

TOWN OF STAMFORD
SELECT BOARD MEETING
February 5, 2026
(UNAPPROVED)
6:00 p.m.

Present: Selectboard: Nancy L. Bushika, John Dunn, Michael Denault and Kurt Gamari.
Visitors: Debra Burchard, Jedidiah Gramlin, Lisa Gramlin, and James Stimpson.
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. Additional correspondence was added to the agenda. Jed Gramlin recorded the meeting for his YouTube.

HEARING OF VISITORS

None.

MINUTES

MOTION by John Dunn to accept the regular meeting minutes of January 29, 2026 and the special Board of Health meeting minutes of January 29, 2026, both as written. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

SELECT BOARD ORDERS

The Select Board reviewed and approved the following orders:

- WARRANT #5 \$14,020.08 payroll
- WARRANT #6 \$43,864.97 accounts payable

FINANCIALS

The board reviewed and approved financials for the month of January.

HIGHWAY UPDATE

1. The highway crew has been working on the plows.
2. The Ram truck was taken to Bedard Brothers for repairs.
3. The 2019 Freightliner is repaired. Dave Tatro will work on a summary of repair costs for town meeting.
4. There is a road salt shortage in New England. We have plenty of salt at this time, but if Dave Tatro has trouble making future purchases, he will have to reduce the amount of salt he uses. This could result in slippery driving conditions and the Road Commissioner wants residents to be aware and be careful.
5. Mike Denault noted that the highway crew has received some negative feedback recently. He wanted the crew to know that he and the board appreciate everything they do and how well they take care of the roads.
6. The National Forest is doing a lot of logging on their properties. The contractor working on Risky Ranch Road has talked with Dave Tatro and will be signing an agreement with the town to plow the Class 4 section of the road.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school asked the Select Board to consider adding their monthly school newsletter to the town website. The board discussed their website policy and did not feel they could add the newsletter. The

town website currently has a link to the school website. Facebook social media would probably reach more people.

2025 AUDIT

MOTION by John Dunn to accept and sign the engagement letter from the auditing firm of Sullivan, Powers & Co. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

911 NUMBERING UPDATE

Bob Briggs is working on the list.

TOWN POLICIES

Nancy Bushika stated that the Select Board reviewed and updated policies this year, such as the Conflict of Interest Policy. She feels copies of these policies should be given to the employees. The board members agreed and copies will be made.

ROAD/BRIDGE INFORMATION

1. John Dunn asked who to contact with concerns about the Main Road. Dave Tatro said he should call the Bennington Agency of Transportation office.
2. The Town of Clarksburg will be repairing two bridges this summer, the one over Hudson Brook on Middle Road and the bridge near Red Mills on River Road. This bridge work will significantly impact Stamford residents travelling to North Adams. It will have serious impacts on school bus, fire and emergency routes.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by John Dunn. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting ended at 6:27 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. 911 House numbers must be affixed to your home or the entrance of your driveway to be compliant with state law.
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.
4. Town meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. with the town portion first, followed by the school.
5. 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.
6. Absentee ballots will be available until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026. Please call the town office at 694-1361.
7. 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.