

**11TOWN OF STAMFORD
SELECTBOARD MEETING
December 30, 2021
(UNAPPROVED)**

Present: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Chair, Michael G. Denault, and Brandon Field.

Daniel J. Potvin and Carol A. Fachini were not present.

Visitors: Theresa Denault, Eleanor Derby-Kilfoyle, and Beth Phelps.

Tyna Senecal, Finance Committee.

Luke McKay, Dog Officer.

David R. Tatro, Road Commissioner.

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. There were no amendments to the agenda or its order.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

1. Eleanor Derby-Kilfoyle asked about the ARPA Funds the town has received. The board discussed possible ways to use the funds. Eleanor Derby-Kilfoyle offered to help if the Selectboard appoints a focus group.
2. Beth Phelps asked if the town has been reimbursed by the grant funds for Summer Camp yet. Helen Fields emailed the grant contact who said he was unable to follow up with the Christmas holiday and much of his staff on vacation.
3. The state has not made any decisions on the legislative redistricting plans.

MINUTES

Beth Phelps stated that she attended the December 16, 2021 meeting but was not listed.

MOTION by Mike Denault to accept the regular meeting minutes of December 16, 2021 as written.

SECONDED by Brandon Fields. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

SELECTBOARD ORDERS

The Selectboard reviewed and approved the following orders:

WARRANT #51 \$11,049.71 payroll

WARRANT #52 \$21,371.83 accounts payable

BENNINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Nancy Bushika questioned some of the patrol information on the recent bill from the Sheriff's Department. The board discussed the fact that the sheriffs are working considerably less than the 15 hours/week stated in the contract. Mike Denault will contact the department to review these matters and request a new contract since the current contract expires January 31, 2022.

ROAD PLOWING AGREEMENT

Ryan Wolters has not responded to the town's letter requesting proof of liability insurance coverage in accordance with his agreement with the town to plow the Class 4 section of the town road. Mike Denault will contact Mr. Wolters.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Selectboard reviewed the town and highway revenue sheets. The next budget work session will be the first part of the January 6, 2022 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mike Denault to find that premature public discussion of employee matters would place the town at a substantial disadvantage. SECONDED by Brandon Field. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

MOTION by Mike Denault to enter executive session to discuss employee reviews and salaries pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3). SECONDED by Brandon Field. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The Selectboard entered executive session at 7:15 p.m. Luke McKay, Dave Tatro, Michael Brothers, Lori Shepard and Theresa Denault were each invited individually to participate.

MOTION by Mike Denault to exit executive session. SECONDED by Brandon Field. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The board exited executive session at 9:25 p.m. Raises were discussed and Nancy Bushika will calculate the amounts and follow up with the town clerk next week.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by Brandon Field. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Nancy L. Bushika
Clerk pro tem

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REMINDERS

1. Anyone interested in helping Bill Levine review the contents of the Red Cross trailer or interested in forming a Citizen Response Group should contact Bill Levine directly or the town office.
2. Please visit the town's official website: townofstamfordvermont.org for town information and updates.

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 13, 2022. These petitions must be signed by 5% of the registered voters or at least 36 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 8 signatures. The deadline for filing these petitions with the Town Clerk is Monday, January 24, 2022 by 5:00 p.m. Nominating papers and the Consent of Candidate form 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 (*William Levine*)
School Moderator - 1 year term (*William Levine*)
Selectboard member - 2 year term (*Daniel Potvin*)

Selectboard member - 3 year term (*Michael Denault*)
School Director - 2 year term (*Barbara Malinowski*)
School Director - 3 year term (*Gary Bellows*)
Auditor - 1 year term (*vacancy*)
Auditor - 2 year term (*vacancy*)
Auditor - 3 year term (*vacancy*)
Collector of Delinquent Taxes - 1 year term (*Sally Bohl*)
Cemetery Commissioner - 3 year term (*Janice Farinon*)
Library Trustee - 5 year term (*Tyna Senecal*)

Town meeting will be held on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with the town portion first, followed by the school.

Voting will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Town of Stamford Community Room. Applications for addition to the checklist will be accepted at the town office up to and throughout election day.

Absentee ballots will be available until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022. 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.