

TOWN OF STAMFORD
SELECT BOARD MEETING
October 16, 2025
(UNAPPROVED)
6:00 p.m.

Present: Select Board: Nancy L. Bushika, Chair, Michael G. Denault, Kurt Gamari and John Dunn.

Douglas Wright was not present.

Visitors: Alden Finney, Jedidiah Gramlin, Peter Greenbush, William Levine, Marta Miller, Debra Righi, and James Righi.

Lori Shepard, Select Board Secretary.

Nancy Bushika 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. The highway report was removed from the agenda since the Road Commissioner was not present. The meeting was recorded for the YouTube video.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None.

MINUTES

MOTION by Mike Denault to accept the regular meeting minutes of October 2, 2025 as written. SECONDED by John Dunn. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

SELECT BOARD ORDERS

The Select Board reviewed and approved the following orders:

WARRANT #41 \$ 10,106.36 payroll

WARRANT #42 \$293,040.31 accounts payable

RECYCLING

In late fall the town sends out the hauler registration renewals for the upcoming year. Last year the town and the Alliance both sent out renewals. Nancy Bushika will check to see if the Alliance will be sending out the renewal paperwork again this year.

DISCUSSION

1. Several Select Board members viewed the water runoff area on Boulger Road which was discussed at the last meeting. Mike Denault said the town is doing everything correctly, but the house sits right on the edge of the road.
2. Bob Briggs is preparing for the emergency exercise next week. He hopes that Select Board members will participate or stop in briefly if they cannot stay for the whole session.

911 NUMBERING UPDATE

The Emergency Management group hopes to begin the 911 number inventory next week.

TOWN SIGN

The vegetation has been removed and the ground has been raked. The board thanked Jim Stimpson who has worked hard to get the area ready for the sign.

HALLOWEEN HOURS

The board confirmed that Halloween trick or treat hours will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on October 31st. There will also be a Trunk or Treat and a dance at the school. Bill Levine said the Fire Department will be out.

DELINQUENT DOG UPDATE

All known dogs are licensed for 2025. The vets are very good at sending rabies certificates to keep the town informed.

APPROPRIATION REQUEST

The town office did not receive last year's Green Up Day appropriation request and it did not appear on last year's warrant. The Green Up Day office indicated that they submitted a request to the old town office address and because of this error it was never recognized. They have submitted a new 2026 appropriation request.

MOTION by Mike Denault to override the Social Service Appropriation Policy due to the error and accept their 2026 appropriation request. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Nancy Bushika stated that the tax bills were mailed out in August and are due on November 20, 2025. She encouraged everyone to send in their payments early since there has been so much trouble with the mail delivery, and to spread the word to out-of-town friends and families to also mail their payments in early.

ASSESSOR CLERK

No applications have been received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Nancy Bushika to find that premature general public knowledge of a pending or probable civil litigation would place the town at a substantial disadvantage. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

MOTION by Nancy Bushika to enter executive session for a pending or probable civil litigation pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(F). SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The Select Board entered executive session at 6:17 p.m. Lori Shepard was invited to participate.

MOTION by Kurt Gamari to exit executive session. SECONDED by Mike Denault. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The board exited executive session at 6:39 p.m.

No action was taken.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting ended at 6:40 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 contact the town office or a member of the Select Board.
3. Anyone interested in serving as a lister should submit a letter of interest to the Select Board.
4. Anyone interested in serving as Assessor Clerk should submit a letter of interest to the Select Board.
5. 911 House numbers must be affixed to your home or the entrance of your driveway to be compliant with state law.
6. 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.