

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2026

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, Paul Adler, Tom Nolan

Members present on Zoom: None

Members absent: none

Also present: Gail Sorenson, Jack Manix, Roger Jasaitis-ZA, Peter Kelleher-BCTV

Also Present on Zoom: Jody Normandeau, Chris Brown, Laurie Frechette

Minutes:

On a motion by Todd and second from Tom the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from December 10, 2025.

On a motion by Todd and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 with Tom abstaining to approve the minutes from December 17, 2025, budget meeting.

Warrants:

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to ratify payment of warrants 13, 13P and approve payment of warrants 14, 14P and Conservation Commission #9 & Added to the agenda – Conservation Commission #8 and Recreation Board #3.

Warrant 14 includes ARPA payment to the Recreation Board.

Public Comments:

Jack Manix spoke with the Board regarding the budget request from Farmland Protection Committee. He was not happy that the Board was considering not funding this budget. He felt it was important for the Town to show support of protecting farmland. He hopes the Board will reconsider their decision. Tom asked what a healthy balance would be to have in the Fund. Jack would like to see \$100,000.00 in the Fund.

Jody Normandeau encouraged the Board to fund the Farmland Protection Fund.

Jody asked about the open Selectboard seats and who was running. Tom and Skip will not be running. Maria will be running. Laurie will be send out all open seats in her town wide email.

Road Foreman's Report:

The Board received a couple of emails regarding lack of road sanding being done. Lee has addressed these.

Correspondence for Information: No discussion

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

(added to agenda)

Tom gave a brief update regarding the discussions about the Community Center and Library. He stated the final meeting will be next week. Jody is concerned about the Library pushing limits

and the public not getting answers. She also asked if the Board had ever followed up on talking with Brattleboro and Putney Libraries to see if Dummerston residents could get a better rate. Todd will call and ask. Todd is proposing that two separate Committees remain, one the Library Trustees and then form a volunteer Town appointed committee to run the Community Center. Some of the Board members agreed with this approach.

New Business:

Town fill dirt policy/fees:

The Board received a letter from the Planning Commission. Roger Jasaitis handed out and read a statement to the Board. (attached)

At this point Roger felt Maria had a conflict of interest. Maria recused herself and did not participate in the discussion.

On a motion by Todd and Second from Paul the Board voted 3-0 with Skip abstaining and Maria recusing to set the permit recording fee for Fill/Dirt Policy at \$15.00.

On a motion by Maria and second from Skip the Board voted 4-0 with Todd abstaining to appoint Christine Geopp to the Development Review Board Alternate.

(added to the agenda)

On a motion by Todd and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve and sign the Agency of Transportation Mileage Certificate.

(added to the agenda)

On a motion by Todd and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve and sign the computer services contract with Vermouth Computer.

Unfinished Business: none

Future Agenda Items:

Investment of Town funds

Speed limit on Town dirt roads – Windham Regional and Sheriff's Department will attend a January meeting to discuss speeding.

Grant writing

Library/Community Center – Tom Nolan stated the group will meet again on December 29th.

Annual employee reviews

There being no other business to come before the Board, Todd made the motion and second from Skip, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm. BCTV left at this point.

The Board continued with budget discussions.

The consensus of the Board was to add the Farmland Protection Committees request of \$5,000.00 back into the budget.

The Board received a signed petition from the Putney Foodshelf requesting \$3,000.00 be added to the Town Meeting Warning as an article.

No insurance numbers have been received from VLCT and no number has been received for the County Tax. The Board has estimated a 3% increase for these numbers.

The Board will voted on the finalized budget and warning at the next meeting.

The Budget Work Session adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Paul Adler, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk