

UNAPPROVED

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

April 1, 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, Paul Adler, Terry Chapman, Alex Lockie

**Members present on Zoom:** none

**Members absent:** none

**Also present:** Gail Sorenson, Linda DeCarlo-Burns, Peter Kelleher-BCTV

**Also Present on Zoom:** Chris Brown, Harold & Jean Newell

**Minutes:**

On a motion by Paul and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from March 18, 2026.

**Warrants:**

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to approve payment of warrants 20, 20P.

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board discussed the Blasting & Ledge Crushing warrant #1. Because this is a restricted fund, the taxpayers must vote at a Town Meeting to authorize payment. Todd withdrew the motion. Warrant was tabled.

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 4-1 to ratify warrant #R20 approved by Todd to pay the interest on the EWPP Line of Credit. The Board discussed that Todd should have gotten Board approve before authorizing this payment.

**Public Comments:**

Gail Sorenson announced the following Historical Society Events:

**FACES AND PLACES  
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DUMMERSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OPENING RECEPTION: SUNDAY, APRIL 12  
1-3 P.M. Presentation at 1:30 pm by Len**

**SAVE THIS DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH - 7 PM  
DUMMERSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY MEETING**

**Program: "Why the Heck Were Doctors Always Bleeding People?:  
Medicine before the 20<sup>th</sup> Century"**

**Presenter: Julie Johnson-McGrath, PhD, aka "The Coroner Lady".**

Linda DeCarlo-Burns, Library Trustee, report the Erin Riley was the new Library Director. This is welcome week for anyone who wishes to stop by the Library. Erin is working on a youth literacy grant. The Community Center will have a Tag Sale Fundraiser on 4/18/2026 8am-3pm. The Library is collecting books for the Geranium Festival. They are also going to plan a volunteer day to clean up the kitchen. They are going to try and have a community event monthly. They would also like to thank whoever anonymously donated a new American flag.

**Road Foreman's Report:**

On a motion by Todd and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve the revised Town Road & Bridge Standards.

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to approve and sign the FY 2027 Financial Plan for VT AOT.

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to sign the curb cut permit for Irene Lotka on Hopkins Road.

The following paving bids were opened at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting:

Allstate – no total was given.

Bazin Brothers \$238,362.00

Awarding the paving bid was tabled until the Board receives a total cost from Allstate.

**Correspondence for Information:** No discussion

**Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:**

The Board received a letter of interest from Kate Jansak to fill the open Library Trustee seat.

**New Business:**

Water Testing Update:

Paul got an estimate from Lyndon Well & Drilling for \$7,888.46. This included a softener system as well as additional well pump work that needs to be done. The Board discussed splitting the costs with the Church, Grange and Fire Department. Paul will invite these groups to the 4/15 meeting.

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Kate Jansak to the open Library Trustee seat until Town Meeting in 2027.

Gravel Pit CD & Investing funds in municipal rate vehicles:

The CD that has matured is for the reclamation of the Carpenter Pit. The Town of Putney would like to move the funds to Edward Jones. Currently, the funds are in a joint account at CBNA.

Todd will set up a joint meeting with the Putney Selectboard for 4/22 at 6pm at the Dummerston Town Office. Maria asked to have Laurie pull out the inter-local agreement between the Towns.

Todd will submit an article for the Views regarding the town investment policy.

**Unfinished Business:**

Paul will check in with the VT Independent Film to see if they have reached out to the Church and Grange regarding filming in Dummerston Center.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Investment of Town funds – Review Policy

Speed limit on Town dirt roads

Grant writing

Annual employee reviews

There being no other business to come before the Board, Todd made the motion and second from Terry, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

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Approved

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Todd Davidson, Chair

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Paul Adler, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk