

**TOWN OF STAMFORD
SELECTBOARD MEETING
November 1, 2018
(UNAPPROVED)**

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

Daniel J. Potvin was not present.

Visitors: Sally Bohl and James Stimpson.

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 two items were added: discussion of Christmas tree and septic and water designs for the town garage. The order of the agenda was not changed.

MINUTES

MOTION by Mike Denault to accept the regular meeting minutes of October 18, 2018 as written. SECONDED by Chris Warren. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

SELECTBOARD ORDERS

The Selectboard reviewed and approved the following orders:

WARRANT #45 \$ 6,526.57 payroll

WARRANT #46 \$34,182.76 accounts payable

FINANCIALS

Financial reports for the first three quarters were given to the board for review.

ROAD CONDITIONS

1. The highway equipment is ready for winter weather.
2. The highway crew has completed the Mill Road ditching project which is 80% funded with a grant through the Clean Water Act.
3. Dave Tatro has completed the repairs to the Clough Road culvert.
4. A culvert has been installed on Klondike Road.
5. Allen Desautels started work on Monday.
6. Mike Denault was asked if the town's excavator needed to be registered. Dave Tatro said no, it does not need a license plate because it isn't driven on the road.

RECYCLING

1. Dave Tatro continues to work with Trevor Mance at TAM to find a used dumpster for the recycling center.
2. The Wednesday afternoon summer hours at the recycling center have ended.

TOWN WEBSITE

Lori Shepard received a request to post something on the town website and looked for direction from the board. Chris Warren felt it was fine to post anything discussed during a Selectboard meeting on the website. Any other requests should be approved by the Selectboard first.

MOTION by Mike Denault to give Lori Shepard the authority, if someone requests to have information posted on the website which is a public informational flyer from the state or a state agency, she is authorized to do it.

SECONDED by Chris Warren. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

1. Bill Levine provided a revised draft of the letter to be sent to all residents who do not have their 911 number on their house, or if they have a 911 number which is not in compliance. The board made some minor suggestions and will review again at their next meeting.
2. Bill Levine left a message for Al McLain to follow up on the generator matter.
3. Bill Levine and Dan Potvin attended the recent LEPC meeting and found it very informational.

ORDINANCE REGARDING STREET NAME AND STREET ADDRESSING

Several changes were made to the ordinance. The final draft will be reviewed at the next meeting.

HIGHWAY GARAGE WATER AND SEPTIC PLANS

Trinity Engineering submitted engineering designs for the planned well and septic system at the highway garage. Dave Tatro has requested a quote from R.I. Baker for the parts. The costs will be minimized since the highway crew will do the digging and installation work. Nancy Bushika asked Dave Tatro to obtain a quote from a well drilling company. The next step will be to forward the application to the state for approval.

VETERANS DINNER

The Selectboard discussed the Veterans dinner on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 5 p.m. at the school.

NEMRC/ASSESSOR CLERK

The town has not received any applications for the Assessor Clerk position.

TOWN CHRISTMAS TREE

Mike Denault is working with the Burchards who are donating a Christmas tree for the school front lawn. Robert Burchard has offered to make a tree stand for it as well. Luke McKay offered to bring Santa to the tree lighting ceremony with his team of horses and wagon. Mary Lou McKay offered to organize the tree lighting ceremony for the town. The board appreciates these generous offers. Rich Cristofolini said the light is not working on the flag pole. The board will contact McLain Electric to look at the outlet. Nancy Bushika thought the tree lighting ceremony could be scheduled for Friday, November 30, 2018 or Saturday, December 1, 2018.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Carl Taylor, Pat Sullivan and Joan Levine are willing to serve on this year's Finance Committee. Rosemarie Curran is unsure. Anyone interested in joining the Finance Committee this year should contact the town office or a Selectboard member.

BUILDING COMMUNITY GROUP

Bill Levine contacted the Vermont League of Cities & Towns. Vicki Abare stated that the town's liability coverage would cover all volunteers building or working on the structure. Since they are not paid, they would not be covered by workers' compensation.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Jim Stimpson stated that the Planning Commission is working with Jim Sullivan from the Bennington County Regional Commission to adopt energy initiatives into our town plan. He believes the school board has set aside funds to replace the boilers at the school and would like to see the school move toward a renewable energy source like pellets or wood chips. Jim Stimpson feels he doesn't know much about the school. Chris Warren asked if the School Directors could be invited to a Selectboard meeting to discuss the merger and other issues they are facing. The board agreed to invite the School Directors and felt an All Boards meeting could be scheduled in January.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Chris Warren to find that premature public discussion of an employee matter would place the town at a substantial disadvantage. SECONDED by Mike Denault. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

MOTION by Chris Warren to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3). SECONDED by Mike Denault. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

The board entered executive session at 7:20 p.m. Sally Bohl was invited into the executive session.

MOTION by Mike Denault to exit executive session. SECONDED by Carol Fachini. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The board exited executive session at 8:03 p.m.

The Selectboard will send a letter to Jim Stimpson requesting his presence at the next Selectboard meeting regarding a personnel matter.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by Carol Fachini. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Christopher Warren
Clerk

CW/las

REMINDERS

1. The potluck supper to honor our veterans will be held on Saturday, November 17, 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 and on facebook (please use the code VT0006).
3. Please visit the town's new official website: townofstamfordvermont.org.
4. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at the Stamford Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
5. Applications for addition to the checklist will be accepted during regular town office hours and throughout the election.
6. Absentee ballots will be available until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2, 2018. Please call the town office at 802-694-1361.
7. 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.