

**Town of Stratford  
Board of Selectboard Meeting  
Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 PM  
September 8, 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, Annie Azarloza, David and Sandy Potter, Larry Meservey, Paul Raffello, Jules Kennett, Clayton Macdonald

**Annie:** Interim Superintendent. Wanted to introduce herself and provide some background info into her career. The school is working on a zero fiscal budget and is looking to working with the town. She is overseeing 3 districts that are trying to work under one umbrella and was open to any questions that the board or the town has. She thanked the board for the audience and took her leave.

**David & Sandy Potter w/ Larry Meservy speaking on their behalf:**

Mr. Meservey started the conversation off with telling the board that they did not follow procedures and that they felt they were being attacked. He stated that a letter of the complaint should have been sent with the name of the person or persons complaining. An investigation should have been done by the board and then another letter should have been sent regarding the outcome. The board and Ms. Goulet advised that the person/people complaining wanted to be anonymous and the board complied with their wishes. The Selectmen also sent a letter requesting the Potters presence at a previous meeting. No calls to our office or appearance by the Potters at the meeting so therefore a certified letter was sent. It was stated to The Potters that this was not a reprimand meeting or anything like that. We asked them to come in to discuss the issue that was brought to the board's attention and to make a plan to address them together. The board was informed by Mr. Potter that most vehicles on his property were meant to go to the Junkyard on Bog Rd, however the time he is allowed to go restricts him from moving the vehicles from his property and there are many hobby cars on his property and they should be exempt. Discussion with the board has lifted the hours from 8-5pm minus weekends and holidays to 8am to 7PM minus weekends and holidays. The board also requested that his cars whether hobby or not be put on to the back of his property as this would help with complaints. The board advised he is located right on Rt 3 and complaints will continue but we can try and mitigate them going forward. The Potters agreed to this and took their leave from the meeting.

**Jules Kennett:** Mr. Kennet was introduced to the board by Paul Raffello. Mr. Kennett is with the Cohos Historical Society. Mr. Kennett explained that the Country's 250<sup>th</sup> celebration is coming up and he thinks Stratford would be a great place to have a celebration. It is still in early stages and he was trying to see how the board would feel about having being involved in this. He advised this would be funded by a grant and he discussed the possibility of having a music stand near the baseball field and possibly having a power pole over that way as well so that if the town has any other events there would be power so bands could set up of any vendor fairs, etc. He stated that the Historical Society just had a fundraising event at the Pavilion and he saw that this could lead to a bigger fundraising event to help with the event. He stated this event would be for Mom-and-Pop stores, local businesses not by major corporations. Kind of like a flea market or craft fair. There would be a table for the Historical society

and possibly the Grange as well. He is open to all avenues and it is still an idea and he looks forward to promoting this town as well. As a he grew up here and yes moved away and has fond memories of the Backstreet Park area before it was a park. The board agreed that it is a great idea however since it is still in planning stages and advised him that once he has more definitive information the board would love for him to come back so that we can help and promote this event as well. He thanked the board and took his leave.

**Clayton:** Clayton advised the board that he has been working with Suzanne and trying to update the ordinances and the process of collecting the data. With our new Water/Sewer Manager Brian Hays, they really needed the software to work and be accurate. Clayton has been working with Avitar on the formula that is used and this will change the bill as the sewer was once paid a set amount however the software now will see a rate based on usage in both water and sewer. This will be discussed more in depth at a later date as the ordinance is not perfect and will require some finesse to make it work for the town.

**Suzanne:** It was brought to the board's attention that the Tax Deeded properties of 2024 were still being looked into. The board has to decide if they wish to demolish the property in question or sell it as is. The Board agreed to table this to review further and wait for the quotes for asbestos testing, etc. Health ins for employees currently enrolled is set to increase due to the number of enrollees. The town has been able to have lower insurance cost as we were only insuring individuals but now there are families on the plan. Next years budget will have to include this increase. Also, the investment rates have been going up and the town is glad to have the income coming in. In the past the rate has remained the same but we are currently on the up tick and hopes it continues.

A job interview was done immediately after Suzanne updated the board. The individual is qualified and the board advised they would let this individual know as they have a few other candidates to interview at this time.

### **Select Board:**

**Juergens:** Road mapping for Hallow Pavillion

**Scott:** Received a call regarding an illegal fire that was happening. Mr. Scott advised he called the property owner with no response and went to the property as well with no one answering the door. He will reach out to the States Fire Warden and see if he can assist.

**Goulet:** Town is still looking into a trailer for the parks and Recs Dept. The town mower needs to be brought to places and we do not have a trailer. What size are we looking into. The size needs to be 6.6\*12. As the new mower deck will be too large for a standard trailer.

**Manifest:** C. Goulet / R. Scott, Jr. approved 2/0 to sign for 8/25/2025 and 9/2/2025.

### **Signed Documents:**

Building Certificate from Warder, Livingston, 2<sup>nd</sup> ltr to Potters, Signed MS-434

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:** Motion to approve: Minutes, SM 8/25: 1<sup>st</sup> CG 2<sup>nd</sup> RS, J, Job applications for Maintenance position. Board agreed to set up interviews for other applicants, Water & Sewer Ordinances.

**Reminders:** N/A

**Public Input:** N/A

Meeting Adjourned: PM  
Minutes prepared by: V. Toner