

**Town of Stratton
Selectman's Meeting
April 28, 2025**

Present: Selectman: Chair – Al Dupell, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci, and Boomer Walker; Clerk, Kent Young; Tom Fuller of Fuller Sand & Gravel; Jarrett Sanderson of Sanderson Trucking and Excavating; Stuart Rudkin of Hunter Excavating; Archie Clark of AS Clark & Sons; and Tim Jones of Green Mountain Power (arrived at 7:45pm).

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 said agenda: 1) Green Mountain Power discussion 2) Determination to post Town Agent position 3) compensation regarding subpoena of the Clerk regarding the case of USA vs. Tarbell and 4) Meetinghouse maintenance. Chris Liller moved to make said modifications. Boomer Walker seconded. All concurred.

Yearly Bids: Al Dupell opened and read out the following bids:

Paving (a section of Stratton Mountain Access Rd and Brazers Way):

Pike Industries: -\$93.00/ton paving, \$1.75/yd² reclaim and \$20.00/ton shoulder gravel and cold plane - \$2.60/ yd². Total - \$568,502.00 (bid did not meet specifications due to inclusion of RAP [recycled product] in the mix. Greg Marcucci moved to throw out this bid. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred).

Fuller Sand and Gravel – Paving \$91.90/ton, reclaim - \$2.50/yd², shoulder gravel - \$20.00/ton, cold plane - \$2.75/ yd². Total \$582,263.55.

Boomer Walker moved to accept the bid from Fuller Sand and Gravel. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. At this time, Tom Fuller left the meeting.

Culvert Replacements (7 culverts on Brazers Way):

Hunter Excavating: \$24,460.00

Sanderson Trucking and Excavating: \$13,500.00

Fitzpatrick Excavating and Trucking: \$14,000.00

AS Clark and Sons: \$21,500.00

Guilmette Landworks: \$13,895.00

Chris Liller moved to accept the bid of Sanderson Trucking and Excavating. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred. At this time, Jarrett Sanderson and Archie Clark left the meeting.

Winter Sand:

Derrig Excavating - \$33.50/yd³ delivered.

Hunter Excavating - \$32.50/yd³ delivered

Farnsworth Trucking and Excavating - \$34.50/yd³ delivered.

Pike Industries - \$22.32/yd³ delivered \$10.21 FOB

Boomer Walker moved that the Pike quote was not to specifications and should be thrown out. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred. Greg Marcucci moved to accept the bid of Hunter Excavating. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Gravel:

Cersosimo Industries, Inc. – 1” - \$22.00/yd³ FOB or \$29.50/yd³ delivered; 4” (3” road builder) - \$19.50 yd³ FOB or \$27.00 / yd³ delivered. 5” Road Builder - \$18.50/ yd³ FOB \$26.00/ yd³ delivered.

Derrig Excavating – 1” - \$36.50/yd³ delivered.

Hunter Excavating – (FOB or from the pit) 4” \$26.00/yd³, 1” \$28.00/yd³

Greg Marcucci moved to accept the bid from Hunter Excavating. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred.

Roadside Mowing:

Dana Bemis - \$72.00/hr. (only submission). Greg Marcucci moved to accept this bid. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Town Mowing (Town Office, Town Hall, Meeting House):

Chapin Logging and Property Maintenance: \$90.00 each mowing (\$50.00/hr. spring/fall clean-up). Only one bid was received.

Town Mowing (Recreation Area):

Chapin Logging and Property Maintenance: \$275.00 each mowing (\$50.00/hr. spring/fall clean-up). Only one bid was received.

Boomer Walker moved to accept bids for the two Town mowing projects (above) from Chapin Logging and Property Maintenance. Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred.

Green Mountain Power Projects: Tim Jones was present to brief the Selectmen on upcoming progress of the upgrades to the electrical grid in this area and additional plans for the town to review. He said that upgrades will continue from Wardsboro, up Stratton-Arlington Rd. to the National Forest. They also will progress the length of West Jamaica Rd., into Jamaica. The area along that road, where it is dirt (approx. a mile to the Jamaica line) will be buried. Work along Mountain Rd. is mostly pole and line replacement, with exception of underground lines across the Nault property. Within Jamaica, on Pikes Falls Rd., they intend to close the gap by linking the two system (Sunderland and Brattleboro) there during those upgrades. Mr. Jones said he will schedule with the Clerk to return in about a month to formalize these projects with the Board. At this time, Tim Jones left the meeting.

Town Forest: The Clerk relayed that he spoke with Town Attorney, Robert Fisher, who relayed that it would be best not to do clean up or maintenance until after the Nature Conservancy attorneys have made their site visit, which should occur in the next few weeks.

Road Crew Issues: County Rd.: Access Permit: The Board agreed to a Temporary Access Permit for George Rigoulot onto his property on Willis Cemetery Rd. **Grants In-Aid:** The Selectmen approved and signed the letter of intent to participate in said program. **Calcium Chloride Storage Tank:** The Board agreed and signed the contract to continue use of said tank and purchase of the product from Innovative Surface Solutions. **Styles Brook Culvert:** the Board reviewed and signed a Grant Request for a Sloping Study required for the replacement of said culvert. **Brush Hog:** Chris Liller requested permission to purchase a Brush Hog attachment for the excavator and he provided two quotes. Greg Marcucci moved to approve the purchase of a Brush Hog attachment from Abele Tractor and Equip. Co. for \$9650.00. Boomer Walker seconded – all concurred. **Personnel Issues:** Chris Liller stated that Tim Bills will be out of work due to health issues beginning in mid-July. This will also postpone his own scheduled knee replacement probably until next spring. **Pickup Replacement:** Chris Liller presented two quotes – for the replacement of the F550. G. Stone Motors quoted a Ford 1-ton for \$64,931.00 and a Dodge for \$66,206.00 (both include the Government discount). After discussion, Boomer Walker moved to accept the quote for the Ford and Greg Marcucci seconded. All concurred. **Town Hall trees:** The Road Foreman asked permission to take down the two trees at the front of the Town Hall. The Board concurred. **Meetinghouse Maintenance:** Chris Liller recommended that the board get a quote from Ed Perkins to repair the stone foundation of the meetinghouse, as he will be restoring the wall for Pike Hollow Cemetery. The board concurred and Chris Liller will get a quote from the mason.

Town Hall Rentals: Boomer Walker moved to allow Ali Gibson use of the Town Hall on June 29, 2025 and the Wardsworth Co. use of it on July 9, 2025. Boomer Walker so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

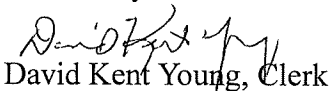
Town Agent: The Clerk asked permission to post the position of Town Agent, now vacant following the death of John Waite. The Board concurred.

Minutes: Boomer Walker motioned to approve the Selectman's and Liquor Control Board minutes of April 14, 2024. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

Court Appearance: The Clerk stated that he has been subpoenaed apparently as a fact witness for the Town for a trial, USA vs. Tarbell, scheduled for May 20, 2025, in Burlington, Vermont. He asked that the Town pick up his expenses. The Board agreed to do so.

Adjourn: Boomer Walker motioned to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Greg Marcucci seconded – all concurred.

Minutes by:


David Kent Young, Clerk