

**TOWN OF STAMFORD**  
**SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**January 8, 2026**  
**(UNAPPROVED)**  
6:00 p.m.

Present: Select Board: Nancy L. Bushika, Chair, Kurt Gamari and John Dunn.

Michael G. Denault and Douglas Wright were not present.

Visitors: Sally Bohl, Debra Burchard, Jedidiah Gramlin, Lisa Gramlin, Peter Greenbush, Marta Miller, Debra Righi, and James Righi.  
David R. Tatro, Road Commissioner.  
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. Executive sessions for personnel and contracts regarding real estate were added to the agenda. Jed Gramlin recorded the meeting for his YouTube.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. MOTION by Kurt Gamari to find that premature public discussion of a contractual matter and a personnel matter would place the town at a substantial disadvantage. SECONDED by John Dunn. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

MOTION by Kurt Gamari to enter executive session for a contractual matter pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(2) and a personnel matter pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3). SECONDED by John Dunn. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The Selectboard entered executive session at 6:02 p.m. Sally Bohl and Dave Tatro were each invited to participate individually.

MOTION by Kurt Gamari to exit executive session. SECONDED by John Dunn. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The board exited executive session at 6:30 p.m. The town will hire the attorney to follow up on the delinquent taxes. There was no action taken on the personnel matter.

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

None.

**MINUTES**

The December 4, 2025 minutes could not be approved based on those in attendance.

MOTION by John Dunn to accept the regular meeting minutes of December 18, 2025 as written.

SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

**SELECT BOARD ORDERS**

The Select Board reviewed and approved the following orders:

WARRANT #51 \$ 20,908.74 payroll  
WARRANT #52 \$ 47,101.29 accounts payable  
WARRANT #53 \$ 1,563.08 payroll  
WARRANT #54 \$700,606.54 accounts payable  
WARRANT #01 \$ 13,781.67 payroll  
WARRANT #02 \$ 28,877.02 accounts payable

**HIGHWAY UPDATE**

Dave Tatro said the highway crew has been dealing with winter conditions almost every day. He has obtained prices for the next round of paving and beginning figures to buy a new town truck.

## RECYCLING

Casella delivered a dumpster that was too big and Dave Tatro apologized if anyone had difficulty using it. Nancy Bushika acknowledged an email the Select Board received expressing the same concerns. The town has talked to Casella about bringing an appropriately sized dumpster.

## DELINQUENT TAX SALE

This matter was discussed during executive session and the town will hire the attorney to proceed.

## PLANNING COMMISSION MUNICIPAL GRANT

Nancy Bushika received an email from the Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) to sign the grant agreement.

## BCRC REGIONAL PLAN

The BCRC has invited members of the Select Board, Planning Commission and Conservation Commission to attend a meeting, either in person or by zoom, to provide comments on the revisions proposed to the Energy Chapter for the 2026 revised plan. It will take place on January 15, 2026 at 2 p.m. and can be done from home.

## 911 NUMBERING UPDATE

Bob Briggs was unable to attend but left word that he has reviewed about one-third of the town for 911 numbers and will continue working on it.

## TOWN SIGN

Nancy Bushika acknowledged that the new town sign has been installed and the board agreed it looks very nice.

## BUDGET WORK SESSION

The board began to review the budget figures for 2026.

MOTION by Kurt Gamari to adjourn. SECONDED by John Dunn. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting ended at 7:45 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 a lister should submit a letter of interest to the Select Board.
3. 911 House numbers must be affixed to your home or the entrance of your driveway to be compliant with state law.
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.

## PETITIONS FOR WARRANT ARTICLES & ELECTED POSITIONS

The deadline for filing petitions with the town clerk for warrant articles to be included in the town meeting warning is Thursday, January 15, 2026. These petitions must be signed by 5% of the registered voters or at least 38 signatures. V.S.A. 17:2642(a)

The required signatures on a petition to run for an elected office are 1% of the registered voters or at least 8 signatures. The deadline for filing these petitions with the Town Clerk is Monday, January 26, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. Nominating papers and the Consent of Candidate form may be picked up at the Town Office. V.S.A. 17:2681(a) (b).

Elected positions to be filled this year are:

Town Moderator - 1 year term (*John Paul Potvin*)  
School Moderator - 1 year term (*John Paul Potvin*)  
Town Clerk - 3 year term (*Lori A. Shepard*)  
Treasurer - 3 year term (*Lori A. Shepard*)  
Selectboard member - 2 year term (*Douglas Wright*)  
Selectboard member - 3 year term (*Kurt Gamari*)  
School Director - 2 year term (*Beth Thomas*)  
School Director - 3 year term (*Danielle Smith*)  
Lister -3 year term (*vacant*)  
Lister - 1 year remaining on a 3 year term (*vacant*)  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes - 1 year term (*Sally A. Bohl*)  
Cemetery Commissioner - 3 year term (*Luke McKay*)  
Library Trustee - 3 year term (*Cyndi Candiloro*)

Town meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. with the town portion first, followed by the school.

Voting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Stamford Community Room. Applications for addition to the checklist will be accepted at the town office up to and throughout election day.

Absentee ballots will be available until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026. Please call the town office at 694-1361.

Anyone interested in serving as an appointed board member, please review the expiring appointed positions in the town report and contact a member of that board or the Select Board.