

TOWN OF STAMFORD
SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING
May 3, 2021
(UNAPPROVED)

Present: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Chair, Daniel J. Potvin, Michael G. Denault, and Brandon Field.
Visitors: Carolyn Brooks, Caroline Burch, Eleanor Derby Kilfoyle, Cynthia DiBartolo, John Engel, Helen Fields, Susan Flash, Ross Hanlan, K. Beth Phelps, Tyna Senecal, Susan Welsch, and Clay Zeller-Townson.
William Levine, Emergency Management Director.
Lori Shepard, Selectboard Secretary.

Nancy Bushika called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone.

HEARING OF VISITORS

1. John Engel was concerned about statements made recently about the COVID-19 vaccinations which are misleading. He disputed Dan Potvin's statements regarding the survival rate, the sidelined vaccines, mask use and the banned vaccines in India. Dan Potvin felt his statistics were accurate.
2. Eleanor Derby Kilfoyle read a letter which she submitted voicing her support for the Selectboard and referred to the last Selectboard meeting which was recorded by Kevin Hoyt. The You Tube video was edited favorably toward the Selectboard and unfavorably toward the guest speaker and other speakers. She asked the board to encourage Kevin Hoyt to show publicly what he records as it is presented since an exact replay will encourage free speech and expression. Mike Denault agreed with her concerns. It was agreed that the Selectboard does not have control over the matter.

SUMMER CAMP GRANT

Helen Fields requested the Selectboard's support to apply for the Summer Matters for All Program grant. She is working with Clay Zeller-Townson and intends to apply for \$30,000.00 to fund three non-consecutive weeks of full day summer camp for up to thirty children. They would like to filter the funding through the town and will need to use the town's non-tax status, federal identification number and use the treasurer, Lori Shepard, as their Fiscal Agent. Children will be charged but scholarships are available. There is no funding match. The board had many questions that could not be answered but Helen Fields will look into it further. Mike Denault said that this should in no way cost the town any money.

MOTION by Mike Denault to allow Helen Fields to move forward with her grant proposal, use the municipality as the fiscal agent with the understanding that the Selectboard reserves the right to pull out if anything arises between now and the award date of May 26, 2021 that puts the town in jeopardy financially. SECONDED by Dan Potvin. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Bushika noted that there were guidelines created when the Community Projects Committee began. The Community Projects Committee reviewed the guidelines but she cannot find where the Selectboard accepted them. The draft will be reviewed at the next meeting.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by Brandon Field. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Nancy L. Bushika
Clerk pro tem

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