

Town of Stratton Selectman's Meeting

July 8, 2024

Present: Selectman: Chair – Al Dupell, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci, and Boomer Walker; Kent Young – Clerk; Randy Dapron of Casella; residents – Devon Marcucci and Grayson Peterson.

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

Modifications: The Clerk requested that the Selectmen consider adding “Consideration of the PVR appeal decision change to the 2023 Grand List.” Greg Marcucci so moved. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Refuse Disposal Contract: Randy Dapron was present to discuss a new contract, as the current contract was agreed to in 2022. Since that time, rates have changed considerably. He detailed various rate changes due to hauling expenses and the way recyclables, including metal, are being disposed of, which also affect costs. The Board reviewed the proposed contract and agreed to the five-year term, beginning July 1, 2024. Greg Marcucci moved to approve said contract. Boomer Walker seconded and all concurred. Al Dupell signed the contract on behalf of the Town and Mr. Dapron signed for Casella.

Town Forest: No Discussion.

Rec. Area: The board discussed, with Grayson Peterson, reparations and maintenance required to adequately set up the ballfield for soft ball / little league. Chris Liller will be working to determine the structural condition of the dugouts. Devon Marcucci is consulting with other parents throughout town for ideas to revamp the playground and options regarding easier / more convenient access to it, including the suggestion of moving it all to the area of the ballfield. The Board also discussed the pavilion project, currently on hold, but now might consider moving forward with it. The Clerk reminded the board that changes to the area, like construction of a pavilion and relocating the playground will require an Act 250 revision and, therefore, will require site plans and additional permits. Also, VLCT should be consulted for insurance purposes before finalizing such plans. The Board agreed to proceed with these considerations. Al Dupell will meet with Chris Liller at the ball field to measure the field, so that a rough site plan can be developed for potential changes. Rob Wadsworth will also be consulted regarding the pavilion project.

Road Crew Issues: Transfer Station: Scott Marquis may be able to return to his duties on July 14. Mark Ellison continues as assistant. Additionally, Andrew Ford submitted an application for a job at the Transfer Station. This was noted and will be considered when a position becomes available. Chris Liller stated that the necessary packaging for fluorescent bulbs and batteries for their disposal is now at the site, as well as a means to dispose of the waste oil on site. **Road Work:** Grading is in progress for roads in need of it. Roadside Mowing has been completed; however, equipment was unavailable for mowing behind guard rails, so the road crew weed-wacked those areas. The Foreman recommended purchasing a mowing device for the excavator, because Dana Bemis does not intend to provide that service any longer. **Penny Ave.:** Chris Liller stated that he will be performing hydroseeding along said road in areas where ditching recent was performed, to satisfy requirements of the State Permit. **County Rd.:** Al Dupell signed an agreement for soil testing of said road. **Signage:** Signage for roller-skiers on Town Roads. Chris Liller could find no guidelines or precedent for such signage. He will discuss this issue with the Town Attorney. **Generator Maintenance Contract:** The board discussed approval of the maintenance contract presented by Powers generators for the coming year. A discussion was had concerning the adequate frequency of oil changes, etc.. Chris Liller will provide additional information at the next meeting, so no decision was made.

2024 / 2025 Tax Rates: The Selectmen reviewed the submission of calculated tax rates for the 2024/5 tax year from the Treasurer. The total of the rates are \$1.0636 for Homestead and \$1.4282 for Non-Homestead. Boomer Walker moved to approve said rates. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and all Selectmen present signed the Order to the Treasurer to Levy and Collect taxes for the fiscal year 2024/5.

2023 Grand List: The Town received the decision of the State Dept. of Taxes, Property Valuation and Review regarding the appeal of assessment of Skyfall Dev. LLC (parcel ID 0800039.8) reducing the overall assessment from \$617,400.00 to \$533,700.00. Boomer Walker moved to have the Listers make said adjustment to the 2023 Grand List. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred. The Clerk relayed that the Treasurer will consult with the Town Attorney regarding the reimbursement of taxes for that property.

Town Hall Requests: The Board considered a request by Representative, Laura Sibilis, for use of the Town Hall for “Office Hours” on July 20, 2024 from 1:00 to 2:00pm. Boomer Walker moved to approve the request. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectman’s minutes of June 24, 2024. Boomer Walker seconded. All concurred.

Other Business: The board agreed to invite Steve Fletcher (who was put in charge of organizing a Town Party at the Rec. Area this year) to attend the next meeting or the August 12 meeting with plans / an update in regard to said event.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci moved to adjourn at 8:50pm. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young