

**Town of Stratford  
Board of Selectboard Meeting  
Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 PM  
August 11, 2025**

Call to Order: 3:30PM by Harry Juergens

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

Others present: Suzanne Goulet, Vanessa Toner, Maryann Lister, Amber Rock, Brian McMann, Ted Burns, Michael Forget, Cindy Flaxington

**Maryann:** The tax collector advised the board that she has 8 lots that needed to be deeded to the town for non-payment. There is a cutoff that they must pay before that date and if not, then the town will now own these properties. The board can waive the deeding on any of these properties. She provided the board with a list of these properties. After a discussion about the RSA Laws regarding this, they have agreed to waive 2 of these properties for now.

**Suzanne:** Advised the board that the deeded property from 2024 had come in regarding buying back his property and information was given to that person, however did not come back in to make that payment. She advised per the RSA and cannot be made with a payment plan and must be paid in full. The town is still the owner of these properties and the meters have been removed. Also, we will be getting estimates to have one of the properties tested for asbestos and then we will move forward with demolition. Tardif has completed the work at the public library and the PW building. NHDES has advised that they will review our application and the board will need to work with NHDES. They also advised that trees and shrubs/brush will help fight the erosion. Mr. Juergens will go to the brook and take pictures for NHDES as they do require this to help determine if they can assist. Since the boiler was examined a few weeks ago, at this time we should get an estimate so that we can put this on the warrant for 2026. Our new hire for Water and Sewer will be starting after Labor Day and his work will consist of 50% sewer, 25% water and 25% PWs. It has also come to the attention of the board that a new mower is needed as the one we currently have keeps breaking down and the repairs are costly. This will also have to go on the warrant for 2026. The board agrees. The board also is aware that a trailer will be needed to haul the mower to different parts of town. The board advised they will be on the lookout and will see what they find.

**Select Board:**

**Juergens:** Town Hall stairs need to have some sort of marking for safety. He suggests that some sort of reflective paint or tape to show that you need to step down or up. Motion for approval by Ron Scott and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles Goulet. Mr. Juergens also discussed that the planning board rec'd a driveway permit for a newly purchased property on Christy Rd and the board has reviewed this and do approve.

**Scott:** Nothing at this time.

**Goulet:** Nothing at this time

**Ted Burns/ Amber Rock and Brian McMann:** North Country ATV had requested a special

audience with the board to discuss opening up McMann Rd for ATV. This is not for public use just for those whom live on this road. It is not a public trail and it would not be something that the owners of the properties on this road would allow. Mr. McMann states that he has no issue with these residents using this road to gain access to the trail. According to Mr. Burns at one-point years ago it was supposed to be allowed and for whatever reason it was dropped and not discussed again. He is asking that we review our bylaws and allow only the residents of McMann Road use. Amber Rock and Michael Forget provided a map and advised what would be open and for how long. This would close to all residents in September and the board responded by requesting something in writing from each of the land owners to verify that they have no issue with this. The town wishes to protect itself and any residents that do not wish for this to happen. The ATV club agreed to provide the documentation and will reconvene with the board at a later date to review and then decide. A motion was put forth by HJ and 2<sup>nd</sup> by RS. Again, it was advised this would not be open for general public use and until the board allows this to be open it is currently closed to ATV traffic.

**Manifest:** C. Goulet / R. Scott, Jr. approved 2/0 to sign for 7/28/2025 and 8/04/2025.

**Signed Documents:**

Invasive Species Contract, Building Certificate from Team Sunshine, Reservation from Cohos Historical Society, Chapple Funeral, Stinson Wedding.

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:** Motion to approve: Minutes, SM 7/28: 1<sup>st</sup> RS 2<sup>nd</sup> CG, Resignation of Maintenance worker, Motion to Approve: 1<sup>st</sup> RS 2<sup>nd</sup> CG. Notice from NH Recycles regarding new vendor for electronics.

**Reminders:** N/A

**Public Input:** N/A

Meeting Adjourned: 5:50 PM

Minutes prepared by: V. Toner