

**Town of Stratton**  
**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**January 24, 2011**

**Members present:** Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib; Clerk – Kent Young; Architect – Mark McManus.

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

**Town Garage Project:** Mark McManus was present to review the most recent updates of the plans and discuss the general bidding process. He noted that a specification booklet will accompany the plans as well. He will forward a notice to the Town Office for posting, requesting interested bidders to submit their intent to bid with their qualifications. A list of qualified bidders can be decided at the Feb 14 meeting and then bids can be awarded approx. April 1 (probably at the March 28 meeting). Site work should be scheduled for May 1 and a completion date established as October 1. The Water / Wastewater permit application has been submitted. Chris Heins needs to address some issues noted by the State before it will be approved. The Selectmen discussed bidding options, such as making some of the interior work optional, as they may not want to complete some aspects of the project at this time, depending on the costs. Mark McManus agreed to separate the bid specifications accordingly. At this time, Mark McManus left the meeting.

**Road Crew: Paving:** The Selectmen and Road Foreman discussed repairing and repaving the Stratton Mountain Access Rd. where Stratton Corp. had previously reworked it as part of the Treetops Project. The Road Foreman determined that repair expenses would be approximately \$107,200.00. The Selectmen agreed that this amount was the responsibility of Stratton Corp., as they had built that section of road incorrectly. The Foreman was not sure what additional paving the Selectmen wanted to accomplish this year, so no paving amount was available for the budget. The Selectmen agreed to budget the same as last year and determine a project based on that figure, as well as whatever amount is negotiated with Stratton Corp. for the repairs discussed above. **Ralph Staib – Road's Scholar:** Congratulations were given as Ralph Staib was presented with a Level III Road's Scholar certificate.

**2011/2 Budget and Town Meeting Warning:** The Selectmen continued deliberating the 2011/2 budget. The last figures were determined for inclusion in the Town Report, which will be sent out for printing this week. The Selectmen reviewed the Town Meeting Warning and all present approved and signed it. The Clerk will properly post the Warnings before January 30, 2011 as required.

**2009 Grand List Lawsuit:** The Selectmen discussed the attorney's fees accumulated by the Town in regard to this frivolous lawsuit, which was dismissed by the court. They agreed to send a letter to Rising Bear and Hearthstone Home Owners' Assoc., whom had filed the suit, requesting that they repay the town for these expenses. The Selectmen signed the letter and the Clerk agreed to send it out certified.

**Minutes:** Kevin Robinson moved to approve the minutes of January 10, 2011. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred.

**Adjourn:** Larry Bills motioned to adjourn. Chris Liller seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*