

TOWN OF STAMFORD
SELECTBOARD MEETING
December 3, 2020
(UNAPPROVED)

Present: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, Chair, Carol A. Fachini, Daniel J. Potvin, Christopher Warren, and Michael G. Denault.

Visitors: Robert Bence, Carolyn Brooks, Michael Brothers, Bruce Busa, Kenneth Butcher, Theresa Denault, Allen Desautels Helen Fields, Stephen Greene, Aaron Malachuk, Kimberly Roberts-Morandi, Thomas Morandi, David Orton, Heidi Peterson, Laurence Potvin, Representative Laura Sibilia, Pat Sullivan, Linda Tatro, and Howard Weiss-Tisman (from Vermont Public Radio).
William Levine, Emergency Management Director.
David R. Tatro, Road Commissioner.
Lori Shepard, Selectboard Secretary.

Nancy Bushika called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone. She read a statement with procedural rules for the meeting. Some correspondence was added to the agenda under Recycling and the order was changed to move the executive session to the end of the meeting.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Laura Sibilia called Nancy Bushika stating that she was contacted by Stamford residents who had concerns about comments at the last Selectboard meeting and about the Tree Lighting Ceremony tomorrow night. Laura Sibilia read an email she sent to the Selectboard members and a lengthy discussion ensued concerning proposed legislation, the Constitution of Vermont, the Governor's Executive Orders and other things. Nancy Bushika thanked Laura Sibilia for attending the meeting and offering assistance.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY

The Planning Commission met and voted to recommend Ryan Rush-Booth to fill the term of Zoning Administrator. He has a background in construction and IT and is looking for the opportunity to get involved with the town.

MOTION by Mike Denault to appoint Ryan Rush-Booth to fill the remainder of the three year term of Zoning Administrator. SECONDED by Chris Warren. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

SETBACKS FOR AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS

A resident asked at a previous meeting what the setback requirements are for chicken coops and buildings housing hay and wondered if the Selectboard had an answer. The Selectboard did not recall the question and suggested the resident contact the Secretary of Agriculture.

MINUTES

MOTION by Mike Denault to accept the regular meeting minutes of November 19, 2020 as written. SECONDED by Carol Fachini. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

SELECTBOARD ORDERS

The Selectboard reviewed and approved the following orders:

WARRANT #49 \$ 7,964.50 payroll

WARRANT #50 \$20,177.94 accounts payable

ROAD CONDITIONS

1. The highway crew has been using up their PTO time before the end of the year.
2. Dave Tatro has ordered numerous parts for the Zetor tractor but not all were sent. He has ordered the

additional parts and they will continue to work on the tractor over the next week or so.

3. There have been a few snowstorms and Dave Tatro feels the town is in good shape.

RECYCLING

1. The town has received the approved Recertification of the transfer station from the state.

2. Nancy Bushika said the board had agreed on the Recycling Update rules stating the town will accept refrigerators and appliances with coolant for \$35.00. She contacted Central Radio and learned that Apkins accepts these appliances for free. Dave Tatro reminded the board that the town does not have the proper storage area. The board agreed that we do not get very many per year and the town will continue to accept the appliances for the \$35.00 fee.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

A tree was donated by Robert and Debra Burchard. Aaron Malachuk will provide coffee, cocoa and donuts. Carolyn Burch will lead families with a few Christmas songs. Luke McKay will bring Santa and give wagon rides with Santa. Everything is all set for Friday, December 4, 2020 at 6 p.m.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Bill Levine said there are no emergencies. The Fire Department has been paying attention to recommended guidelines. They have been very busy this year. If there are concerns that anyone feels Bill Levine should be dealing with, he would be happy to listen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Nancy Bushika to find that premature public discussion of employee matters would place the town at a substantial disadvantage. SECONDED by Carol Fachini. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

MOTION by Nancy Bushika to enter executive session to discuss employee reviews and salaries pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3). SECONDED by Carol Fachini. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The Selectboard entered executive session at 7:10 p.m. Dave Tatro, Mike Brothers, Allen Desautels, Lori Shepard and Theresa Denault were each invited individually to participate.

MOTION by Mike Denault to exit executive session. SECONDED by Dan Potvin. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The board exited executive session at 9:25 p.m. Nancy Bushika will calculate the numbers and follow up with the town clerk next week.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by Dan Potvin. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Carol A. Fachini
Clerk

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REMINDERS

1. The town office continues to be closed in accordance with the Governor's Stay Home – Stay Safe Order to slow the spread of COVID-19, but we are open by appointment and are willing to assist our residents by email, regular mail, telephone or fax.

2. Please visit the town's official website: townofstamfordvermont.org.

3. The Wreaths Across America program will take place on December 20, 2020 at 12 p.m. We are short on wreaths compared to last year's donations. Please visit <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/142555>.