

**Town of Stratford**  
**Board of Selectboard Meeting**  
**Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 PM**  
**February 23, 2026**

Call to Order: 3:31PM by Harry Juergens

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

Others present: Suzanne Goulet, Vanessa Toner, Scott & Christina Pitas, Chuck Stinson

**Pitas:** They came in to ask that the town be aware of posting by an employee on the internet and they feel that does not meet what the town expects of their employees and the board reviewed the policy and they determined their concerns were correct and they would bring this to the department supervisor. The board reiterated that certain behaviors would not be acceptable and if there were any other issues to please bring them to them.

**Suzanne:** The board discussed concerns about a town employee posting on social media while representing a town department. Members noted that the use of department logos and the nature of the posts could reflect negatively on both the department and the town. The importance of following personnel policy and maintaining professionalism when representing the town was reiterated. The supervisor will meet with the employee to address the issue, document the conversation in the personnel file, and monitor for any further incidents, with progressive discipline considered if problems continue. The board also addressed a “poker run” event that had been publicly advertised without required permits and emphasized that permits must be approved before events are promoted. The employee will complete outstanding employment paperwork and submit the appropriate permit applications, with follow-up to ensure the forms are finalized. Additional discussion included operational and maintenance matters. Suzanne will coordinate with local locksmiths to obtain additional keys for the bulletin board. Snow currently prevents proper inspection of the basketball hoop posts and backboards, which will be evaluated for repair, painting, and installation when weather allows. Brian will oversee installation of a drip pan for the generator to address moisture concerns. The board also reviewed ice rink issues, including location and snow machine traffic, and will consider adjustments for next season. Phone service and the possibility of switching to a fiber-based system were discussed, but no change will be made until emergency communication requirements are confirmed. Suzanne will contact E911 and state officials, while Vanessa will review alternative provider options. The board signed a routine intent to cut form for property owned by Haseotes and requested a property map for reference. Landfill and septage site planning was also reviewed in light of the required closure timeline, including possible arrangements with Berlin and the use of sewer pump fee funds toward closure costs. Brian will continue gathering cost information and report back as more details become available.

**Select Board:**

**Juergens:** An unsolicited offer from the Glodgett, was received to purchase two town-owned parcels. The board discussed the current uses of the properties, including municipal functions and grant-related purposes, and determined that selling the parcels would not be in the town’s interest. A letter declining the offer will be drafted and sent.

**Scott:** Nothing at this time

**Goulet:** Nothing at this time

**Manifest:** C. Goulet / R. Scott, Jr. approved 2/0 to sign for 02/09/2026 and 02/17/2026.

**Signed Documents:** Motion to approve: Minutes, SM 2/9/2026 Budget Meeting Manifest

**Intent to cut;** Haseotes, Oath of Office

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Reminders: Town voting March 10<sup>th</sup> on Article 1 and all other articles March 14<sup>th</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 27<sup>th</sup>, the town offices will be closed to the public for renovations.

Public Input: N/A

Non- Public: N/A

Meeting Adjourned: 5:30PM

Minutes prepared by: V. Toner