

Stratford Select Board Meeting Minutes

Aug 26, 2024

Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 PM

Select Board present: Clayton Macdonald, Charles Goulet, Harry Juergens.

Others present: Suzanne Goulet.

Meeting called to order: 3:30 PM by Macdonald

Appointments: None.

Suzanne:

The Town has become eligible for FEMA relief funds and she and Clayton will be going to a FEMA informational meeting on Wednesday 08-28. Discussed road damage from July 9 storm that might qualify for relief funding: Old Mill, McMann, Bordeau, Farnsworth, and Bog roads considered along with the specific work required.

Discussed how the Town's land use change taxes are currently distributed and if a warrant article to amend that distribution should be considered.

Reported a letter to the PUC on behalf of the Board and Town in support of net metering in NH.

Discussed the Hollow Pavilion fence project. Noted problems with boundary lines and implications of fence to mark a camp access lane. Decided that access would be permitted only under revocable stipulated license, fee \$100/year, and no additional fencing beyond what was originally planned. Agreed Juergens/Goulet, 3/0.

Presented Kearsarge Energy's PILOT offer for the Board's consideration prior to giving it to the Town attorney for comment. Discussed annual road maintenance options and the input from the public hearing and survey. Noted alternatives as well as cost and revenue issues. Board roads workshop scheduled for 09-16.

The rocks placed within the Percy Rd ROW have been removed by the owner.

Select Board:

Goulet: The new Transfer Station baler is not functioning properly and efforts to adjust it have been unsuccessful. A further experienced advisor is to inspect it.

Macdonald: Discussed progress on the lead water line service inventory, noted that it must be completed by 10-13 and reviewed next steps.

Manifest: Macdonald/Juergens, approved 3/0 to sign for 08-13 & 08-19.

Signed Documents:

Reservations – Hollow Pavilion (Ramirez, Hood); Library Pavilion (Grange); Town Hall (Grange, Fournier).

Raffle Permit – Library Pavilion (Cohos Historical Society).

Letter to release Roland Baldwin fund grant.

Building Certificates – 938 US Rt 3.

Old Business:

Coös ARPA funding close out complete; Fire Marshall warning against oversize brush at transfer station burn pile.

Agreed to sell old ATV, Macdonald/Juergens,3/0.

New Business:

Minutes for the meeting of 8-12 approved, Macdonald/Juergens 3/0.

Lien on 44 Pleasant Valley Rd for property clean-up;

Rabies survey animal trapping;

Complaints of possible violation of Land Use Ordinance near junction of Hollow Rd and US Rte 3, and of persistent dog barking at 468 US Rte 3.

Signed Between Meetings:

Oath of Office, Kathy Lee; Thank you letter, Dan Hebert; P8 report for Nash Stream timber cut.

Reminders: FEMA meeting 08-28; CPCNH informational meeting, Town Hall 6:00 PM, 09-03; Toxic fire suppressant foam take back 08-28.

Adjourned: 5:04 PM, Juergens/Goulet 3/0.

Minutes prepared by: C. Macdonald