

**TOWN OF STAMFORD
SELECTBOARD MEETING
December 2, 2021
(UNAPPROVED)**

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

Visitors: Debra Burchard, Maura Hawkins, Eleanor Derby-Kilfoyle, Karen Kuranda, Marta Miller,
Thomas Nazzewski, Tyna Senecal, Pamela Tworig, and Natalie Yorke.
William Levine, Emergency Management Director.
Lori Shepard, Selectboard Secretary.

Nancy Bushika called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, welcomed everyone, and read a statement with procedural rules for the meeting. There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

1. Eleanor Derby-Kilfoyle wanted to let the board know that the Democratic Committee will be meeting and she will post the notices of upcoming meeting and the caucus when they are scheduled.
2. Deb Burchard wanted to remind everyone to drive for the road conditions this winter.
3. Maura Hawkins is the new Location Coordinator for Wreaths Across America. She asked for permission to hold a short ceremony on the front lawn on December 18, 2021 at 12 p.m. She is also coordinating with Sally Bohl from the Cemetery Commission. They have raised enough money to provide wreaths on all the veteran's graves.

MINUTES

MOTION by Mike Denault to accept the regular meeting minutes of November 18, 2021 as written.
SECONDED by Nancy Bushika. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

SELECTBOARD ORDERS

The Selectboard reviewed and approved the following orders:
WARRANT #47 \$7,255.80 payroll
WARRANT #48 \$9,284.50 accounts payable

ROAD CONDITIONS

None.

RECYCLING

Since Christmas and New Year's both fall on a Saturday this year, Mike Lavariere and Buzz Wheeler are willing to work on the following Sunday. The Selectboard appreciated their offer. The recycling center will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sunday, December 26, 2021 and Sunday, January 2, 2022.

PURCHASING POLICIES

The Selectboard reviewed a draft policy from Nancy Bushika which pulled the applicable sections from the different model policies. She was able to widdle a seven page policy down to two pages. Pam Tworig suggested putting a spending limit in just to be on the safe side. Deb Burchard thought if the limit was a percentage of the budget it might not become outdated over time. The other town boards

such as Cemetery and Library Trustees will also be affected by this policy. The board will send a draft of the Purchasing Policy with the revisions discussed to the Cemetery and Library Trustees and will seek Dave Tatro's input.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The board received one letter of interest from Carolyn Brooks.

MOTION by Mike Denault to appoint Carolyn Brooks to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission for the remainder of Helen Fields' term ending in 2023. SECONDED by Carol Fachini. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The members from last year's committee, Zacharias Clay, Heather Tietgens, and Tyna Senecal, are all willing to serve again. The board received a letter from Pam Tworig who is also willing to serve.

MOTION by Mike Denault to appoint Zacharias Clay, Heather Tietgens, Tyna Senecal, and Pam Tworig to the Finance Committee through the 2022 budget season. SECONDED by Nancy Bushika. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for this Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 5 p.m. The fire department will direct traffic. Children will be able to ride with Santa. There will be Christmas Caroling, candy canes, cookies and hot cocoa.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

1. Bill Levine reminded residents that it is against state law to plow snow across a town or state highway.
2. The Communications Union District is moving forward with \$1.3 million out of the \$4.1 million grant for poles and fiber by late winter/early spring. They will eventually have a program to help those in need who want to have internet installed in their home but cannot afford it.

CLASS 4 ROAD AGREEMENT

Ryan Wolters purchased a home on the Class 4 section of County Road and last year he entered into an agreement with the town to plow the portion of County Road where the Class 3 section ends to his home. Dave Tatro approved the road section this past spring. The Selectboard agreed to send a letter to Mr. Wolters requesting an updated copy of the Certificate of Insurance.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by Carol Fachini. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Carol A. Fachini
Clerk

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REMINDERS

1. Anyone interested in helping Bill Levine review the contents of the Red Cross trailer or interested in forming a Citizen Response Group should contact Bill Levine directly or the town office.
2. Please visit the town's official website: townofstamfordvermont.org for town information and updates.