

**TOWN OF STAMFORD**  
**SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**June 18, 2026**  
**(UNAPPROVED)**

Present: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Chair, Kurt Gamari, Jedidiah Gramlin, John Dunn, and Michael G. Denault.

Visitors: Lisa Gramlin and William Levine.  
David R. Tatro, Road Commissioner.  
Lori Shepard, Select Board Secretary.

Nancy Bushika opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, welcomed everyone, and read a statement with procedural rules. An extension of the Grand List was added to the agenda. Jed Gramlin recorded the meeting for his YouTube video.

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

None.

**MINUTES**

MOTION by John Dunn to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 4, 2026 as written. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

**SELECTBOARD ORDERS**

The Selectboard reviewed and approved the following orders:

- WARRANT #23 \$ 9,951.51 payroll
- WARRANT #24 \$25,031.47 accounts payable

**FINANCIALS**

The Selectboard reviewed and confirmed financial statements for the month of May.

**HIGHWAY UPDATE**

1. Dave Tatro advised that the paving started this week and looks good. They will come back to chip seal at a later date.
2. The highway crew will begin the roadside mowing soon. The board discussed invasive species and Kurt Gamari recommended mowing soon before the poison parsnip goes to seed, especially along Main Road where it is abundant.
3. Dave Tatro reviewed the East Road culvert bid package with the Select Board. The scope of work was prepared by the Agency of Transportation. The bid package will be sent out to five local contractors. The board was in agreement.

**RECYCLING**

No discussion.

**TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE**

The treasurer has had difficulty obtaining quotes from local banks. Adams Community Bank provided a quote of 4.25% to borrow \$300,000.00 in anticipation of taxes with a due date of November 20, 2026. They were reluctant to bid on the \$469,000.00 paving loan and have recommended that the town hire a financial consulting firm they work with who would put together a bid package. Adams Community Bank would place a bid on the paving loan through the consulting firm. It would cost the town a minimum of \$2,500.00 to hire the financial firm. The acquisition of Berkshire Bank by Beacon Bank has also made it difficult. Beacon Bank would like to offer a bid on a 5 year line of credit for \$800,000.00 which would cover both the tax

anticipation note and the paving loan, but due to vacations and tomorrow's holiday, they will not be able to provide a quote until Monday. Mike Denault felt the line of credit would be better for the town. MOTION by Mike Denault to go with the line of credit and give permission to Nancy Bushika and Lori Shepard to accept and sign the note, as long as the interest rate was not more than 5.5%. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

#### FIRE WARDEN POSITIONS

Harry Klein and Mitch Meranti would like to continue serving the town as Fire Wardens. Harry Klein has submitted a letter of interest and Mitch Meranti intended to deliver a letter but it has not yet been received. MOTION by Mike Denault to recommend Harry Klein and Mitch Meranti, contingent upon his letter of interest, to the state for reappointment as Fire Warden and Deputy Fire Warden. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

#### DELINQUENT DOG LIST

The list of unlicensed dogs was given to the Select Board. The board discussed their policy and believes it is time to turn the list over to the Dog Officer who will bring the dog owners into compliance.

#### TOWN FINANCIALS

Income and expense reports were given to the board. The treasurer is available to answer any questions.

#### 2026 GRAND LIST EXTENSION REQUEST

Nancy Bushika worked with the assessor all day but they were not able to finalize the 2026 Grand List. The assessor will need another extension to complete the grand list abstract. Lori Shepard recalled an email from the state granting the town a 30 day extension.

MOTION by Jed Gramlin to approve and sign the extension request. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

#### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Jed Gramlin would like to work with the MOOver bus to come to Stamford for our seniors. The bus only goes as far south as Readsboro. Nancy Bushika has also seen Green Mountain Express vans pick up Stamford residents for doctor's appointments. Jed Gramlin will look into both companies.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by Jed Gramlin. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting ended at 6:36 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](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 serving as Lister, Energy Coordinator, Tree Warden, or BCRC Representative to the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee, should submit a letter of interest to the Select Board.
3. The transfer station will be closed on Saturday, July 4, 2026 in observance of Independence Day. Please plan accordingly.
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.