Clerk asked that the following items be added to the agenda 1) Consider changes to lease agreement for the Recreation Area 2) consider change to Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) payment distribution, and 3) Personnel Matters. Boomer Walker moved to add said items to the agenda. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

**Green Mountain Power:** Christine Gutterman of GMP presented an easement needed by GMP to add a pole anchor on Town property. Boomer Walker moved to approve said easement. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and Al Dupell signed the easement.

**Town Forest and Rec. Area Trails:** Boomer Walker moved to enter executive session to discuss details of a potential agreement with the Nature Conservancy with the Town Attorney. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and the board entered executive session. The Chair invited Attorney, Robert Fisher, the Treasurer, Alyson Peterson, Steve Petrik of SoVTA and Clerk, Kent Young to attend. Following the discussion, Boomer Walker moved to exit Executive Session. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and the session ended – no decisions were made.

**Rec. Area Lease Agreement:** The Treasurer and Steve Petrik discussed details concerning the budget regarding the LWCF grant application requirements with the Board, as well as a change to a 25-year lease agreement between the boards, which is a requirement for said grant if the Town is to be the recipient of said grant. The board agreed to make the change and tabled the item to the continuation of this meeting with the School Board on January 29.

**Town Meeting Preparations:** The board discussed the potential legislative changes to the State School system. In anticipation of these changes, they agreed to add an Article to the Warning to ask for authorization from the Town to acquire the Rec Area for the Town from the School District. They will need to coordinate efforts with the School District on this and other budgetary items as well and agreed to table approval of the Town Meeting Warning to the continuation of this meeting with the School Board on January 29.. The Clerk will prepare the above changes need to the Warning for consideration at that time.

**Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) payment distribution:** Boomer Walker moved to have the treasurer begin utilizing the annual PILT revenue as an offsetting revenue in the general fund budget, rather than transferring the payment to the School District annually. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. At this time, Bob Fisher and Steve Petrik left the meeting.

**Personnel Matters:** The Treasurer asked that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Boomer Walker so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred and the Board entered Executive Session. The Chair invited Alyson Peterson and Kent Young to attend. Following discussion of said matters, Boomer Walker moved to close the session. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and the session ended with no decisions made.

**Purchasing Policy:** The Treasurer presented an amendment to the Town’s purchasing policy to meet updated criteria. Boomer Walker moved to approve the amendment. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and all signed the policy.

**Road Crew Issues: FLEET Permit** – The Board considered an Excess Weight Permit application for Newport Sand and Gravel / Carroll Concrete. Greg Marcucci moved to approve said permit. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred and the Chair signed the permit.

**Town Hall Use:** The Board approved the following requests for the Town Hall: 1) Jenna Brown for March 1, 2025 and Devon Marcucci for February 1 and 2, 2025. Greg Marcucci so moved. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

**Ethic Liaison:** Kent Young volunteered for said position. Boomer Walker moved to appoint him as the Ethics Liaison. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

**Minutes:** Boomer Walker moved to approve the Selectman’s minutes of January 13, 2025. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

**VT 250 Anniversary:** The Selectmen reviewed and signed a Resolution creating a volunteer position to work with the VT 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission regarding activities related to this event (the Town Clerk will assume that responsibility).

**Adjourn to Date / Time Certain:** Boomer Walker moved to adjourn the meeting to 6:15pm on January 29, 2025 at the Stratton Town Office. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and the meeting will resume at that time.

**January 29, 2025, 6:15pm:** Al Dupell called the meeting back to order in conjunction with the School Board Meeting. Present for the Selectmen’s meeting were: Selectman Chair – Al Dupell, Selectmen – Greg Marcucci and Boomer Walker; Clerk – Kent Young and Treasurer – Alyson Peterson (see School Board minutes for others present).

**Rec. Area Lease Agreement:** The Clerk explained that said amendment is to extend the agreement out to 25 years to meet State and Federal requirements for grants being pursued by the Town. It also allows for the School District to waive the lease fee, if so voted by the School Board. Following the discussion, the School Board made their approval and signed as Lessor. The Clerk asked for a motion for Selectmen’s approval. Boomer Walker so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and Al Dupell signed the agreement as Lessee. The Clerk witnessed both signatures (School Board Chair and Select Board Chair).

**Town Meeting Warning:** With a mutual agreement in place to seek voter permission at both the Town Meeting and School District Meeting for said School District to transfer the Rec Area to the Town, at the discretion of both boards, per Articles added to both the Town and School District Meeting on March 4, 2025, and following a review of the Town Meeting Warning, Boomer Walker moved to approve said Warning. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and all signed the Warning.

**Adjourn:** Boomer Walker moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*