## TOWN OF STAMFORD SELECTBOARD MEETING December 29, 2022 (UNAPPROVED)

Present: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Chair, Michael G. Denault, and Pamela Tworig. Carol A. Fachini and Daniel J. Potvin were not present.

Visitors: David R. Tatro, Road Commissioner. Lori Shepard, Selectboard Secretary.

Nancy Bushika called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone.

The board reviewed the highway income and expense budget figures with Dave Tatro's assistance.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION by Nancy Bushika to enter executive session to discuss employee salaries pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3). SECONDED by Mike Denault. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The Selectboard entered executive session at 6:45 p.m.

MOTION by Mike Denault to exit executive session. SECONDED by Pam Tworig. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The board exited executive session at 7:10 p.m. The new salaries will be given to the Treasurer.

## SELECTBOARD ORDERS

The Selectboard reviewed and approved the following orders:

WARRANT #51 \$10,152.14 payroll WARRANT #52 \$32,327.42 accounts payable

The board reviewed the income and expense budget figures. They discussed a warrant article to see if the town would like to pay for additional sheriff hours and whether to remove the elected auditor position since it has been vacant for many years. The Selectboard will request a quote from Carl Newsome to make the mail slot more secure. The board also discussed the elected lister position and would like to create a job description for the position.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by Pam Tworig. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Nancy L. Bushika Clerk pro tem

## 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 19, 2023. These petitions must be signed by 5% of the registered voters or at least 37 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 30, 2023 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)* Town Clerk – 3 year term *(Lori A. Shepard)* Treasurer – 3 year term *(Lori A. Shepard)* Selectboard member - 2 year term *(Nancy L. Bushika)* Selectboard member – 3 year term *(Carol A. Fachini)* Selectboard member – 1 year remaining on a 3 year term *(Daniel J. Potvin)* School Director - 2 year term *(Erika Bailey)* School Director - 3 year term *(Danielle Smith)* Auditor - 1 year term *(vacancy)* Auditor - 2 year term *(vacancy)* Collector of Delinquent Taxes - 1 year term *(Sally A. Bohl)* Cemetery Commissioner - 3 year term *(Sally A. Bohl)* Library Trustee - 5 year term *(Linda Rodovick)* 

Town meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. with the school portion first, followed by the town.

Voting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 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, March 6, 2023. 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.