

**Town of Stratford
Board of Selectboard Meeting
Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 PM
October 19, 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

Suzanne: The Board discussed updates from the road agent regarding Bordeaux Road, Bog Road, and cemetery work. The road agent anticipates beginning the Bog Road project but will not complete it until next year. Cemetery work will also be postponed until next year. The Board expressed concern regarding project delays and the need to prioritize town work while maintaining winter road maintenance services. The road agent may also discuss his current contract and the possibility of contracting out spring cleanup and sweeping. Bordeaux Road improvements, including gravel and culvert inlet maintenance, were discussed. The project will require further review, and a proposal is being developed for consideration. The Board received information regarding an upcoming NASH STREAM meeting. The Town's representative is available to bring forward concerns or questions. Board members were asked to submit any items by the following day for consideration before the October 21 meeting. The Board was informed that a property owner had repurchased their property by paying the amount in full. The outstanding property taxes for 2024, 2025, and 2026 have been paid, bringing the account current. The Board also discussed concerns regarding vehicles on the property, including registration and possible junk vehicle issues. The Town Administrator presented the current Profit and Loss report and advised that departmental budgets should generally be approximately 87% expended at this point in the fiscal year. The Board reviewed several budget items: Town Clerk/Tax Collector: The budget reflects a grant-related expense. Approximately \$9,000 in reimbursement revenue has been recorded separately. Personnel Administration: Payroll withholdings and related expenses are slightly higher than anticipated and will be considered during next year's budget preparation. Town Buildings: Reimbursements totaling approximately \$22,655 were received for building improvements, including flooring. Additional capital reserve funding may be requested for other projects, including the fire station garage doors. Sewer and Water: Additional project expenses will be reconciled at year-end, with capital reserve funds used as necessary to cover costs exceeding the budget. The Town Administrator invited Board members to review the report and submit any questions.

Select Board:

Harry R. Juergens: A preliminary Capital Improvement Plan list was presented for review and discussion. Proposed road projects included overlays, gravel improvements, asphalt aprons, culvert work, and road reconstruction. The Board also discussed a proposed salt shed measuring approximately 50 by 75 feet, with concrete block construction and an asphalt floor. Members expressed differing views regarding the proposed size and whether the structure should accommodate additional equipment or be limited primarily to salt storage. Further review and cost estimates are needed. The list remains preliminary and is subject to revision.

Charles V. Goulet: Board members reported on a recent recycling facility tour in Candia and Epping. The visit provided information about recycling operations, material reuse, and facility organization.

The Board discussed recycling costs, limited markets for certain materials, and the importance of maintaining the Town's current orderly facility.

Ron A. Scott, Jr: The Board discussed a suggestion to install a security or fire alarm system at the fire department building. The Board considered the cost, existing insurance coverage, building use, and potential benefits. No decision was made to install a system. The Board also discussed the status of a police cruiser that remains at the property pending a possible trade-in.

Manifest: C. Goulet / R. Scott, Jr. approved 3/0 to sign for 10/05/2026, 10/13/2026.

Signed Between Meetings: Tax Warrant for General Election in November; Rollin Baldwin Request Letter for Funds

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Signed Documents: Minutes, SM 10/5

Reminders: N/A

Non- Public: N/A

Meeting Adjourned: 4:20PM

Minutes prepared by: V. Toner