

UNAPPROVED

BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES

November 19, 2025

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

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

Members present on Zoom: Tom Nolan

Members absent: none

Also present: Larry Pratt, Shawn Stone, Gail Sorenson, Ruth Hoffman, Lyle Holiday, Stacy Byrck, Linda DeCarlo-Burns, Russell Burns, Dan Riddlehoover,

Also Present on Zoom: Chris Brown, Sam Bledsoe, Lizzie Hickin

On a motion by Maria and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to authorize Todd to sign the warrants on Tuesday, November 25th.

The consensus of the Board was to cancel the 11/26/2025 meeting.

Budget Work:

Fire Department:

The Fire Department gave the Board an updated FY27 Operating Budget Proposal and Capital Plan. They were asked about the legal expense and project management support line items. Larry stated this was for a personnel issue. Their operating request remains the same at \$120,859.00. The Capital Plan was updated and the new request was for \$102,165.00. The previous request was for \$75,000.00. They were asked if any fundraising was planned to reduce this amount. They are going to check into that and what's the balance in the capital fund.

Larry stated that the new fire truck, previously approved at Town Meeting, may be delivered the second week of December. They are preparing the old truck for online sale. Some repairs will need to be done prior to sale and the Fire Department will cover those expenses. Once sold the proceeds will be deposited into the Town Capital Fund.

Library:

The Board talked with the Library Trustees regarding their budget request. The Board requested clearer statistics regarding library usages, attendees, and how many attendees are actually Dummerston residents. It was brought to the attention of the Board that the Library and the programs offered are often utilized by out of town people.

Work Sheets:

The Board decided to increase the Sheriff hours by 60 hours per year.

Town Clerk hours were increased by 810.

Treasurer hours were increased by 622.

Assistant Town Clerk hours were decreased back to the original 580.

Maria suggested that the worksheets be posted on the website.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Todd made the motion and second from Skip, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Paul Adler, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk