

Town of Stratton
Special Selectmen's Meeting
October 18, 2011

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

Al Dupell called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Road repairs: Ongoing Hurricane Irene recovery: Penny Ave. bridge (B13). The meeting was warned to discuss method by which Penny Ave. Bridge temporary replacement is to be done. The Clerk, Kent Young, was concerned that the project required three bids and an approved contract to qualify for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding. As he understands the situation, this has not yet been obtained. Al Dupell was informed and this meeting was warned. Road Foreman, Ralph Staib, said that he believes the Town Highway Dept. can be considered the “contractor” in this case and can hire out equipment and additional personnel for the job without obtaining bids or obtaining a contract – he has a quote from an excavator. In conclusion, since this is a project that should be covered by FEMA, the Selectmen agreed that a determination of eligibility for this process should be obtained from the FEMA Project Specialist before proceeding with the work. The Clerk agreed to contact the Project Specialist assigned to the town so that he can meet with the Road Foreman to discuss this issue. Selectmen should try to attend if possible.

Paving: Ralph Staib presented two bids for paving damaged areas in Town. O'Brien Paving bid \$24,500.00 and Pike Industries bid \$25,650.00. The Road Foreman stated that he was only able to find these two contractors who were available to bid. Greg Marcucci moved to accept O'Brien Paving. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred.

FEMA Assistance: The State has hired James Lee WITT Assoc. to provide additional FEMA assistance to Towns. The Clerk and Road Foreman met with this company's representatives, Andre Horton and Richard Chandler, who have been assigned to assist Stratton and discussed their role in providing additional help to the Town when submitting projects to FEMA. The Selectmen agreed that the Town should take advantage of this additional assistance as much as possible.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:00p.m.. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young