

Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
December 26, 2011

Members present: Selectmen – Al Dupell, Chris Liller, Greg Marcucci, Kevin Robinson; and Clerk – Kent Young.

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

Road Crew Issues: Ongoing Hurricane Irene recovery: 1) **FEMA:** The Road Foreman and the Clerk continue to work with FEMA and Witt, Assoc. preparing project packages. 2) **Fed. Aid Rd.** Al Dupell signed paperwork for reimbursement for repair / replacement of the Strat-Arl Rd. culvert at the Pike Hollow Rd. intersection. **Penny Ave Bridge:** The Selectmen wish to bid out the bridge replacement for next summer. The Road Crew should remove as much of the old culvert and guardrails that they are capable of removing. The remainder can be hauled away when the bridge is replaced. The Clerk will start the bidding process. **Kidder Brook bridge:** VTrans is aware that a detailed hydraulic study should be completed there, to update the study done after the flood.

Town Garage: 1) Questions remain concerning the operations of the heating system. The architect and Quinn Co. have not yet coordinated a meeting between the mechanical engineer, the plumber, and Selectmen as we had requested, so that any problems can be resolved. 2) Chris Liller will contact Springfield Fence to install a cage area for tool storage 3) Countryside Lock and Alarm is not yet finished installing the cameras and security system. 4) As soon as possible, the excavated area needs to be finished so the recycling containers can be returned to their regular places.

Brown Camp: The ZBA found that the Brown Camp on West Jamaica Rd. is a hazard, and the hazard should be removed. Tom Montemagni will attend the next meeting and requested that the Town Attorney attend as well to discuss steps required to mitigate the hazard. The Selectmen concurred. The Clerk will invite Robert Fisher, the Town Attorney to attend the meeting on January 9, 2012.

Grand List Equalization Study: The Selectmen reviewed the study which was submitted by Property Valuation and Review. The Town has a month to contest it. The Clerk said he will seek legal advice in acquiring reimbursements from the State of the Education taxes associated with the recent reductions in assessments and subsequent reimbursements of taxes for two properties in Stratton. He will keep the Selectmen informed of the advice he receives, as the Equalization Study may need to be contested to retrieve those funds.

Minutes: Kevin Robinson moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2011. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

2012/13 Town Budget: The Selectmen continued deliberating on the Town Budget.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:30p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: