

**TOWN OF STAMFORD
SELECTBOARD MEETING
May 2, 2019
(UNAPPROVED)**

Present: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Carol A. Fachini and Michael G. Denault.

Daniel J. Potvin and Christopher Warren were not present.

Visitors: Sally Bohl, Jennifer Ryan and Pat Sullivan.

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

STAMFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY TIME CAPSULE REQUEST

Jennifer Ryan said the theme for this year's summer reading program at the library is A Universe of Stories.

They would like to bury a small time capsule near the end of the program, probably the first week of August.

Nancy Bushika recalled that when the town office addition was built they found a time capsule had been buried from the mid 1970s. The Selectboard is researching the school/town building and would like to wait for the results before making a decision.

BUILDING COMMUNITY GROUP

1. Pat Sullivan advised that the Building Community Group has received a \$500.00 grant and is waiting to receive the check. Nancy Bushika recalled the Selectboard discussion last December to create an account to hold funds that were received. She questioned whether the town should be holding money for an independent group. Mike Denault supports the project but recognized Nancy Bushika's reluctance. It was suggested that the board create a Community Project Committee to oversee these projects. Dave Tatro felt if the building was going to be on town property, that the Selectboard should consider holding the money. The question was raised about Seed Savers Group funds and the Broadband Group's idea to run fiber to homes. Parameters were discussed such as self-sufficient town projects and groups that bring in their own money. Lori Shepard was instructed to call Love, Cody & Company for their opinion on the town holding money for community projects by independent groups and to call the Vermont League of Cities & Towns for advice on how to appoint a committee.

2. Victoria Jefferies is at Norwich University for a meeting on the building design. The college has asked about continuing to work on our building design project through the next semester as well as the building phase, probably in the summer of 2021. This puts the town in a position to receive money from Norwich for building construction also. If the town is interested, the Building Community Group would need to know where the septic system is and any other property constraints, such as drainage issues, they would need to work around. Pat Sullivan will need to respond to Norwich University by this summer.

3. The group is planning a new town sign, a new bench outside the library, a bench in the front of the building and bulletin boards.

4. On August 17, 2019 the Building Community Group will host a Harvest Stamford Supper for the community to come together and enjoy.

MINUTES

MOTION by Mike Denault to accept the regular meeting minutes of April 18, 2019 as written. SECONDED by Carol Fachini. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

SELECTBOARD ORDERS

The Selectboard reviewed and approved the following orders:

WARRANT #17 \$ 7,975.66 payroll

WARRANT #18 \$20,684.61 accounts payable

ROAD CONDITIONS

1. Dave Tatro has been grading and smoothing the roads. He will be working on the Collins Road soon.
2. The street sweeper should be here next week. The rain has caused delays.
3. The highway department has been performing truck maintenance and painting the frames where needed.
4. Dave Tatro asked Joshua Carvajal from the Agency of Natural Resources to view the river behind the tennis courts where the bank eroded. He suggested planting a row of trees and letting it grow to brush. He did not recommend rip rapping the bank or any other intervention. Bill Levine suggested the Seed Savers Group might help with the planting.
5. The Selectboard reviewed a letter received from Ray Harvey. He owns Earl Taylor Drive, a private road in Clarksburg, and asked if the town would grade the road in return for his purchase of new grader edges and other supplies the town deemed appropriate. We have several private roads in town that we do not grade or maintain. The town has no policy covering the grading of private roads, especially outside of town. The Selectboard decided to deny the request and will send a letter in response.

RECYCLING

R.L. Waste has not registered with the town as a hauler. The Alliance, Bennington County Regional Commission and the State of Vermont have been notified. The state will follow up.

CONSTABLE/SHERIFF

Maura Hawkins is interested in serving on the sheriff/constable research committee. Mike Denault would like another one or two volunteers. The board will wait another two weeks, hoping more come forward. Mike Denault feels that if the majority of residents are not interested in considering any other law enforcement, it seems like a waste of time doing all the research. Anyone interested in serving on this research committee should contact a Selectboard member or the town office before the next meeting on May 16, 2019.

ALL BOARDS MEETING

Nancy Bushika thought the meeting went wonderfully. It was well attended and everyone shared great ideas. Mike Denault thought the response was great. The Selectboard scheduled the next All Boards meeting for Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 7 p.m.

SCHOOL/TOWN BUILDING

Bruce Richardson has been researching and hopes to have the results for the next meeting.

FINANCIALS

Income and expense reports for the first quarter were provided. The treasurer is willing to answer any questions the board has after reviewing the figures.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) will be filed with Allison Strohl and the Northern Berkshire Emergency Medical Services. Sheila Lawrence, Jim Stimpson and Bill Levine attended the last Emergency Management meeting in Bennington, VT. They provided forms that residents can complete confidentially and send to the 9-1-1 board if they have special needs that should be considered in an emergency. If a 9-1-1 call is received, the operator can see the information on the screen. Bill Levine ordered 200 copies for distribution at the senior meals and both churches. As dispatcher, Bill Levine can ask during an emergency affecting a certain

area if anyone in that area has special needs so assistance can be provided more quickly. It is an optional free service.

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

The BCA is required by law to review the voter checklist in odd years and challenge the voters they believe have moved away but are still on the checklist. Since there may be a vote on the Stamford/Clarksburg school merger this summer, the voter purging will have to wait. You cannot purge voters 90 days before an election.

CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT NOTICE

Chris Warren is reviewing the notice.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Carol Fachini to acknowledge that a premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage, and to enter executive session pursuant 1 V.S.A. section 313 (1) (E): pending or probable civil litigation or a prosecution, to which the public body is or may be a party. SECONDED by Mike Denault. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The board entered executive session at 7:26 p.m. and invited Sally Bohl, Delinquent Tax Collector, and Lori Shepard, Treasurer, to participate.

MOTION by Mike Denault to exit executive session. SECONDED by Carol Fachini. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The board exited executive session at 7:45 p.m. No action was taken. The board will wait for a copy of the letter from the bank.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by Carol Fachini. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Carol A. Fachini
Clerk

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REMINDERS

1. Please visit the town's new official website: townofstamfordvermont.org.
2. 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.
3. Anyone interested in serving as an appointed board member or on the sheriff/constable committee, please contact a member of that board or the Selectboard.
4. The free Home Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on Saturday May 18, 2019 at the Bennington Transfer Station from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.