

Dummerston Community Center & Library
Special Transition Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 12th, 2026

Attendees: Thomas Nolan (Selectboard), Lester Dunklee (D.C.C.), Randy Hickin (D.C.C.), Linda DeCarlo-Burns (Library Trustees), Lyle Holiday (Library Trustees), Stacy Brees (Library Trustees), Dave Schottland (Library Trustees), Catherine O'Callahan (Friends of Lydia), Samuel Bledsoe (Friends of Lydia), Gretchen Lanterman, Russell Burns, Paul Adkins, Rick Davis, Jerelyn Wilson, Alex Wilson, Ruth Hoffman, Gail Sorenson, Stacy Kripp, Eileen Lyons, Linda Rood, Jean Newell, Roger Turner, Molly Stoner, Helen Haws

Called to order at 5:32PM

- Introduction, background of the groups process over the past few months.
- L.H. updated groups on departure of Dena Marger from library.
- J.W. talked about the brainstorming of an ad-hoc group of residents and read a “2030 Vision” statement that she and A.W. had about what the library could be like in the year 2030 as a meeting place for town residents, resilience hub, event space, etc. J.W. read the groups expanded proposal for the merger and ideas of how committees within the Dummerston Community Center & Library would cover different responsibilities.
- R. Turner discussed talk with Friends of Lydia for providing a home for View of Dummerston as the Dummerston Community Center board no longer has non-profit status.
- Discussion ensued about fundraising and applying for grants.
- P. Adkins mentioned the original goal of the Community Center to offer more educational programs (such as music lessons) than what came to fruition. Others mentioned possibilities such as Tai Chi.
- T.N. asked if 5 trustees would be able to handle the new responsibilities or if 7 would be better. G.S. and L.H. voiced a preference for 7. R. Hickin voiced support for 8 trustees and mentioned that Selectboard could appoint new trustees in interim before Town Meeting 2027.
- **At 6:26PM the Dummerston Planning Commission took over the Zoom account and the Zoom portion of the meeting ended.**
- A discussion ensued about the parameters and logistics needed for an article at Town Meeting.
- R. Hoffman suggested a brief article, with a write-up of more in-depth details to be included in the printed town report so voters could be informed prior to the vote.

- J.W. summarized what is being proposed: A name change to Dummerston Community Center & Library and direction from town to give responsibility of building to the trustees. The trustees would also be allowed to expand to 7 members. This proposal was approved by the general consensus of those in attendance, though no official vote was held.
- G.S. asked what the immediate plans are for the library. L.H. replied that it is T.B.A. and that a posting for a new librarian is to come.

Adjourned at 7:15PM