

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
February 14, 2011**

Members present: Selectmen – Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib; Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Town Garage Project: The Selectmen reviewed responses of interested bidders for the Town Garage Project. Kent Young stated that the notice was published two days in both the Brattleboro Reformer and the Rutland Herald. Thirteen contractors responded. Mark McManus had visited the Town Office on February 10 to review the responses. He saw no issues with those companies that responded. The Selectmen agreed to allow all responders to bid. Pre-bid site visit will be February 23, 2011 – a time to be set by the architect. Bids will be accepted on March 10, 2011.

Telecommunications: The Vermont Telecommunications Authority (VTA) is looking at sites for potential tower locations. They may be interested in a site on the knoll at the Town Garage. The Selectmen reviewed an Option and Lease Agreement. They will wait to hear from VTA before proceeding.

Highway Dept.: New Equipment: Ralph Staib presented an estimated purchase price for a new Loader. The Selectmen will consider purchasing a new machine at a later time. **Stratton Mountain Access Rd.:** Stratton Corp. is considering recommendations from the Road Crew and Selectmen concerning repairs to the road in front of the Treetops Project, as discussed at previous meetings. Ralph Staib will inform the Selectmen of their decision at the next meeting. **Grants:** The Road Foreman is reviewing possible grants for the coming year. He believes the Town will get some money for the culvert replacement on Mountain Rd. performed this past fall. **Town Hall Usage:** The "Friends of the Wardsboro Library" requested extra plowing to allow for more parking during their event on February 19. The Selectmen agreed that nothing more could be plowed. Additional parking, if needed, will have to be along the road.

Appropriations: Betti Parsons had informed the Clerk that the Betty Boop Bus was owned by the Wardsboro Baptist Church. The request to appropriate a donation to it had been petitioned and so added to the Town Meeting Warning. He said he called VLCT to check on the legality of appropriating town money to it, as it is a church. The attorney at VLCT stated that it would be a constitutional violation to do so. He said the Town should vote to amend the Article as written to remove it from the appropriations. The Selectmen concurred.

FLEET: The Selectmen unanimously approved Excess Weight permits for the following Co.s – R.K. Miles, Inc., G.W. Tatro Const. Inc, and S.D. Ireland Concrete Const. Corp.. Al Dupell signed the forms.

Fire Dept. fines: The Selectmen reviewed a list of service fees and violations of the Automatic Fire Alarm Ordinance forwarded from the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Dept.. The letter states that Stratton Mountain School held a fire drill without notification to the dept. and that 25A Snow Bridge and 12A Winterberry Heights had exceeded the 2-alarm limit. These three

properties are to be charged the \$200.00 service fee. 200 County Rd. and 291 Pikes Falls Rd. are in violation ordinance, as they do not have the required Knox Box for automatic alarm systems. The Clerk agreed to forward the violations to the Constable.

Minutes: Chris Liller moved to approve the minutes of January 24, 2011. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Larry Bills motioned to adjourn. Chris Liller seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

David Kent Young

Minutes by: