

**Town of Stratford
Board of Selectboard Meeting
Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 PM
April 7, 2025**

Call to Order: 3:35PM by Harry Juergens

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

Others present: Suzanne Goulet, Vanessa Toner, John McCarthy, David Chapman, Maryann Lister, Charles Stinson, III

Maryann: Maryann reported to the board that she is advising them that the Notice of Final Tax Date form is complete and has been submitted to the state per RSA 76:13. The final tax bill was sent on October 24, 2024.

Suzanne: Mr. Chapman came to the meeting to discuss the letter we sent to Cheryl Marcy regarding the renewed issue of a junkyard on the property. It was advised that the town wanted to avoid any issues that were previously brought to their attention before and asking if they can clean up the property again as the Town office has received complaints regarding the presence of multiple ends-of-life vehicles. Mr. Chapman explained that he would try and do so but with the winter months and snow it makes it hard to do any work. He did agree to have his son remove one of the campers in question and he will work on moving his cars. Mr. Chapman and the board came to a deadline of 5/19/25 to provide an update on the property and the board agreed to go out to the property to make sure progress is being made. We thanked him for coming to the meeting and that we would be in touch. The town currently does not have a dog officer and due to the increase of incidents/ reports we are receiving, the board agreed that we need to post a position for this. Currently, we do not have a current job description however we do have a small write up and we will have to do a little research to build it up to what the town would need in a dog officer. Suzanne advised the selectboard that we have reached out to several local businesses for an estimate for the library furnace and water heater, but at this time nothing has been received. We will reach out to the businesses again to see if anyone has anything to send to us. The basketball court in the Hollow has been looked at by the board and they feel that they can repair the court with little cost. It appears that the court does not need to be sealed or removed and there is a crack in the court but that can be sealed in, however the winters in the North Country may make the crack reopen after sealing it but it can be easily resealed in the spring time. The Back Street River Park is going to be started in July with Mike Lynch now doing all the work in the Back Street River Park. The town will be contracted with him to do the project. He is looking forward to it. He was not able to make it to tonight's meeting. He will be here at the next meeting on 4/2/2025.

Select Board:

Juergens: Currently is designing a roundabout in town near the old town offices. This goes with the sidewalk projects and the plans are being drawn up but at this time nothing to update. He feels it would be good as there are so many accidents, just recently the railroad lost its lights due to an MVA. It could be a possibility to go on the DOT 10 Year Plan.

Scott: No topics at this time.

Goulet: No topics at this time.

Manifest: Board approved 3/0 to sign for 3/24/2025 and 3/31/2025.

Signed Documents:

Property on land of another (11), Junkyard letter for Benoit/Marcy, Abatement for Post, TH Reservations for Gaudette, A-9 Catholic Church, NE forestry Foundation, Application to work Town Roads/Blake.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Reminders:

Public Input:

John McCarthy had some questions regarding the Fire Department Reserves, who is able to access them and for what purpose? The board and the administrator explained the process and what the funds can be used for. Mr. McCarthy also brought in some printouts for getting a grant for the Fire Department and we advised we would forward the documents to the FD for the Chief to review. Mr. McCarthy also inquired about the usage of the AED units. Who is trained and the town should get the Red Cross to come in to get some training for the town employees. The board and the town administrator all agree getting a training class initiated would be a good thing for the town and Suzanne noted she is up for renewal and will be looking into that.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:40PM

Minutes prepared by: V. Toner