

**TOWN OF STAMFORD  
SELECTBOARD MEETING  
September 20, 2018  
(UNAPPROVED)**

Present: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Christopher Warren, Daniel J. Potvin, Carol Fachini and Michael Denault.

Visitors: Sally Bohl, Donna Engel, John Engel, Pat Sullivan, and Laura Champagne.  
David R. Tatro, Road Commissioner.  
William Levine, Emergency Management Coordinator.  
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. The agenda was reviewed and several items were added: Building Community Group request for authorization, Halloween hours, and Wreaths Across America. The order of the agenda was not changed.

#### BUILDING COMMUNITY GROUP

Pat Sullivan requested a letter from the Selectboard authorizing an individual to represent the town in a meeting with Norwich University. The Director of Architecture and Arts has agreed to take on our project and needs to have an agreement authorizing members of the Building Community Group to attend a meeting. Pat Sullivan and Victoria Jefferies will attend. Nancy Bushika was a little uncomfortable and asked if the group had determined how the project would be paid for. There will be no cost to the town for Norwich's services and this is an opportunity to obtain design and cost estimates and explore grant ideas so the group can come to the town with more definitive figures and information.

MOTION by Chris Warren to sign the letter authorizing Building Community Group members to represent the town. SECONDED by Mike Denault. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

#### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Donna Engel explained that she estimated needing 92 wreaths and so far has 51 wreaths sponsored. MountainOne Bank donated \$250.00 toward the fundraiser. The wreath laying will be Saturday, December 15, 2018 at noon. She would like to have veterans from town to represent each branch of the service for the ceremony. The wreaths cost \$15.00 each and for every two wreaths sponsored, the group receives one free. The wreaths will be delivered here two days before. Nancy Bushika suggested she speak with the school to coordinate the delivery. The Veterans dinner will be on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at the school which would be a good opportunity to speak to local vets. Forms to purchase wreaths are available at the town office, on stamfordvt.org and on facebook (use code VT0006).

#### MINUTES

MOTION by Mike Denault to accept the regular meeting minutes of September 6, 2018 as written. SECONDED by Dan Potvin. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

#### SELECTBOARD ORDERS

The Selectboard reviewed and approved the following orders:

WARRANT #39 \$ 7,434.47 payroll  
WARRANT #38 \$10,234.26 accounts payable

#### FINANCIALS

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

#### ROAD CONDITIONS

1. Dave Tatro spoke with Ray Eilers who will honor his price from last year for winter sand.

2. There was damage on Lincoln Road from the recent rain storm. Debris plugged the culvert and the water ran over the road washing it out. He needed 10 yards of gravel and spent a few hours with the excavator repairing the area. It has flooded three times in the past ten years and Dave Tatro would like to pursue a grant to mitigate further damage. The state will most likely require a concrete structure and the cost will be \$100,000.00 to \$200,000.00. Dave Tatro will ask the state to perform the hydraulic study this fall in anticipation of filing for the grant in the spring of 2019.
3. The new truck should arrive by the end of September but will need to go to H.P. Fairfield to be set up. It is questionable whether selling the Ford would bring in any decent money and it may be best to keep as a backup.
4. The weather continues to prevent Dave Tatro from working on the Collins Road project. The state delayed the start date initially and will not allow the work after October 15th. The grant will expire on June 15, 2019 so Dave Tatro will wait until next spring.
5. The perc. tests have been done at the garage. John Dupras is designing a system for submission to the state.
6. Applications for the full-time highway position are beginning to come in and will be discussed at a later date.

#### RECYCLING

1. The board will review the recycling update for discussion at their next meeting.
2. McLain Electric came a few weeks ago to work on the 3-phase electric at the garage.

#### RENAMING OF OLD COUNTY ROAD

The Selectboard held a public hearing on the renaming of Old County Road. Laura Champagne questioned whether the road could be renamed at this time due to ongoing litigation. If we are only changing the name for GPS and 9-1-1 reasons, she suggested we add a waypoint instead of changing the name. Chris Warren stated that we have no control over waypoints.

MOTION by Dan Potvin to re-name the easterly end of Old County Road from the intersection of Main Road to the Kevin Coffman Bopp and Stephen R. Bopp (formerly Jack Newkom) property to "Brown Brook Road".

SECONDED by Chris Warren. 4 in favor (Carol Fachini abstained). Motion APPROVED.

#### WEBSITE

MOTION by Chris Warren to purchase a domain name of "townofstamfordvermont.org" for the town's official website. SECONDED by Mike Denault. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

Chris Warren has been working with the state for a stamford.vt.gov address which will bring people to the same place. Chris Warren asked for the submission of images and photos for use on the town's website, although, the board can't guarantee that they will be able to use all photos that are received.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Bill Levine provided a draft letter to be sent to residents who do not have house numbers in compliance with the 9-1-1 regulations. Chris Warren suggested a few small changes. Nancy Bushika suggested a deadline. Bill Levine will finish evaluating the town in the next couple weeks. Bill Levine stated that the location of cell phone callers can be difficult to track. He recommended when calling 9-1-1 from a cell phone, it is important to state what address and town you are calling from. Chris Warren suggested this information be available on the website.

#### HALLOWEEN HOURS

The board set Halloween hours from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on October 31, 2018, just like last year. The Fire Department will be out with trucks and flashing lights again this year. Bill Levine asked if there will be a children's parade.

#### ALPENWALD LOTS

The person who was interested in buying the town's interest in the redemption period for Lots 176 and 178 is not sure he wants to move forward since he cannot do perc. testing at this time.

## SCHOOL MERGER

Chris Warren reviewed the draft of the Articles of Agreement which was given to the Selectboard for review and has several questions. The Selectboard agreed to recess the meeting to visit the School Board meeting at 7 p.m. Unfortunately, they realized the meeting was in Clarksburg so they couldn't attend. The last merger meeting was on the same night as a Planning Commission meeting. Board members would like to see if the School Board could coordinate the meetings so they do not conflict with other town board meetings.

## NEMRC

Sally Bohl spoke about the CAMA cost tables through Marshall Swift which the listers use. The state used to bill a flat \$250.00/year for the software. NEMRC will be taking over the billing for the Marshall Swift cost tables at a per parcel rate. Sally Bohl contacted NEMRC to ask what the cost would be but they haven't decided. She said there is a discrepancy between the state's and the town's 411 concerning the number of parcels which will have to be straightened out with NEMRC. NEMRC will also charge for inactive parcels, which Sally Bohl disagrees with and says the inactive parcels can be deleted from the system if that is the case. Sally Bohl suggested the board look at renewing the contract with NEMRC very seriously. Chris Warren asked if there were other alternatives for the town. Sally Bohl will look into it.

## VETERANS DINNER

Dan Potvin is beginning to plan this year's pot luck Veterans dinner. It will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 5 p.m. at the Stamford Elementary School. He is working on a new presentation for this year.

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Dan Potvin reported that the last Planning Commission meeting went well. The board was reorganized and a lot of great ideas were offered. Nancy Bushika asked if whoever is making the changes to the town Plan strike the language to be removed instead of deleting it so it is marked for removal but not actually taken out, and add in italics the new wording to be added. It makes it easier to track the changes. The next Planning Commission meeting dates are October 1, 15, and 29, 2018 at 7 p.m. Dan Potvin encourages people to participate in the Town Plan revision.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by Chris Warren. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Christopher Warren  
Clerk

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## REMINDERS

1. The potluck supper to honor our veterans will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the Stamford Elementary School. All are welcome.
2. Forms to purchase wreaths are available at the town office, on [stamfordvt.org](http://stamfordvt.org) and on facebook (please use the code VT0006).
3. Please visit the town's new official website: [townofstamfordvermont.org](http://townofstamfordvermont.org).
4. Halloween trick or treat hours will be 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on October 31, 2018.
5. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at the Stamford Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
6. Applications for addition to the checklist will be accepted during regular town office hours and throughout election day.
7. Absentee ballots will be available until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2, 2018. Please call the town office at 802-694-1361.
8. The town clerk's office hours are: Monday: closed; Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Wednesday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Thursday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and Friday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.