

TOWN OF STAMFORD
SELECT BOARD MEETING
May 15, 2025
(UNAPPROVED)
6:00 p.m.

Present: Select Board: Michael G. Denault, Vice Chair, Douglas Wright, and Kurt Gamari. Nancy L. Bushika and John Dunn were not present.

Visitors: Debra Burchard, Theresa Denault, Eleanor Derby-Kilfoyle, Jedidiah Gramlin, Lisa Gramlin, Peter Greenbush, William Levine, Marta Miller, Thomas Nazzewski, Natalie O'Neil, Sheila Pecor, Debra Righi, James Righi, David Saldo, Diane Saldo, Stephanie Shelburne, James Stimpson, and Pamela Tworig. Lori Shepard, Select Board Secretary.

Mike Denault opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, welcomed everyone, and read a statement with procedural rules for the meeting. An executive session for a personnel matter was added to the agenda. The executive session for pending or probable civil litigation will not be needed. Jed Gramlin recorded the meeting for his YouTube.

HEARING OF VISITORS

1. Marta Miller thanked everyone for participating in Green Up Day through the rain.
2. Marta Miller thanked everyone who participated in the Resiliency Fair. It was nice to meet new people and see people come together.
3. There was a lengthy discussion about a resident acting as a board member without the board's authority and a situation that happened recently on private property. The scenic byway right-of-way and permits for the sign were discussed, as well as whether permits for asbestos and lead paint were needed prior to demolition. A code of conduct was discussed and the responsibility the Select Board has for the appointments it makes. A call was made to the Fire Marshall by a Select Board member and the Fire Marshall will complete an inspection of the property. Discussion continued regarding the loss of a sense of community and involving the state.
4. Eleanor Derby-Kilfoyle asked about the road standards on a private road.
5. Eleanor Derby-Kilfoyle said a few years ago she let the town know that there was a container of used oil buried in a ditch near Klondike Road and she discovered that it is still there. She asked about the protocol for following up on matters through resolution and apologized that she didn't follow up on its removal also. Mike Denault agreed that the town should have something in place.
6. Tom Nazzewski stated that the local ATV club will be cleaning Klondike Road and Risky Ranch Road this Saturday.

MINUTES

Doug Wright asked for a clarification of the minutes concerning his statement to Deb Burchard regarding K's Creamery, at approximately 48 minutes in on the recording.

MOTION by Kurt Gamari to accept the regular meeting minutes of May 1, 2025 as amended. SECONDED by Doug Wright. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

SELECT BOARD ORDERS

The Select Board reviewed and approved the following orders:

WARRANT #19 \$ 7,565.28 payroll

WARRANT #20 \$27,443.12 accounts payable

ROAD CONDITIONS

Jim Stimpson said the highway department did a great job on Collins Road.

RECYCLING

Nothing to report.

ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the town and school election were reviewed.

EMPLOYEE POLICY HANDBOOK

Discussion was tabled until the next meeting with a full board.

FY26 GRANTS-IN-AID

MOTION by Kurt Gamari to sign the Grants-in-Aid Letter of Intent to participate in next year's project. SECONDED by Mike Denault. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

CODE OF ETHICS INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE

The board discussed the fact that there is no longer an Ethics Commission at the state level. The board decided to hold off on signing the ordinance at this time. The board recently updated the Conflict of Interest Policy so there is still a policy in place.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mike Denault to find that premature general public knowledge of a personnel matter would place the town at a substantial disadvantage. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

MOTION by Mike Denault to enter executive session for a personnel matter pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(B). SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The Select Board entered executive session at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION by Mike Denault to exit executive session. SECONDED by Doug Wright. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The board exited executive session at 7:22 p.m. Action: an executive session for personnel matters will be planned for the next meeting and Dave Saldo will be invited to participate.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting ended at 7:23 p.m.

Kurt Gamari
Clerk

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REMINDERS

1. Townspeople should sign up with the state's free communications network, VT-Alert. You can sign up at vtalert.gov to receive notifications. You can choose how you would like to be alerted (phone call, text or email) and can choose what type of alerts you would like to receive, i.e. weather, road closures, public health, etc.
2. Anyone interested in applying for the transfer station substitute position should submit a letter of interest to the Select Board.
3. Anyone interested in joining the town highway crew should fill out an application or get in touch with a Select Board member.
4. The dog license due date was April 1, 2025. Please come in as soon as possible to license your dog. The new dog license fees for 2025 are \$18.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$24.00 for real/intact dogs.
5. The town office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.; closed Mondays.