

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
January 17, 2019**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell – Chair, Greg Marcucci, Chris Liller and Kevin Robinson; George Wilson of Low Voltage Services, LLC and Clerk – Kent Young.

Al Dupell called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Town Office / Town Hall Fire Alarm Systems: The Selectmen reviewed a proposal by George Wilson of Low Voltage Services, LLC for the replacement of the landline service currently provided to the monitors with cellular service. The cost for installation and equipment is \$2400.00 and cellular service for each communicator (three to include the Garage) is an additional \$539.40 annually. George Wilson explained the current layout of the systems and explained that the current poor quality of the phone lines seems to be the factor that causes repeated faulting of those systems. He explained that the current fire alarm panels are required by code to have an initial and back-up phone line, while burglar alarms only require one line. Currently, two newly installed lines provide this requirement to first the Town Hall fire alarm monitor, second the Town Office fire alarm monitor and then only one of these lines connects to the burglar alarm system. He believes the solution to the poor line quality issue is to install a remote Verizon cellular connection to the Town Office Fire alarm monitoring system that also provides service to the burglar alarm system and also the same type of service for the Town Hall fire alarm monitoring system and Town Garage fire alarm monitoring system and burglar alarm system for a total of three remote phone services. Chris Liller stated that the Town Garage system seems to be working adequately. The Selectmen were concerned about the availability / reliability of the Verizon service at these locations. It was noted that the Town Office / Town Hall generator is monitored by a Verizon service. In conclusion, Mr. Wilson said that he will fund the first service initially to test out the availability and reliability of this change. If it works, then the Town will pick up the costs for this service and he will then install the remaining service on the Town Hall system as per the Proposal he had submitted, omitting for now the Town Garage upgrade. The Selectmen concurred.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 7:35pm. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*