

**Town of Stratford  
Board of Selectboard Meeting  
Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 PM  
March 24, 2025**

Call to Order: 3:30PM by Harry Juergens

Selectmen present: Harry Juergens, Charlie Goulet, Ron Scott, Jr

Others present: Suzanne Goulet, Vanessa Toner, John McCarthy, Maryann Lister, Clayton Macdonald and Beth MacDonald

**Suzanne:** Suzanne welcomed the Honorable Ron A. Scott, Jr to his first board meeting and wished him success with the town. Suzanne also stated that a new chairman needed to be elected as Mr. Macdonald was no longer on the board. The esteemed gentlemen advised the meeting that prior to starting they have elected the honorable Charles Goulet as chairman. A motion put forth by R. Scott, Jr and seconded by Mr. Juergens. However, for this first meeting the Honorable H. Juergens would be running tonight's meeting with Mr. Goulet running the remainder of the year. Suzanne also brought to the board's attention that she still has had no contact from the owners of Marbina Woods and moving forward she will draft letters to send to the owners, their land manager and their financial advisor. Per the previous meeting the board approved sending the letters with additional info from the town attorney. Each letter will be mailed certified. The board will have to sign each one, once they are drafted. Suzanne asked the board what their thoughts were on the interviews that they had done for the Maintenance/ Public Works position and the board advised 3-0 to move forward with the candidate of their choosing. Suzanne advised she would reach out to the candidate and will move forward with the process. Suzanne advised the selectboard that Mr. Macdonald had gone to the library and spoke with Tardis regarding getting a quote to get heat into the building as the heat pumps (aka mini splits) are not enough in the colder months. They cannot take on that degree of negative temperatures. The town had reached out to get some estimates and the on demand hot water heater for the bathroom seems like a good remedy and getting a few quotes for the issues would be helpful. Mr. Macdonald did advise that replacing the furnace with just an on-demand water heater would be fine for the usage and replacing all the faulty parts of the heat pumps would cost more than just replacing some units. The board will continue to look at quotes with Mr. Macdonald giving his insight. The topic was tabled for a later date once we have more estimates. The basketball court in the Hollow getting replaced was voted down by the town at the annual meeting however, the board voted down doing a sealant at this time as they wish to go to the Hollow and look at the court and make a determination if it can be saved or if we would have to remove it altogether. The topic was tabled until each of the board members are able to review it in person. The town received a junkyard complaint on 394 Bog Road. This property has had previous issues and would like to make sure that the complaint is valid. The board agreed they would go to the property to see if the issue on this property has returned. If so, we will send out a letter to address and ask the property owner to meet with them. We also received a dog complaint on Bog Rd. This is not a new issue as it was addressed before however it would appear that now there is another dog on the property and an email was sent to the property owner. We received the newest NHDES Inspection report, The waste water report showed no deficiencies. The Back Street River Park is going to be started in July with Mike Lynch assisting. He will attend the next meeting to discuss the goals and direction of the project. The board and town are ready to have some outdoor space for

families and visitors to go. There will be a playground, Pickleball court and a walking path around the park for those that just want to walk outdoors but not on a major highway route. The honorable gentleman Mr. Juergens stated that Mr. Lynch has some artifacts from the Kimball Dam removal and Suzanne states she was aware and that they will be going in the Kiosk to show the Dam and its use in the town. It will be a nice grouping once it is done.

**Select Board:**

**Juergens:** Has finished updated Town Road maps, specifically Bog Road.

**Scott:** No topics at this time. He is honored to be part of the board and hopes to do well.

**Goulet:** Will keep the Transfer station hours the same at this time. He also has purchased locks for the transfer station and signs have been ordered for the facility as well.

**Manifest:** Board approved 3/0 to sign for 3/10/2025 and 3/17/2025.

**Signed Documents:**

Reservation form/Fournier/ North Country ATV, Junkyard Application/J. Stone, Oaths of Office (10), MS232.

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:** N/A

**Reminders:**

**Public Input:**

John McCarthy had asked about class IV roads and who lives on these roads. He asked about the drainage issue on Bog Rd. He also asked about the AEDs that were addressed in the town report by the Fire Dept. He is requesting that we have a CPR class with learning also geared towards using these machines. He states you could do a Saturday morning. He also said the building did not have an access ramp for disabled residents and the parking spot had no ramp for access. The town administrator took him outside to review the area.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:35 PM

Minutes prepared by: V. Toner