

**Town of Stratford
Board of Selectboard Meeting
Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 PM
February 10, 2025**

Call to Order: 3:33PM by Clayton Macdonald

Selectmen present: Harry Juergens, Charlie Goulet, Clayton Macdonald

Others present: Suzanne Goulet, Vanessa Toner, Erika Canales

Erika:

Senators' office had received a call regarding SB 180-FN from a concerned citizen stating the selectboard was worried about the bill. She advised that the bill is in the best interest of towns and she provided a copy for the selectboard. The purpose is to show that the counties in the north country cannot continue to fund many programs within the state due to the hardship that is placed on the towns, i: e Taxes due to school funding or cost of other programs run by the state. The board thanked her for her time and advised that at they were not concerned however they were thankful that she was able to explain it further and they would pass on that knowledge and would reach out to the senator if they had any additional questions.

Suzanne: The selectboard were notified that maintenance employee, Ryan had given his notice and it was requested that we post the job to hire someone to replace Ryan. The board agreed 3-0. The board. At this time, we also reviewed the personnel policy with the board. This is done yearly to make sure it aligns with federal and state policies as well as the town. No changes were made except a typo for vacation hours and the requirement of 4 weeks' notice of resignation. There is a Microsoft Teams meeting regarding Kimball Brook and the removal of the dam. This meeting will give the history of the dam and why it was removed. Macdonald will attend. Dog issue update. Mr. Rainville states his 2nd dog will be registered by the April deadline and states the dog must have gotten out by accident. Marbina Woods land management company is not responding to the outreaches to get our assessor out on the property so it can be assessed. It was reiterated that the town residents state we should do more so that property is being tax accordingly like the other residents of the town. The next steps is to use a warrant to access the property. The town may need to seek legal advice from an attorney before moving forward. It was advised that the road maintenance plan is now obsolete as Mike Lynch is doing the roads going forward with Steve LaFrance helping as a volunteer. Theberge property: the snow has impeded any removal of the garbage that has been accumulating on the property and the town is thankful for the family update and they will continue to remove this as soon as some of the snow clears.

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Juergens: Stated he was continuing to work on road maps.

Macdonald: Review of the software w/EJP, the meter reading company, there are still some issues to work out to try and use the equipment the town already owns so that we can reduce costs to the town. Once they can get the software figured out then the board will revisit.

Goulet: It was stated that issues that concern the town should be brought to the board prior to a petition being filed as some of the issues can be worked out prior to any petition being needed.

Manifest Macdonald/Juergens, Goulet, approved 3/0 to sign for 1/27/2025 and 2/3/2025.

Signed Documents:

Town Warrant 2025, MS 636, Tax Map Maintenance, Drummond Woodsum/ records release.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Reminders: School Budget Hearing 2/12/2025 @ 4:38PM

Meeting Adjourned: 5:30PM

Minutes prepared by: V. Toner