

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
January 24, 2022**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell – Chair, Chris Liller and Greg Marcucci; and Kent Young – Clerk.

7:40pm: Al Dupell opened the meeting. Orders were reviewed and signed.

Modifications to the Agenda: The Clerk asked that the agenda be modified to add the following issues: 1) Consider modification to the Reappraisal contract. 2) Consider FLEET permits 3) Consider appointment of Chris Liller as DER for the CDL urinalysis program 4) Discuss Fire Dept. request for parking violation enforcement at the Ski Resort. 5) Tim Bills six-month salary review. 6) Consider Powers' Generator maintenance yearly contract. 7) Discuss Reapportionment and 8) Town Forest Issues. The Selectmen all concurred to add these items to the agenda.

Road Crew Issues: Road Erosion Program: Chris Liller stated that he has paperwork for a grant agreement for funding regarding updates to the Road Erosion program with WRC. Al Dupell signed the agreement. **Truck Replacement:** Chris Liller stated that Viking will hold our position for a new truck body when the Town is ready to replace T1. He also believes that he will be able to acquire the truck in a timely manner as well. **Tree Trimming:** The Road Crew will be trimming the trees along Stratton Mountain Access Rd., at the Stratton Springs project, as it has been noted that these trees are interfering with bus and truck traffic. Al Dupell asked that a hazardous tree be cut at the intersection of County Rd. and Mountain Rd.. Chris Liller concurred. **Road Analysis:** Al Dupell suggested that the Stratton Mountain Access Rd. at Treetop get bore-tested to determine why it is deteriorating once again. **Paving:** Next year's paving project of the eastern portion of Stratton-Arlington Rd. will include grinding a section from Willis Cemetery Rd. to 347 Strat.-Arl. Rd.. The Foreman said that due to the National Infrastructure Bill, paving grants may double in size, so the Town may be able to increase the amount of paving to be accomplished this year. **Loader:** Chris Liller stated that he is in the process of acquiring quotes to replace the loader. **Certificate of Highway Mileage:** The Selectmen reviewed the annual certificate of highway mileage and all present signed said certificate. The Clerk will send it to the State. **Tim Bills Salary Review:** The Road Foreman stated that Tim Bills has been employed now for six months and that he is due for a review. He stated that Tim is an excellent addition to the crew and the Selectmen then agreed to give him a \$1.00/hour raise. Chris Liller so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. **FLEET Permits:** The Selectmen reviewed and approved a FLEET permit request from Newport Sand and Gravel Co., Inc. The Chair signed the permit. **Posting Roads:** The Selectmen reviewed the "Rule to Prevent Abuse of Highways" effective annually 11/15 to 1/31 and 1/1/ to 5/15 (Rule 118-4). The Clerk agreed to post the Notice of said Rule as required. **Designated Employer Representative:** The Board agreed to appoint Chris Liller to said position in regard to the CDL urinalysis program. Kent Young remains as an alternate.

Rec. Area: The previously approve snowshoe race at the Rec. Area has been moved to January 30, 2022.

Generator Maintenance: The Selectmen reviewed a contract submitted by Powers Guaranteed Generators for annual maintenance and service. Annual service cost is \$1,330.00 for the three existing generators combined and various fees for unplanned servicing will apply. The Selectmen concurred and the Chair signed the contract.

DVFiber: The Selectmen received and reviewed the Communications District's annual budget with amendments for 2021 as required by statute.

Revaluation Contract: The Clerk stated that the Listers had extended out the ongoing revaluation to 2023 and, therefore, Brett Purvis and Assoc. revised the contract, which extends out the payments at a lower amount, with an additional \$4000.00 for the added year. The Selectmen concurred and all present signed the contract amendment.

Town Meeting Warning / Town Report: The Selectmen reviewed the Warning for the March 1, 2022 Annual Town Meeting. All concurred and all present signed it. The Selectmen also reviewed and approved

the Selectmen's Report for the Town Report with correction of a typo, and decided to eliminate the COVID restrictions added to last years Town Report, since the Town currently has no restrictions in place. Masks and Social Distancing will be recommended and no Potluck lunch will be held. In the discussion, the board agreed to make a decision at next meeting (Feb 14) whether or not to recommend postponement of the meeting to the Spring by adjourning to a date / time / place certain, as was done at the 2021 Town Meeting. The Clerk stated that he will post the Warning and prepare the Town Report for printing by the end of this week.

Zoning Board of Adjustment appointments: Chris Liller moved to re-appoint Tom Montemagni and Greg Marcucci to the ZBA for three-year terms. Greg Marcucci recused, so the Chair seconded – all concurred and the appointments were approved.

Reapportionment: The Selectmen reviewed the proposed reapportionment maps for Stratton – Stratton's new district per the minority report puts Stratton with Winhall, Somerset, Dover and Wardsboro. The majority report puts Stratton in a district with Somerset, Winhall, Landgrove, Londonderry and Peru. The Board was content that either option kept Winhall and Stratton in the same District. The Board did not wish to make comment on either option and did not recommend holding a BCA meeting to make comment.

Fire Dept.: The Board reviewed a letter from SMVFC requesting enforcement of parking requirements in regard to Fire Lanes at the resort. The Chair will additionally contact the Winhall Police Chief regarding these violations.

Town Forest Recreation and Logging Issues: The Selectmen reviewed a letter from the Southern Vermont Trail Assoc., which requests that their representative be allowed to attend a meeting to discuss potential trail projects within the Town Forest on Rt. 100. The Selectmen agreed to meet with them at the Feb 14 meeting or at a subsequent meeting. Al Dupell asked the Clerk to contact the County Forester to see if he will walk that lot to determine if logging can be done there. Also, they would like for Ash Trees within the Rec. Area to be considered for harvesting. The Clerk agreed to contact the County Forester.

Minutes: Greg Marcucci moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of December 27, 2021 and January 10, 2022. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Chris Liller moved to adjourn at 8:50pm. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young