

**Town of Stratton**  
**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**January 23, 2012**

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

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

**Fire Dept. issues:** Matt Underwood and Kevin Robinson presented the Fire Dept. budget for 2012/3. All concurred with it. The Clerk had entered the final budget figure into the Town Meeting Warning. Matt Underwood discussed the need for moving the fire truck currently located at the Stratton Town Garage back to the firehouse. He said he understood the move would affect the insurance ratings for the general area around the garage, but that affect will be minimal, as he understands it. There are, however, a number of factors beneficial in moving it back to the fire house. Additionally, drivers on the south side of the mountain are few and have a long distance to travel to get to the truck. The Selectmen agreed that the Fire Chief should manage the department and trucks as he sees fit and concurred with the move. The Fire Chief also reviewed a number of service fees that will be placed on certain properties for excessive or unwarranted fire calls, in accordance with the Fire Alarm Ordinance. The Clerk agreed to prepare letters for these individuals, charging them the appropriate fees. Kent Young asked about the status of the Cell Tower lease at the Fire House. Matt Underwood said he has not heard from VTA recently, but that it is his understanding that the lease is in place and that no tower will be constructed until VTA has a contract with a provider. Upon conclusion of the topic, Matt Underwood left the meeting.

**Road Crew Issues: Ongoing Hurricane Irene recovery: FEMA:** The Road Foreman and the Clerk continue to work with FEMA and Witt, Assoc. preparing project packages. The previous question raised by FEMA personnel as to whether Mountain Rd. falls within FEMA jurisdiction, because it has a Federal designation as a “Minor Collector” roadway was answered, in that Minor Collector roads qualify for FEMA compensation. The Clerk said that FEMA had recommended postponing bids on the Penny Ave. Bridge replacement until the work package comes back fully approved. There are still questions whether the upgrade will be funded.

**Town Garage:** Questions concerning the heating system remain unresolved. Greg Marcucci and Chris Liller explained that the mechanical engineer had some recommendations to adjust flows and temperatures to trick the system heat adequately, instead of fixing the problems by configuring the system correctly. The modines should be zoned separately to work at the temperatures at which they are designed to work, and the radiant system needs to be at a temperature that will eliminate the moisture problems that now exist. Additionally, there is a leak or condensation problem from the roof that needs to be fixed. Chris Liller believes part of the problem can be fixed by rearranging the insulation. Additionally, the septic system apparently is taking in ground water. Chris Liller said that Quinn Co. knows about these last two issues and is looking into resolving them. The Selectmen agreed that Chris Liller and Kent Young should put together a response to send to the architect informing him specifically about the Selectmen's desire to have the heating system reconfigured to work correctly and that these issues will need to be corrected before any of the \$8000.00 currently held back, will be released. Chris Liller and Kent Young agreed to do so. Countryside Lock and Alarm has not yet installed the cameras and security system – once again, Al Dupell will contact the company.

**Minutes:** Greg Marcucci moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2012, with a correction that Larry Bills be added to the attendance. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

**Town Meeting Warning:** The Selectmen pre-approved the Warning – all signed the warning. If no changes are necessary before January 26, 2012, the Clerk will post the Warning as written.

**Town Hall:** The Selectmen agreed to allow the Wardsboro Snowmobile Club to use the Town Hall on January 28, 2012.

**FLEET Permit:** The Selectmen reviewed an excess weight permit for RK Miles. All approved. Al Dupell signed the permit.

**2010 Grand List:** The Selectmen reviewed and all signed the Certification of the 2010 Grand List, as no suits or appeals are pending.

**Adjourn:** Chris Liller motioned to adjourn at 8:50p.m.. Greg Marcucci seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

*David Kent Young*