

**TOWN OF STAMFORD**  
**EMERGENCY SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**December 31, 2024**  
**(UNAPPROVED)**  
1:00 p.m.

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

Kurt Gamari was not present.

Visitors: Lori Shepard, Select Board Secretary.

Nancy Bushika opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The Select Board was informed by VLCT that their motion to obligate ARPA funds is not sufficient without a signed contract. VLCT advised that the town could obligate the 20% match the town will need for the East Road paving project and it could use ARPA funds to reimburse costs that have already been incurred.

MOTION by John Dunn to obligate ARPA funds in the amount of \$32,000.00 to be used as the required 20% local match for the executed resurfacing grant agreement with the State of Vermont, namely the Town Highway Class 2 Roadway Program (FY25) Grant. SECONDED by Doug Wright. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

MOTION by John Dunn to expend ARPA funds in an amount up to \$43,728.15 for the purpose of municipal operating expenses in FY24 as outlined below:

Auditor \$26,000.00

County Tax \$9,944.36

Highway VMERS \$7,783.79

SECONDED by Doug Wright. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by Doug Wright. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting ended at 1:06 p.m.

Nancy L. Bushika  
Clerk pro tempore

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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](http://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 part-time Assistant Assessor Clerk position should submit a letter of interest to the Select Board.
3. Anyone interested in applying for the transfer station substitute position should submit a letter of interest to the Select Board.
4. 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.

#### 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 16, 2025. These petitions must be signed by 5% of the registered voters or at least 38 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 27, 2025 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 (*Paul Dupuis*)
- School Moderator - 1 year term (*Paul Dupuis*)
- Select Board member - 2 year term (*Nancy Bushika*)
- Select Board member - 3 year term (*Michael Denault*)
- School Director - 2 year term (*Erika Bailey*)
- School Director - 3 year term (*Gary Bellows*)
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes - 1 year term (*Sally A. Bohl*)
- Cemetery Commissioner - 3 year term (*Sheila G. Lawrence*)
- Library Trustee - 2 year term (*Danielle Smith*)

Town meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. with the school portion first, followed by the town.

Voting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 7:00 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 3, 2025. 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 Select Board.