

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

Call to Order: 3:35PM by Clayton Macdonald

Selectmen present: Harry Juergens, Charlie Goulet, Clayton Macdonald

Others present: Suzanne Goulet, Vanessa Toner

**Suzanne:** Marbina Woods still not responding to request for an assessment of the property. We have now received abatement paperwork which will need to be responded to by June 2025. The board will monitor and Suzanne has reached out to the Tax Assessor for his review of the paperwork and will advise the board once she receives any additional information. Suzanne received an email from the Health Officer/ Safety Committee advising that the transfer station gate was wide open and needed to be locked. Due to the wind conditions that weekend the gate blew open however, going forward the gates will be hard locked and there should be no issues going forward. The town was approached by Mike Lynch regarding putting in an ice rink. The location has been suggested at the old baseball field with use of the dug outs or between the basketball court and the pickleball court. The board advised that it is a wonderful idea and they would like to know about maintaining the rink. Whom will do that as it is very arduous undertaking. They are in agreement that it would be a nice thing to have for both adults and children alike. The Maintenance and public work position that was posted in the Colebrook Chronicle and Vanessa has posted it to some social media websites as well. We discussed the thought about taking on the road work and some mowing duties however, other duties that the previous employee did take on, would not be something that Lynch, LLC would do at this time. If we do not find a qualified applicant then we would review the topic again with the board. The cleaning of the town buildings has been done by C. Macdonald due to the vacant position. Motion was put forth by H. Juergens to have C. Macdonald continue in the interim and was seconded by C. Goulet. The motion was approved and Mr. Macdonald will continue on at this time. The town has received an email from a citizen regarding political signs on properties. Per the RSA the signs can be in right of ways on State property but Town private property must have the landowner's permission. Selectman Juergens will draft up a policy for the town website so in the future there will be no confusion and signs are not being taken down illegally.

**Select Board:**

**Juergens:** ATV/Snowmobile issues: The lower part of McMann Road is off limits to these vehicles and currently we have a photo of signs being placed illegally on telephone poles and they need to be removed. Salt Shed quote is \$43,000.00 and it will hold 100 tons of road salt. We have not yet received the physical quote and will address at the next meeting. The honorable selectman also brought up a topic that may need to be addressed, in front of Center Cemetery, the water runoff is going onto the road and trickling off the other side. Currently this is not an issue but due to erosion of roads from run off he suggest to monitor and address it if it becomes worse over time.

**Macdonald:** CPCNH has had a hiccup on their end and the costs could increase for a limited time until June. It's an ongoing situation and the board will be kept informed if any other issues are brought to the town's attention.

**Goulet:** Has nothing to add at this time.

**Manifest** Macdonald/Juergens, Goulet, approved 3/0 to sign for 2/24/2025 and 3/3/2025.

**Signed Documents:**

Consolidated Grant support letter, Oath for the Dep TCTX - Cambrola, TH Rental: Gray, Lynch, LLC- Road Maintenance Contract, Pistol Permits for R&R Connary.

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:** Mr. Macdonald has filled out paperwork to show his intention to apply to be on the planning board and the conservation commission. He is asking the board to ask any questions they may have for him. After some questions, The Honorable Board Member C. Goulet put forth the motion to approve and H. Juergens seconded the motion for full approval for Mr. Macdonald to be a full member on those boards. He thanked the board.

**Reminders:** Town Elections tomorrow 3/11 @ 10AM, School Meeting 3/12 @ 5:30PM, Town Meeting 3/15@ 10AM.

**Public Input:**

Meeting Adjourned: 4:47PM

Minutes prepared by: V. Toner