TOWN OF STAMFORD SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING June 24, 2025 (UNAPPROVED)

6:00 p.m.

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

Visitors: Debra Burchard, Alden Finney, Peter Greenbush, David Saldo, Diane Saldo, and James Stimpson.

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.

HEARING OF VISITORS

 Deb Burchard asked if the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting was going forward tomorrow. She requested permission to consult the town attorney to protect herself. The board granted her permission to contact the Vermont League of Cities & Towns.
Peter Greenbush asked about boards accepting written complaints or having people come to meetings in person. Discussion ensued regarding protocol over complaints of recent events. Mike Denault stated that he receives many emails and phone calls from people and although he encourages them to attend a meeting or put it in writing, they often do not. If he feels it is important he will bring the matter up to the board and he doesn't look at it as a formal complaint that must be made in writing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mike Denault to find that premature general public knowledge of a personnel matter would place the town at a substantial disadvantage. SECONDED by Doug Wright. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

MOTION by Mike Denault to enter executive session for a personnel matter pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(B). SECONDED by Doug Wright. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The Select Board entered executive session at 6:10 p.m.

MOTION by Mike Denault to exit executive session. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The board exited executive session at 6:44 p.m. Action: A letter will be sent to the party involved with a reminder that any action taken or comments made as a board member, must be first sanctioned by the board, along with a strong suggestion of recusal from any type of vote regarding the Stone Lion Farm due to a conflict of interest.

MOTION by Doug Wright to adjourn. SECONDED by Mike Denault. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting ended at 6:45 p.m.

Kurt Gamari Clerk