

**Town of Stratford  
Board of Selectboard Meeting  
Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 PM  
November 18, 2024**

Call to Order: 3:31PM by Clayton Macdonald

Selectmen present: Harry Juergens, Charlie Goulet, Clayton Macdonald

Others present: Vanessa Toner, Suzanne Goulet, Stephen LaFrance

**Stephen LaFrance** appeared before the board and was recently approached with becoming a road agent for the town. After much deliberation he has decided that he does not wish to be an employee or a contractor but will work on a volunteer basis. His reasoning is personal and the board has an understanding of these and will not pursue the topic of being paid again with Mr. LaFrance. Mr. LaFrance has stated he wishes to help out the town and will review the road projects that Selectboard members have drafted. If Mr. LaFrance is not available, they will reach out to the town maintenance Ryan Yakis or John-John to assist. The board has approved his request and will work with him in a volunteer capacity.

Mr. LaFrance has also on a personal note has requested in the future he would like to submit a request to have property assessed as he is looking to purchase more property. At this time there is no further information as he is still in preliminary workings and is not moving forward at this time.

**Suzanne:** Sewer ordinance still needs to be updated. Selectboard Macdonald has done the groundwork and submitted his findings to CES. There may be issues with galvanized pipes and they may request that we dig up some pipes to review. The new updated regulations have been drafted and submitted to the board for review. Asbestos on Bog Road. The town will remove the metal roofing so that the vendor that will tear down the house with a discounted price. The board approved 3-0 as the toxic levels of asbestos needs to be removed so not to incur any additional costs and to safely remove it from the property. Currently we try to use the Rollin Baldwin fund monthly, motion was put forward that we review the request twice a year in June and November, however urgent cases will be reviewed on a as needed basis. Board approved this motion. The You Tube incident- the Right to Know laws policy. The town has not had a policy but have drafted a policy for review at a later date as it is still in draft form. Coos Advisors are our contracted accountants and they have increased their annual fees. Suzanne will be doing an outreach next year to see if we can find a cheaper contract elsewhere. Percy Rd was graded in the spring and this fall the road was still in good condition and did not need to be regraded. The board approved 3-0 to regrade it in the spring.

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**Juergens:** There are some pot holes within the town and suggested to have Ryan go and fill those in. The board agreed. Central Cemetery has no apron. The state repaved Rte 3 but did not put one back in. The state has disclosed that they have no permit on file for this so they will not be putting one in. Will need gravel laid down to hold over until we can get an apron in.

**Macdonald:** Review of the new sewer ordinance and the Right to Know laws. Both of these are still ongoing and will be discussed at a future date.

**Goulet:** Will follow up on the Central Cemetery driveway and help Ryan get the gravel in and that is done correctly so that it does not damn up with ice and be safe for visitors.

**Manifest** Macdonald/Juergens, Goulet, approved 3/0 to sign for 11/4/2024.

**Signed Documents:**

Reservations for Stetson, Raffle permit for the Grange. ST Jean, Mulcahy, Martzall/Vet, 2024  
Municipal Data Cert

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:** N/A

**Reminders:** Public PILOT Solar meeting at 12/11 @ 6PM, Town Budget Hearing 2/5/2025 @ 6:00PM, School Budget Hearing 2/12/2025 @ 5:30pm

Meeting Adjourned: 5:08PM  
Minutes prepared by: V. Toner