

**TOWN OF STAMFORD**  
**SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**March 30, 2026**  
**(UNAPPROVED)**

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

Visitors: Carolyn Burch, Cyndi Candiloro, Amy Johns, Janet Johns, Jean Kurpiel, William Levine, Heidi Peterson, Linda Rodovick, Tyna Senecal, Danielle Smith, and Pamela Tworig.  
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.

**USE OF LIBRARY DISCUSSION**

The Library Trustees stated that they had received an email from Superintendent Bill Bazyk informing them that the school would be using the library space for testing for a three week period. This would mean closing the town portion of the library for six afternoons from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. The library trustees responded to the Superintendent asking him to complete a space request form which is their standard procedure. They questioned why the request was being made by the Superintendent instead of the Principal or the School Board Directors. They asked why additional space was needed since the library has never been used for testing in prior years. They said there are 81 other hours that could be utilized that would not infringe on the community's library time as well as other areas within the school that could be used instead of the library. If they tested from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. instead of from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., it would not affect the community library time. They indicated that library employees depend on consistent and regular hours and the loss of income would be unfair to them.

The Superintendent said he would fill out the request form but his response alluded to the issues that happened in Readsboro and told them the library space would be used for testing as the school remains under the control of the school board and the library needed to plan accordingly.

The Library Trustees feel like they were given no opportunity to discuss the matter or negotiate, just a hard demand by the Superintendent. They fully support the education of our children, but were not given any answers as to why community time had to be used when there were many other days and times available. They came to the Select Board looking for direction.

The Select Board agreed with the sentiments of the Library Trustees. The library is recognized as an independent community library through the Vermont Department of Libraries. It is labeled a community library due to the fact that it supports and contains both children's books and adult reading. They agreed that the community use of the library space was not being recognized. The Trustees will prepare a response denying the Superintendent's request to use the library space citing many of the reasons discussed tonight.

MOTION by Nancy Bushika to send an email to the Superintendent saying that the Select board disagrees with his approach to use the library for school testing for the next three weeks; that they fully support the Library Trustees in their decision to remain open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

It was agreed to copy the School Board Directors who had not been included in any of the communications to date.

MOTION by Mike Denault to adjourn. SECONDED by Kurt Gamari. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting ended at 4:55 p.m.

Kurt Gamari  
Clerk

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