

TOWN OF STAMFORD
SELECT BOARD MEETING
June 4, 2026
(UNAPPROVED)

Present: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Chair, Kurt Gamari, Jedidiah Gramlin, and John Dunn.
Michael G. Denault was not present.

Visitors: Robert Briggs, William Levine, Debra Righi, and James Righi.
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 for the meeting. Correspondence from the Vermont Property and Valuation Review Board (PVR) and new truck loan information were added to the agenda. Jed Gramlin recorded the meeting for his YouTube video.

HEARING OF VISITORS

1. Bob Briggs has updated the town's Local Emergency Management Plan for 2026. He added a warming station at the Stamford Library during open hours and is working to create a plan if the need arises outside of their open hours. He acknowledged that we do not have the staff to run an emergency shelter and suggested it would be better to go to Bennington or North Adams shelters if the need arises. He feels people are safer and more comfortable sheltering in place and is a firm believer of taking care of your neighbors. MOTION by John Dunn to accept the Local Emergency Management Plan. SECONDED by Jed Gramlin. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

2. The Select Board sent out 67 letters letting people know they needed to install 911 numbers on their buildings. There have been several responses.

MINUTES

1. MOTION by Jed Gramlin to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 21, 2026 as written. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

2. MOTION by John Dunn to approve the special meeting minutes of May 26, 2026 as written. SECONDED by Jed Gramlin. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

SELECTBOARD ORDERS

The Selectboard reviewed and approved the following orders:

WARRANT #21 \$ 12,257.28 payroll

WARRANT #22 \$118,548.59 accounts payable

HIGHWAY UPDATE

1. Dave Tatro is getting ready for the paving project and is working on ditches. The paving will begin June 16th or 17th and will last about 3 days. Local traffic will be able to pass through the construction.

2. John Dunn asked about the change in the town's sand and salt ratio after the roads are paved. Dave Tatro is prepared but doesn't think it will change too much.

3. Lori Shepard obtained two quotes for the new truck loan. The cab and chassis has been delivered to H.P. Fairfield for the dump body installation and hydraulics. Adams Community Bank offered a rate of 7.4% for a \$150,000.00 loan over 5 years. The dealer also offered financing at the rate of 7.59%. Dave Tatro does not feel the truck will be ready until fall and we won't need the funds until then. The board decided to hold off for now.

RECYCLING

Nancy Bushika noted that the shed is looking neat and the workers are very helpful at the transfer station.

FEMA LETTER

The Select Board received a letter from FEMA concerning the river/watershed study and risk mapping project. Kurt Gamari talked about water being a vitally important resource.

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

The treasurer hopes to have information for the next meeting.

2026 GRAND LIST EXTENSION REQUEST

Nancy Bushika advised that the assessor, due to unforeseen circumstances, was unable to finalize the grand list abstract and is requesting a 14 day extension. The due date is June 4, 2026.

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

BCA WEBINAR

Nancy Bushika stated that there is an online webinar for the Board of Civil Authority on grievance hearings on June 17, 2026 at 6 p.m. It is a good refresher if anyone would like to sign up.

PLANNING COMMISSION WALKING TOUR AND MEETING

Kurt Gamari said the walking tour and visioning meeting held by the Planning Commission went well. There were over a dozen people and they discussed the village district, history and resources of the town. The visioning meeting was to obtain public input as part of the town plan update. Kurt Gamari said at next Monday night’s Planning Commission meeting, they will be discussing the conservation of natural resources and flood mapping.

FISHING DERBY

There is a fishing derby on June 6, 2026 at 10 a.m. at the Readsboro Lions Park.

MOTION by John Dunn to adjourn. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting ended at 6:32 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 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 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.