Town of Stratton Selectmen's Meeting

December 12, 2011

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

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

Danziger Property Stream Bank Stabilization: The appropriate paperwork has been filed with USDA-NRCS, and a contract between the homeowner and the Town has been signed. A site visit with potential bidders was held on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, and an additional 70' of stream bank stabilization was added to the project. The bidders were informed as to such. Two bids were received: Lawrence "Coop" Bills Excavating of Stratton, VT bid \$136,000.00 and Ameden Construction LLC of Jamaica, VT bid \$89,000.00. Larry Bills recused himself from voting on the bid. Dr. Henry Danziger was on speaker-phone and recommended acceptance of the low bid by Ameden Const. LLC. Kevin Robinson moved to accept the bid by Ameden Const. LLC at \$89,000.00. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred. The Clerk agreed to inform Ameden Const. LLC and USDA-NRCS of the decision, so that the project can start as soon as possible.

2012/13 Town Budget: The Selectmen, with the Treasurer, Clerk and Road Foreman began the process of developing a budget for the coming year. Following the deliberations, Laura Hawksley left the meeting.

Town Garage: 1) Questions remain concerning the operations of the heating system. The architect has made arrangements for the mechanical engineer to investigate the problems and discuss solutions with the Selectmen. 2) Chris Liller will sort out the final billing for the project once the punch list is resolved. 3) Countryside Lock and Alarm is not yet finished installing the cameras and security system – there is a concern about the fact that they are now requesting an additional third phone line to be installed at the complex, which had not been previously requested. Ralph Staib will inquire into their specific needs, as they may need the new second line to be split and routed to the storage bldg..

Road Crew Issues: **Ongoing Hurricane Irene recovery**: The Road Foreman and the Clerk continue to work with FEMA preparing project packages.

Minutes: Chris Liller moved to approve the minutes of November 28, 2011. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 9:30p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young