

**Town of Stratford
Board of Selectboard Meeting
Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 PM
October 21, 2024**

Call to Order: 3:33PM by Clayton Macdonald

Selectmen present: Harry Juergens, Charlie Goulet, Clayton Macdonald

Others present: Vanessa Toner, Maryann Lister

Vanessa: LWCF Federal approval on the Back St River Park/COA approval- **resolution was passed 3-0 by board and signature obtained so that Town Administrator Suzanne Goulet can sign the documentation for her to sign to get the grant.** Sewer ordinance needs to be updated and is in the selectman book for review and to submit any updates to verbiage if needed. We have received quotes on the railing to the lower stairs. Steel, aluminum, galvanized or Iron. Selectboard agree that the town building should look the same and the agreed that the look of the newly refurbished grange. The board agreed on galvanized and it will be painted to look like the Grange. We received an invoice from the Weir Bros for the concrete work on the stairs and the est was for 7500 and the total cost was 11,564.96, the concrete was a separate bill. We have received no applications for the Road agent position and we need to consider changing it from employee to contractor. Board motioned to table this until the next meeting. Resident Laney has moved his vehicles on his property and there will be no need to send a letter to address this.

Maryann: Recent incident on 10/19/2024 at the town offices has prompted a slew of harassing calls and they have uploaded a video on You Tube which is incorrect of the true nature of what they were here for. The phones have been non-stop and threatening and harassing in nature. Maryann would like the board to approve that the town offices now have a buzzer to let anyone into the offices. The reason is that we did not feel safe and that we did in fact call for help with the state troopers whom took over an hour to get to us. As of this meeting we have 26 voicemails and we have always had a open town hall but due to the climate of change that we are seeing within towns and how people are interacting with officials we feel that we need safety within our work space and by having a buzzer we can identify if a person is really in need of the office or if they wish to cause harm either physically or emotionally. The selectman has agreed to reach out and get estimates on having a buzzer placed on the town hall. They will review this information and would like to discuss this at the next board meeting to determine if this is right for the town. On another subject: the concern for the selectman to go to the property that the town has taken by lien. Tax collector states that the selectman should only approach the property with a sheriff as to make sure that there are no incidents that may result in flared tempers and to maintain the safety of those involved. The board has agreed to stay on this motion and will discuss again at the next meeting.

Select Board:

Juergens: New power pole on Main Street has indentation around it and would like town to fill it in with gravel. We do not want any pedestrians to mis-step and fall. Also, would like to revisit getting new signs and or replacing signs that have missing or removed. This will be reviewed further at the next meeting. Selectman will need to give a list of the roads and signs that he would like reviewed.

Macdonald: Road agent job description, there have been no changes.

Goulet: Inspected the newly graded roads and deemed them to look good and this a nice job was done. Would like to get the potholes at the trailer parked filled in as well.

Manifest Macdonald/Juergens, Goulet, approved 3/0 to sign for 10/7/2024 & 10/15/24.

Signed Documents:

Reservations –Town Hall-approved for celebration of life on 11/3. Nash Stream Nominee Letter, Dept of Natural & Cultural Resources/ Library & Train Station.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Approval of Selectman Minutes 10/7, DRA monitoring inspection, Written Complaint, Email reply to dog issue letter sent.

Reminders: RR Track Replacement- Main St 10/28-11/1/2024. Road will be closed to traffic

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00PM

Minutes prepared by: V. Toner