

**Town of Stratford
Board of Selectboard Meeting
Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 PM
December 16, 2024**

Call to Order: 3:37PM by Charles Goulet

Selectmen present: Harry Juergens, Charlie Goulet, Clayton Macdonald

Others present: Suzanne Goulet, Vanessa Toner, Tim Brooks, Ron & Rose Connary, Mike Lynch, Erik Lynch, Maryann Lister, Chuck Stinson III.

Tim Brooks: Mr. Brooks meets with the board today to discuss his intentions regarding his burial on his family property. Due to recent events his initial plot was used and he will need to add another plot. He is here to advise the board of his ongoing intentions to be buried again on his property. The board agreed 3-0.

Ron & Rose Connary: Both parties discussed the budget for the cemeteries in 2025 and the board agreed with the proposed 2025 budget. The budget will be moved forward to the Towns Annual budget hearing in February 2025.

Dawn Hall: Both parties discussed the budget for the library in 2025 and the board agreed with the proposed 2025 budget. The budget will be moved forward to the Towns Annual budget hearing in February 2025.

Erik Lynch: Both parties discussed the budget for the water & sewer Depts in 2025 and the board agreed with the proposed 2025 budget. The budget will be moved forward to the Towns Annual budget hearing in February 2025.

Maryann Lister: Both parties discussed the budget for the tax collector's office in 2025 and the board agreed with the proposed 2025 budget. The budget will be moved forward to the Towns Annual budget hearing in February 2025.

Chuck Stinson III: Mr. Stinson brought to the board's attention that the old town office door in the Public Works Building has been kept unlocked. Both parties discussed the budget for the fire department in 2025 and the board agreed with the proposed 2025 budget. Mr. Stinson stated that he did not intend to buy any new equipment or any additional machinery. The budget will be moved forward to the Towns Annual budget hearing in February 2025.

Suzanne: Lynch, LLC has advised the board that the 2024 contract for water and sewer will be increasing. The new contract was provided for review and there will be a few alterations to that contract and will be tabled until the next selectboard meeting. Theberge junkyard follow up: More review of the laws regarding junkyards and disposing of trash/debris, etc. This matter will be reviewed by Suzanne and she will discuss with the board at a later date. Request for Bids (RFB) has been put forth to the board for approval so that we can get bids to get work done to Stevens Terr and Bog Rd. Motion was approved 3-0 to put out the request. Contract will need to be updated to make sure all points of work and expectations are addressed and met. Library Hall, LLC/LLA- at this time the board states they have not been able to do any research on the matter brought forth by Stephen LaFrance and will table this discussion to a later date. Update to the tax deeded properties, no signatures were obtained from certified mail. The next option is to have a sheriff deliver the documents and put up

signs on the property. Motion was approved by the board 3-0 that a sheriff will be the next steps.

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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. Center 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 Center 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 Fournier, Juergans Oath, MS 60W/ Audit waiver, MS 60A/Auditor option.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Approval of SB Minutes from 11/18 & 12/2, Abatement request-Bassett, Perambulation Stratford/Stark, Driveway Permits Roth

Reminders: 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