

TOWN OF STAMFORD, VERMONT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

April 29, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7PM, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting were members Sheila Lawrence, David Saldo, Nancy LeSage and Irene Bergman.

Attending as guests were Diane Saldo, James and Jane Ridhi.

New Commission responsibilities were discussed. David Saldo nominated Sheila Lawrence to serve as Chairman which was seconded by Nancy LeSage. All were in favor. Dave Saldo nominated Nancy LeSage to serve as Vice Chairman, seconded by Irene Bergman and all were in favor. Sheila Lawrence nominated Irene Bergman to serve as Secretary which was seconded by Dave Saldo and all were in favor.

The minutes of the January 8, 2025 meeting were accepted by David Saldo and seconded by Nancy LaSage. All were in favor.

Old Business: Sheila Lawrence reported that the budget request was approved for \$300.00.

The investigation into water sources for the community was reported to be ongoing. Sheila Lawrence and Irene Bergman will continue to address this project. Dave Saldo mentioned that the Town of North Addams no longer uses the water line located in Stamford and suggested that possibly this could be utilized by the Stamford community as a public water source. This could be that start of offering a public water supply to the residents of Main Road. It would alleviate some of the water and well concerns of the residents. It was noted that the aquifer in many of the homes on Main Road is very near the surface which causes flooding along the valley floor. It was agreed to further discuss this issue at the next meeting.

The windmill issue continues to be a topic of discussion and the recommendation of the board is that if they are to be constructed that the logical place would be on the northern side of Stamford within the Green Mountain Range. BCRC had recommended that they would be placed on the Hoosac range, which is in opposition to the 2019 Stamford plan. The board is awaiting reply from the BCRC.

Discussion ensued concerning the trash being disposed of on the side of the town roads. David Saldo reported that there is an Enforcement Officer that manages ticketing, but was not sure who held this role at this time. Suggestions regarding game cameras at known sites could be an option.

The Commission discussed land use issues with regard to cannabis. The town voted down the retail sale of cannabis, however agricultural use appears to be valid. At this time there have not been any requests for a commercial cannabis grow site. David noted that any grow facility would have to be at least 500 feet from the school.

The next meeting will be held on June 3, 2025 at 7PM.

Sheila made a motion to adjourn at 830PM which was seconded by Nancy.

Respectfully submitted

Irene Bergman, Secretary