

**Town of Stratford
Board of Selectboard Meeting
Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 PM
October 5, 2026**

Call to Order: 3:30PM by Harry R. Juergens with the Pledge of Allegiance

Selectmen present: Harry R. Juergens, Ron Scott, Jr, Charlie Goulet

Others present: Suzanne Goulet, Vanessa Toner, Brian Hays

Brian: The Board received an update regarding the upcoming NHDES inspection of the Town's septic truck. The inspection will include the spill kit, septic license, equipment, and general condition of the vehicle. Meter readings are scheduled for the week of October 12. Most meters have been addressed, with the exception of the meter at 8 Bridge Street, which appears to be defective and will need to be replaced. A replacement meter has also been ordered for a resident home due to compatibility issues with the existing meter connection. The Board discussed the current number of septic pump-outs and the monthly disposal limit. The Town is continuing to monitor the volume to ensure the monthly limit is not exceeded. Brian discussed the status of the NHDES grant application for improvements to the Town's water system. The proposed project includes replacement of the existing generator with an automatic propane generator, variable frequency drives for the pumps, improvements to the control system, and ventilation improvements. The grant is currently under consideration, with review expected in November. The Board discussed the possibility of a 90/10 funding arrangement, which could require the Town to finance a loan. Any required borrowing would need to be approved by Town Meeting. It was also discussed that the grant could pay 100%, which is what the board is hoping. The Board also discussed obtaining additional electrical quotes and completing minor excavation work for the generator installation in-house if appropriate. The Board was advised that one inverter at the solar array remains out of service. Follow-up with the contractor is ongoing.

Suzanne: Data Centers: The Board discussed a proposed warrant article regarding data centers. The proposed article would amend the Town's land use ordinance to prohibit data centers. The Board discussed the process and noted that the Planning Board must consider the proposed amendment because it involves the Town's land use ordinance. The Planning Board will review the proposed language and conduct the required public hearing. Motion: To recommend that the Planning Board move forward with consideration of a warrant article to amend the Town's land use ordinance to prohibit data centers. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried. The Town Administrator will provide the proposed language to the Planning Board for further review. The Board discussed the assessment of the Town's cell towers. The Town's utility assessor completed an updated assessment of the three cell towers. The updated assessments are expected to significantly increase the Town's tax revenue from the properties. The Board reviewed the prior and updated assessments and discussed the resulting increase in annual tax revenue. The Board discussed the upcoming Nash Stream Committee meeting scheduled for October 21. Jamie Sayen contacted the Town regarding items the Board may wish to have presented at the meeting. Board members were asked to provide any questions or concerns they would like brought before the Nash Stream Committee.

Select Board:

Harry R. Juergens: Discussed deterioration on a section of Bog Road. The pavement and underlying subgrade appear to be failing in an area requiring attention. The Board agreed that Road agent Mike Lynch should inspect the area and provide an estimate for the necessary repairs. The Board also discussed the previously identified work on Bordeaux Road and keeping the project on the warrant for 2027.

Charles V. Goulet: The Board discussed aluminum cans collected by Mark McCulloch. Approximately 600 pounds of aluminum cans were included in the Town's recycling load. Based on the recycling rate received, the value attributable to Mr. McCulloch's cans was estimated at approximately \$402. The Board discussed reimbursing Mr. McCulloch for the value of the aluminum cans in recognition of his recycling efforts on behalf of the Town.

Ron A. Scott, Jr: noted that the long-awaited Tetrault Road sign has been installed. The condition of the signpost on Mason Road was also discussed. The post was reported to be rusty but not rotted. The Board discussed whether the existing post should be painted or replaced and agreed that the Road Agent should be consulted before any work is completed.

Manifest: C. Goulet / R. Scott, Jr. approved 3/0 to sign for 9/21/2026, 9/28/2026.

Signed Between Meetings: Raffle Permits (2) – NCATV; Cell Tower Contract – Sansoucy; Abatement – Stone; Timber Tax Warrant – Haseotes; Building Certificate – Harlow; Tax-Deeded Letters – Mary and Hazel.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Signed Documents: Minutes, SM 9/21

Reminders: N/A

Non- Public: N/A

Meeting Adjourned: 4:10PM

Minutes prepared by: V. Toner