

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 29, 2025

This meeting was called to order by Todd Davidson, Chair, at 6:00 pm at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont & on Zoom.

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

Members present on Zoom: Paul Adler

Members absent: none

Also present: Randy Hickin, Gail Sorenson, Lyle Holiday, Lee Chamberlin, Stacey Bryck, Ruth Hoffman, Dave Schottland, Linda DeCarlo-Burns, and BCTV.

Also Present on Zoom: Laurie Frechette, Chris Brown

Minutes:

On a motion by Tom and second from Skip the Board voted 4-0 with Paul abstaining to approve the minutes from October 15, 2025 and October 22, 2025 budget meeting.

Warrants:

On a motion by Todd and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve payment of warrants 9, 9P & Cemetery Fund #1.

Public Comments: None

Road Foreman's Report:

All culverts have been checked and cleaned.

Grading and spreading gravel around rain storms.

Cleaning up downed trees.

Leaf blowing.

Lee handed out a spreadsheet regarding the Town's blasting and crushing costs.

Correspondence for Information:

A new animal control contract will be issued, due to one town pulling out. The cost is figured at \$3.50 per person, per Town. During fiscal year 2025 there were 14 calls in Dummerston.

The Board acknowledged receiving the Advance Notice regarding a Monopole (cell tower) at Sugar Mountain Holdings, LLC (formerly Maple Valley Ski Area).

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action: None

New Business:

Town fill dirt policy/fees:

There was quite a bit of discussion regarding the town fill dirt policy and fees. The Selectboard has asked the Planning Commission for clarification.

On a motion by Tom and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to remove the \$65.00 permit fee to receive fill/dirt of Town ditching. Laurie will get the Board a list of residents that have been charged a fee. She thought there was only about five. The Board will consider refunds at the next meeting.

The Board signed the reappraisal contract previously approved.

Unfinished Business:

ARPA Update: no update

Community Center and the Library Trustees (see below)

Future Agenda Items:

Investment of Town funds

Speed limit on Town dirt roads

Grant writing

Library/Community Center

Annual employee reviews

BUDGET WORK:

The Library Trustees presented the Board with their budget request of \$47,700. Librarian and Assistant Librarian hours have increased. The Board asked about statistics regarding usage, none was made available.

The discussion turned to the Community Center and Library future organizational and building management concerns. The Library Trustees have been meeting to come up with a business plan and Linda Burns stated it was not ready for the public.

Tom will be the liaison between the Community Center and Library and will contact Randy regarding anything to do with the building and when planning meetings are scheduled. Randy stated, the Community Center will reimburse the Library for cleaning expenses. The Library is to continue paying rent to the Community Center for both rooms. Any proposed changes to the Community Center and Library operations will be presented to the voters at Town Meeting in March 2026.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Todd made the motion and second from Maria, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Paul Adler, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk