

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2025

This meeting was called to order by Todd Davidson, Chair, at 6:30 pm at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont & on Zoom.

Members present: Todd Davidson, Maria Glabach, Paul Adler, Tom Nolan, Skip Fletcher

Members present on Zoom: none

Members absent: none

Also present: Lee Chamberlin, Paul Normandeau, Jeff Marsden, Zach Grover, Kevin Morton, Sarah Parmeter, Samantha & Mike Grover, Jake Grover, Tina Rubico -BCTV.

Also Present on Zoom: Stuart Herman, Chris Brown, Jody Normandeau

Minutes:

On a motion by Paul and second from Skip the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from May 28, 2025.

Warrants:

On a motion by Tom and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve payment of warrants 25 and 25P.

Public Comments:

Stuart Herman spoke briefly regarding a possible land donation to the Town. Two brothers would like to donate, the third will not engage with the idea. This idea is suspended. Mr. Herman will contact Tom if anything changes.

Road Foreman's Report:

The following Emergency Watershed Protection Program bids for work on Jim Boyd Drive were opened:

A.S. Clark	\$425,810.00
Bazin Bros.	\$301,755.00
N.E. Excavating	\$392,901.00
Zaluzny	\$484,000.00

Todd will talk with the State and the Board will have a special meeting next week to decide the next steps in the process. Samantha Grover was concerned that the bids may be higher than what the State has allotted. Todd will coordinate with the State prior to next week's meeting. Laurie will post the bids on the Town website.

On a motion by Todd and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to sign the approved curb cut for Hickin at 2085 Black Mountain Road.

On a motion by Todd and second from Skip the Board voted 5-0 to approve and sign the Better Back Roads Grant contract with Windham Regional Commission. The Town's 20% will be done through in kind work.

The Board received and accepted Chip Hellus's resignation from the Road Crew effective 7/25/2025. Lee will advertise the vacancy in multiple spots.

The Road Crew has been working on grading and continues to work on the Grant In Aid project along Middle Road. Black Mountain Road is next. Lee is not concerned about the exposed ledge cropping on Middle Road. However, he will look into possibly jackhammering it and let the Board know about cost.

(added to agenda):

On a motion by Todd and second from Skip the Board voted 5-0 to sign the Certificate of Compliance for Roads and Bridges.

Correspondence for Information: no discussion

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

Herman proposed land donation – moved up on the agenda, see Public Comments.

New Business:

Town Appointments:

On a motion by Maria and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Deborah Miller to the Conservation Commission.

Views Deadline is 6/17 – Todd will write something up and include open committee seats, road crew opening, and budget information.

The Zoning Administrator has requested that the Board approve authorizing him to implement the following three zoning preemptions as required by State Statute until the Town Bylaw can be updated.

1. Parking space size to 9' x 18'
2. The AMP timeline now has a 120 day warning and notice requirement. All applications to the DRB must meet this 120 day requirement.
3. The number of interested parties able to file an appeal by petition is now 20 (was 10).

Todd made a motion and Paul seconded, then removed the motion and tabled until the June 25th meeting. The Board will ask Roger to clarify why the public hearing process for the Planning Commission and Selectboard is being bypassed and what is the effective date these new statutes take effect.

The State of Vermont has order a Town wide reappraisal. Todd will talk with the Listers and Treasurer, Chris Brown will check on available funds in the Reappraisal Fund.

Open EWPP bids for work on Jim Boyd Drive. (moved up on the agenda – See Road Foreman's Report).

Discuss Options for Loan or Line-Of-Credit for Initial Payment of Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) work. Todd sent out line of credit information to the Board. This was tabled and will be discussed at the special meeting on June 18th.

Authorize the Town Treasurer to seek funding for the EWPP project. Table until June 18th.

Unfinished Business: None

Future Agenda Items:

Investment of Town funds

Speed limit on Town dirt roads

Grant writing

Library/Community Center

Annual employee reviews

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Paul, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Paul Adler, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk