

TOWN OF STAMFORD
SPECIAL ELECTBOARD MEETING
August 23, 2017
(UNAPPROVED)

Present: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika (by telephone), Michael Denault, Daniel J. Potvin, David R. Tatro and Carol Fachini.

Visitors: Helen Fields, Sheila G. Lawrence, Stanley Lawrence, Jr. and Priscilla Tracy.
Micah Hayre, Stamford School Principal.
Lori Shepard, Selectboard Secretary.

Nancy Bushika called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., opened with the pledge of allegiance, welcomed everyone and read a statement with procedural rules for the meeting.

SCHOOL PARKING LOT/LANDSCAPING

Micah Hayre was surprised and happy with the ditch clearing, weed cutting and shed removal at the school. He commended Dave Tatro for a job well done and gave a thank you card and token of his appreciation to Dave Tatro and the Selectboard.

REVIEW OF MSDS SHEETS

Stanley Lawrence, Jr. provided the MSDS sheet for the solution he used around the building, playground areas and tennis court fence. He said a School Board member asked him to start spraying about 15 years ago because there were thistles growing around the playground equipment and bugs coming into the school. He uses Razor Pro which is similar to Round Up. He is willing to stop using it and the Selectboard agreed that was best at this time. Micah Hayre stated that wood chips are being replaced around the playground equipment next week. Helen Fields asked him not to spray along the tennis court fencing because of the community gardens. Mike Denault felt if the thistles grow back, we could come together and talk about it and reach a solution. Stan Lawrence asked about the trimming requested by the Selectboard. Dave Tatro answered that the board would like to see the fence lines trimmed like it says in the contract. Stan Lawrence noted that a phone call would have been nicer than the letter.

DECISION ON TRASH AND RECYCLING HAULING BIDS

TAM Waste Management's bid is lower than the current bills we are paying to Republic Services. Although Republic's bid is considerably less, the Selectboard reviewed Republic's billing history and saw that immediately after the one year contract expired, they began hiking up their prices without talking to the town. The Selectboard did not feel this was good business. Mike Denault was not satisfied with Republic's answers to some of the Selectboard's questions. Although they said they have worked with school children, they do not seem to have a strong composting/recycling outreach program for the transfer station monitors and the community. Republic did not have a solid answer as to where our trash and food scraps would go and instead just provided various options where it could go. An email from TAM indicated that after a few months of learning our trash/recycling intake, he could implement various ways to save the town money.

MOTION by Dan Potvin to choose the bid submitted by TAM Waste Management. SECONDED by Dave Tatro. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

Dave Tatro will need to build a 1' wooden platform to allow residents to access the recycling container.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dan Potvin said he hoped everyone would participate in the Train for Trish Charity 5K run this Saturday morning. Nancy Bushika noted that the school's potluck picnic is this Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 5 p.m. on the back lawn or in the gym.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER POSITION

The Selectboard gave permission to advertise the Administrative Officer position through town's email list. Nancy Bushika would like to see the A.O. take down the permit signs when the 15 waiting period expires. The Selectboard will handle any permit applications until an Administrative Officer can be hired.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Nancy Bushika to enter executive session to discuss the tax appeal/attorney matter pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313. SECONDED by Dave Tatro. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. Entered executive session at 6:40 p.m. with Lori Shepard, Town Clerk.

MOTION by Nancy Bushika to exit executive session. SECONDED by Dave Tatro. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. Exited executive session at 7:19 p.m.

MOTION by Mike Denault to contact the town attorney to negotiate with the other party's attorney for more time in order to obtain more information. SECONDED by Dave Tatro. Four in favor (Dan Potvin abstained from voting). Motion APPROVED.

MOTION by Dave Tatro to adjourn. SECONDED by Carol Fachini. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Daniel J. Potvin
Clerk

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REMINDERS

1. The next free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset, Vermont.
2. The town office has new hours: Monday: closed, Tuesday: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.; Wednesday: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.; Thursday: 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.; and Friday 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.