

**Town of Stratton**  
**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**September 26, 2011**

**Members present:** Selectmen – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib, Clerk – Kent Young and Mike Blais of Countryside Lock and Alarm.

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

**Town Garage Project:** Mike Blais of Countryside Lock and Alarm attended to discuss installation of the security and fire alarm systems at the Town Garage. The Selectmen were concerned that sheetrocking had begun, yet the alarm systems have not been installed. Mr. Blais said he will still be able to do the project, however, he needs electronic drawings of the building to revise for his system. Once he has done this, he will submit them to the State as required for approval. The Clerk agreed to contact Mark McManus to request those files. The Selectmen also agreed to have a high-definition security camera system installed on site. Mr. Blais estimated that this upgrade will cost approx. \$9000.00. Additionally, he recommended that the outside lighting at the garage be changed to 50W sodium vapor lamps. The Selectmen concurred. Mike Blais left the meeting at this time.

**Highway Dept.: Loader:** Ralph Staib reported that the additional bids for similar loaders made by Caterpillar and Komatsu had been received. Ralph Staib and Larry Bills reviewed the specs and costs for these machines, as well as the John Deere previously submitted by Nortrax, and decided to purchase the John Deere as discussed at the last meeting. The purchase price was \$114,100.00. The purchase order had been submitted to the Selectmen and approved. The machine was delivered last week. **Road repairs: Paving** has not yet continued on the Access Rd., the Road Foreman expects the project to continue this week. Sweeney Const. will be working on **Bridge 7** on the Strat.-Arl. Rd.. The Road Foreman, the Town Clerk and Treasurer met with **FEMA** as their first visit to town regarding this storm. Initial submittals for federal reimbursements for Category A (debris removal) and Category B (initial emergency repairs) will be developed this week. Meanwhile today, the Town Clerk received the construction package from VTrans for the installation of the **Penny Ave. bridge (B13)**. The Town will not be able to get it installed this winter. The Selectmen, therefore, requested the Clerk to contact the Jepson family to get feedback on their intentions for the winter. The Selectmen discussed the options of 1) installing a temporary bridge to access the site, or 2) maintaining the road down from Rt 100, if the Jepsons intend to use the house this winter. The Selectmen agreed to postpone bidding out this bridge project until later in the winter. The temporary **Kidder Brook bridge (B41)** will need to be reworked for winter use. The Road Foreman is waiting to hear from the State concerning the hydraulics study for this area. FEMA informed the Town that stream bed cleanup off of the roads or in areas greater than 200 ft upstream from a bridge or areas downstream from a bridge are not covered by FEMA, therefore some of the debris removal and tree cutting already performed may not be covered. It is possible that those issues may get funding from the USDA NRCS Emergency Watershed protection program. The Clerk agreed to contact that agency.

**Tax Sales:** The delinquent Tax Collector submitted proposals for tax sales for the following delinquent properties: Billios, delinquent in 2010, Elliott, et al, delinquent in 2010 and McAvoy et al, delinquent in 2009/10. The Selectmen agreed to proceed with the tax sale of the McAvoy

property since it has been delinquent since 2009. Larry Bills so moved. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

**Town Hall and Town Office:** The Selectmen reviewed requests for use of the Town Hall by Lee / Cloutier on the weekend of October 15/16, 2011 and then by Lorraine Weeks-Newell on November 26/27, 2011. Chris Liller so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred. Vent ducts in the Town Hall have been replaced. The Town Office is in need of carpet cleaning. The Selectmen concurred.

**Minutes:** Greg Marcucci moved to approve the minutes of August 29, 2011 and September 12, 2011. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

**Adjourn:** Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 9:05p.m.. Chris Liller seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*