

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 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: Bill Holiday, Muriel Taylor, John Pinkney, Ruth Hoffman, Lee Chamberlin, Ray Enello, Mark Brown, Larry Lynch, Sam Farwell, Larry Pratt, Peter Kelleher-BCTV

Also Present on Zoom: Chris Brown, Denny & Bev Tier

Minutes:

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from April 1, 2026.

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 4-0 with Alex abstaining to approve the minutes from April 8, 2026 special meeting.

New Business (moved up on the agenda):

Water Testing Update: The Board met with Ray Enello, Mark Brown, Sam Farwell (Church); Larry Lynch (Grange) regarding the water softener system, new pressure tank and well pump. The estimate received from Lynde Well Drilling was \$7,888.46. The Church and Grange felt there was not a need for a softener or pressure tank. Both were willing to split the cost 4 ways if it was only a new well pump. Suggestion was made to have a second look at the pressure tank. Paul Adler will contact Lynde again. This will be on the next meeting agenda.

Warrants:

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve payment of warrants 21, 21P, Recreation Board #6, Conservation Commission #13.

Public Comments:

Historical Society:

Muriel Taylor, John Pinkney and Bill Holiday presented the idea of putting a historical marker at the covered bridge. The marker will be placed behind the guardrails on the west side. The marker will have a QR code for people to scan for more information. They are hoping to set it by Memorial Day.

On a motion by Maria and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to allow the Historical Society to install a historic marker on the west side of the covered bridge.

Dave Evans – DV Fiber – tabled

Road Foreman's Report:

Lee requested that the Board sign the letter of intent to participate in the 2027 Municipal Roads Grant-In-Aid program.

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to sign the letter of intent to participate in the 2027 Municipal Roads Grant-In-Aid program.

The following bids for Middle Road paving were submitted:

Allstate – \$236,198.90

Bazin Brothers \$238,362.00

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to award the paving bid to Allstate Paving for \$236,198.90.

Lee asked the Board to approve a fuel price relief for the blasting and crushing taking place in the gravel pit. Lee thought it would be about 700 yards less that Bazin Brothers would not crush due to fuel costs. The Town of Putney will also be considering this adjustment.

On a motion by Terry and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to allow up to 700 yards less for blasting and crushing due to increased diesel fuel prices.

Lee stated that the new structure on Stickney Brook Road will need to be reset due to frost getting under it. He spoke with the State and he will install a concrete end wall. He has \$12,000.00 unused funds in his budget for culverts to use for this fix.

There will be a joint Dummerston & Putney Selectboard tour of the gravel pit on May 20th.

Correspondence for Information:

Alex may attend the Selectboard training.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

(added to the agenda)

The Board received a complaint letter regarding trash at a property on Camp Arden Road. Todd will contact the Town Health Officer.

New Business:

Water Testing Update: (moved up on the agenda – see after minutes)

Larry Pratt arrived late and Paul updated him as to the discussion.

Larry mentioned that the fire truck has been listed for sale with no interest. They will reduce the price to \$20,000.00.

Appointments – none

The Board briefly discussed recording non unanimous votes in the minutes. Todd suggested that the names of who votes no should be stated in the minutes.

On a motion by Todd and second from Alex the Board voted 3-2 (Maria and Terry) to add the names of no votes in the minutes.

On a motion by Maria and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 7:17 pm.

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to approve liquor license renewals (1st class, 2nd class, 3rd class & outside consumption permit) for the Scott Farm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Unfinished Business:

VT Independent Film reached out to the Church, Grange, and Fire Department regarding filming in Dummerston Center. The Grange and Fire Department are okay with the filming. Paul is waiting to hear from the Church.

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to allow VT Independent Film to film in Dummerston Center pending approval from the Church.

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, Paul made the motion and second from Maria, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Paul Adler, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk