

**Town of Stratford
Board of Selectboard Meeting
Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 PM
July 27, 2026**

Call to Order: 3:30PM by Harry Juergens

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

Others present: Suzanne Goulet, Vanessa Toner, Brian Hays

Brian: Provided updates on a significant water leak and was recently located and shut off at the curb, allowing the well pumps to return to normal operation for approximately one week. On Friday, the system experienced low water pressure when the pumps failed to operate in automatic mode. Laviolette Controls was contacted and the pumps were temporarily operated manually to maintain adequate reservoir levels for fire protection. Further investigation determined that the pressure center control board had malfunctioned. Although cycling power temporarily restored operation, the pumps later failed to shut off properly, resulting in an overpressure event. This caused an excessive chemical feed, primarily involving caustic chemicals. The issue was corrected by flushing hydrants throughout the system. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) was notified and advised that no additional reporting would be necessary unless the system experienced further failures. At the time of the meeting, manual operation of the pumps remained unavailable. Laviolette Controls is scheduled to re-wire the system by bypassing the outdated pressure center controls and integrating pump operations into the existing programmable logic controller (PLC). The Board also discussed replacement of the school's aging two-inch digital water meter, whose internal battery is failing. Quotes will be obtained for replacement, and installation will be coordinated with the school's planned actuated shutoff valve installation. The recent water leak resulted in unusually high-water usage reports submitted to NHDES. Supporting documentation, including repair records and leak assessments, was provided to regulators and accepted. Routine maintenance is also scheduled for August, including replacement of a suction line on the lift pump at the mill house. He also advised on a newly available grant and loan program designed to improve aging water infrastructure. Potential projects include upgrades to wells, pumps, control systems, variable frequency drives (VFDs), ventilation and dehumidification systems, and replacement of the aging well house generator. The current generator, a 1990s diesel-powered Onan unit, has become unreliable and emits excessive smoke. The Board agreed to pursue available grant opportunities for these improvements.

Vanessa: Reviewed increasing tire disposal costs resulting from higher vendor charges and fuel surcharges. After discussion, the Board approved the following revised tire disposal fees: Passenger vehicle tires: \$6.00 per tire, regardless of size or whether mounted on a rim.

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Juergens: The Board discussed a shed located within the Town right-of-way on Christie Road belonging to the Aldrich property. **Motion** by Charles Goulet, seconded by Ron Scott, Jr., to send a formal letter requesting removal of the shed from the Town right-of-way. **Motion carried unanimously.** The Board also reviewed a complaint concerning a racetrack and driveway located on Mapleton Road. After investigation, it was determined that the work is located entirely on private property and no Town action is required.

Goulet: N/A

Scott: The Board reviewed a quote of \$1,200 for removal of four dead trees, including three located on Stevens Terrace and one on Main Street. Board members agreed to inspect the trees prior to the next meeting before making a final decision regarding removal. Unanimous 3-0 motion to review in 2 weeks.

Manifest: C. Goulet / R. Scott, Jr. approved 3/0 to sign for 7/13/2026, 7/20/2026.

Signed between meetings: MS 535, Reviewed Vol FF Job description- send to Chief for approval, Building Cert Ext Arruda, Curley, Fletcher. Oaths for McMann, Lister, Routhier and Heinrichs. Reservations Stinson, Deeda's Baskets and Event Permit for NCA Home & Health Agency Butterfly Release

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Signed Documents: Minutes, SM 7/13, NHDOT Driveway Permit Bog Rd, NHDES Kearsarge alteration.

Reminders: Hazard Mitigation Meeting September 2,9,23,30 @5PM, Class VI webinar 8/12 12-1PM.

Public Input: N/A

Non- Public: N/A

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30PM

Minutes prepared by: V. Toner