

**TOWN OF STAMFORD  
SELECTBOARD MEETING  
January 12, 2017  
(UNAPPROVED)**

Present: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Acting Chair, David R. Tatro, Daniel J. Potvin, Michael Denault, and Sheila G. Lawrence.

Finance Committee: Rosemarie Curran, Joan Levine, and Carl Taylor.

Visitors: Bill Levine, and Jim Hollar from Cold River Bridges.

Lori Shepard, Selectboard Secretary.

Nancy Bushika called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the pledge of allegiance.

**THE LANE BRIDGE**

Jim Hollar discussed the work to be done on The Lane bridge which will begin this fall. He agreed to honor the price he quoted if given the job tonight. The board discussed whether the metal beams should be replaced at the same time as the deck and Mr. Hollar will provide a quote for the additional work for the next meeting. The town has received an AOT Structures Grant to pay for 90% of the cost of the deck replacement. If the Selectboard chooses to do the additional metal beam work, it will not be covered under the grant.

**PART-TIME BENEFITS**

It was noted that the part-time town librarian receives 3 sick days, one week's paid vacation after a year and paid holidays if the holiday falls on a regularly scheduled work day. Dave Tatro felt the Assistant Town Clerk/Assistant Treasurer should be entitled to the same benefits. Nancy Bushika disagreed, stating there are other part time town positions without benefits. Sheila Lawrence felt vacation time was warranted.

MOTION by Mike Denault to provide the Assistant Town Clerk/Assistant Treasurer (when both positions are held by the same person) one week's paid vacation (i.e. 18 hours since that is the current amount of hours worked) and paid holidays when the holiday falls on a regularly scheduled work day. SECONDED by Sheila Lawrence. 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Nancy Bushika). Motion APPROVED.

The Employee Policy Handbook will be revised.

**TOWN OFFICE VAULT IMPROVEMENT**

MOTION by Dave Tatro to accept the quote from R.I. Baker in the amount of \$2,050.00 to remove the water lines running into the vault and re-run them through the town office to the existing radiators. Payment for this work will come from the Record Restoration Fund. SECONDED by Mike Denault. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

**TREASURER**

The Selectboard reviewed and confirmed financial statements for the month of December 2016.

**BUDGET WORK SESSION**

The Selectboard worked on the budget and reviewed the draft of the warrant.

**LINCOLN ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Dave Tatro spoke to the Bennington Sheriff about the car on Lincoln Road being parked in the town's right-of-way. The sheriff visited the tenants who stated that the car was not theirs, it was the landlords. The sheriff contacted the landlord who agreed to move it right away. To date the car has not been moved. A letter will be sent to the landlord with a copy to the occupants of the property.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by Dan Potvin. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Sheila G. Lawrence  
Clerk

REMINDERS  
PETITIONS FOR WARRANT ARTICLES & ELECTED POSITIONS

The deadline for filing petitions with the Town Clerk for warrant articles to be included in the Town Meeting warning is Thursday, January 19, 2017. These petitions must be signed by 5% of the registered voters or at least 32 signatures. V.S.A. 17:2642(a)

The required signatures on a petition to run for an elected office are 1% of the registered voters or at least 7 signatures. The deadline for filing these petitions with the Town Clerk is Monday, January 30, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. Nominating papers may be picked up at the Town Office. V.S.A. 17:2681(a) (b).

Elected positions to be filled this year are:

- Town Moderator - 1 year term
- School Moderator - 1 year term
- Town Clerk – 3 year term
- Treasurer – 3 year term
- Selectboard member - 3 year term
- Selectboard member - 2 year term
- Selectboard member – 1 year remaining on a 3 year term
- School Director - 2 year term
- School Director - 3 year term
- Lister - 3 year term
- Lister – 2 years remaining on a 3 year term
- Auditor - 1 year term
- Auditor - 2 year term
- Auditor - 3 year term
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes - 1 year term
- Grand Juror -1 year term
- Town Agent - 1 year term
- Cemetery Commissioner - 5 year term
- Cemetery Commissioner – 4 years remaining on a 5 year term
- Library Trustee - 5 year term

The deadline to register to vote in the March 7, 2017 election is Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Applications for addition to the checklist will be accepted during the voting hours of 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Absentee ballots will be available until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2017. Please call the town office at 694-1361.

Anyone interested in serving as an appointed board member, please review the expiring appointed positions in the town report and contact a member of that board or the Selectboard.