

**Town of Stratford
Board of Selectboard Meeting
Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 PM
November 17, 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, Clayton Macdonald, Andrew Hatch, Steve Mailhot, Andrew Hatch, Mark McCulloch

Andrew: He provided an overview of Stratford Community Power's first year. 69% of residents were automatically enrolled; a small fraction (0.4%) opted for higher renewable energy tiers. Current rates are slightly higher than Eversource due to market changes, but early participants have saved money overall. New rates will be set next month; updates will be communicated via email (mailers not feasible due to privacy and marketing constraints). Emphasis on proactive communication and local representation to keep residents informed; informational materials provided for Town Hall. Questions addressed about enrollment, communication methods, and rate changes. Mr. Hatch came to the meeting due to the fact that Clayton was leaving the planning board and also because he is a representative to CPCNH. They will be actively looking for a new representative and included in the meeting were Mark McCulloch and Brian Hays who are interested in learning more. No further questions were asked to Mr. Hatch and Mark went to discuss things further.

Brian: *Millhouse Pump Station:* Ongoing issue with suction side losing prime; possible causes include bad gaskets or deteriorated pipe. Interim attempts to resolve the issue have not been successful; Brian plans to disassemble and repair the pump. Considering future upgrades: received a quote for upgrading to a sump system, awaiting further assessment.

Milhouse UV System: Electrical issues diagnosed; a professional (Rich from Laviolett Controls) is assisting. Currently, both sides are running, providing proper disinfection, though one bulb remains out and needs fixing.

Village System Maintenance: Damaged wiring needs replacement, requiring a day of downtime (covered by backup system). Need to obtain spare parts and alternative relays for obsolete components. Plan to inventory all pumps for future replacements; intention to have a spare.

Milhouse pump on hand.

Well Flow Meter: The existing meter is non-functional; replacement quote was received, to be installed soon with available water budget funds.

Village Generator: Current generator has a failed (obsolete) relay; replacement with an electronic relay has been quoted. Generator itself is in good condition; funding options being considered (may use PDIP funds if necessary).

Reservoir Tank Mixer: Mixer replaced under warranty, operating on solar power with battery backup; being closely monitored for power usage. Solar panels observed with cracks, possibly from mounting stress; repeated attempts to contact installer have been unsuccessful. Suggestion to purchase a small backup generator for emergencies.

Water Billing & Meter Replacement: Residents have questioned increased rates following billing changes; staff are explaining the changes as needed. Meter replacement program ongoing, switching to a new brand compatible with existing systems; policy clarified regarding customer liability for damaged meters.

Hydrant Maintenance: All hydrants have been pumped out in preparation for winter to prevent freezing; maintenance logs maintained.

Septic & Routine Maintenance: Septic tanks have been cleaned and routine maintenance is planned for associated equipment. He advised the board that there is still ongoing. It was 3-0 motion to proceed with planned utility repairs and maintenance

Suzanne: ATV Policy & Rule Changes, we have revised the rules for sensitive road areas (esp. McMahon and Egan Roads) reviewed and approved; updates to be posted and shared with ATV club. Discussion about updating posted road signs and ensuring coordination with updated maps. Financial updates for NHPDIP are declining as we knew that the rates were high for a few months but now the rate has dropped to 3.38%. Road & FEMA Projects updates to various road repairs completed or scheduled (Parity Road, McMahon Road, Old Mill Road, Bog Road), with some tied to FEMA funding. Steven Terrace and sewer work postponed to next year; budget encumbrances discussed. We should consider the upcoming expenses (generator, road work, sewer repairs) and determine in the next few weeks what will need to go on the town warrant.

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Juergens: Cemetery Mapping has been updated to standardize and number plots for easier management. Wanted the board to know that the parking lot behind the house that Lynch has put some pipes in and delineators will be placed so that the snow groomers do not go over the leach fields. Suggestion was that an additional sign be placed at the far end of the park area to warn to that no motorized vehicles are allowed.

Scott: Generator spill pan, there has been no updates and the discussion was tabled.

Goulet: Transitioning to winter hours (Wednesdays, 3:00–5:30 PM) until May; information to be posted for residents on the website and social media sites.

Manifest: C. Goulet / R. Scott, Jr. approved 2/0 to sign for 11/3/2025 and 11/10/2025.

Signed Documents: Motion to approve: Minutes, SM 11/3, Fournier reservation, Property Warrant 2nd Bills, Rollin Baldwin letters to Sharon (10)

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Motion to approve: Driveway Permit (Moynihan)

Reminders: N/A

Public Input: N/A

Non- Public: Rollin Baldwin Applications

Meeting Adjourned: 4:40PM

Minutes prepared by: V. Toner