

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 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, Terry Chapman, Paul Adler, Alex Lockie

Members present on Zoom: none

Members absent: none

Also present: Ruth Hoffman, Laurie Frechette, Chris Brown, Linda DeCarlo-Burns, Peter Kelleher-BCTV

Also Present on Zoom: Mark Anderson-Sheriff, Dan Normandeau

Minutes:

On a motion by Paul and second from Terry the Board voted 4-0 with Alex abstaining to approve the minutes from June 24, 2026.

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from June 29 2026 Special Meeting.

Warrants:

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve payment of warrants 1, 1P, Conservation Commission #1, & Recreation Board #1 (added to agenda).

Maria asked why there are two bills from the Sheriff's department. Chris explained that one was for July and the other August. He also stated the split between animal control and sheriff's contract had been corrected.

Public Comments:

(Added to agenda and moved up from New Business)

Mark Anderson spoke with the Board regarding the Regional Policing Pilot Program. There is no penalty for not joining. However, Towns not joining will be treated as non-members and the hourly rate will increase. Mark did not state how much of an increase it would be. Joining Towns will be charge per capita. New rate has not been established. Mark estimated \$33.00 per capita. Terry figured the cost of joining for Dummerston would be estimated at \$61,000.00. Mark stated the Selectboard, as the governing body can vote to opt in or out. Towns can opt in or out at the beginning of a new fiscal year. Mark said he needed five towns and seven have opted in.

(Moved up from New Business)

Laurie and the Board spoke briefly regarding the local agreement tax on the property bills.

On a motion by Terry and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to ratify changing the Local Agreement from 0.0066 to 0.0067.

(Moved up from New Business)

The PACIF Insurance through VLCT cover all Town buildings. Therefore, the additional policy held by the former Community Center can be canceled. PACIF does off a special rider if alcohol

is served at events. Todd has not heard back from Town Attorney, Bob Fisher, regarding the Memorandum of Understanding. The Community Center has not received a signed letter from the former Community Center board transferring personal property. Linda reported that the new committee launch was successful. The new sign is in progress.

Road Foreman's Report:

DV Fiber – Hill Road – Lee met with DV Fiber and prefers that an excavator be used. Terry will ask Lee to have DV Fiber update the proposal for the Board to sign at the next meeting.

Complaint from Tony Parmenter: Lee has sent him an email to meet and go over concerns. Lee has not heard back yet.

The Board opened the following backhoe bids on June 24th:

United Construction & Forestry – John Deere Model 410P \$173,000 less trade \$28,000 =
Net \$145,000

Milton Cat – Caterpillar Model 430 \$194,000 less trade \$22,500 = Net \$171,500

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to award the bid to United Construction & Forestry for a John Deere Model 410P Backhoe at a net price of \$145,000.00. Which is \$173,000.00 less trade \$28,000.

Correspondence for Information: no discussion

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New Business:

Regional Policing Program - see Public Comments

Dummerston Center Water Update: A flow test is scheduled 7/17.

Community Center & Library Updates – see Public Comments

Investing Funds in Certificate of Deposits:

Todd suggested investing some funds:

Capital Fund \$150,000 or more, just hold out the cost of the Backhoe and a small buffer.

Structures Fund \$150,000 or more

Farmland Protection \$ 50,000 or entire balance

The 6-month CD rate is 3.15% Todd will reach out to Jack Manix regarding investing the Farmland Fund. Dan Normandeau suggested contacting Mike Pieciak at the State to see if the State has any investment suggestions. Todd will contact Community Bank and get in writing that there will be no loss of principal for early withdrawal from the CD. This will be on the next agenda.

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to sign the Errors and Omissions Certificate from the Listers.

(Added to Agenda):

Email received regarding BMH closing birthing center. Both Alex and Terry thought the Town of Brattleboro may be sending a letter to Windham and Windsor Towns seeking support. Ruth asked if Dummerston has a policy regarding offering support to any organizations. If a letter is received from Brattleboro, it will be added to an agenda.

Unfinished Business: none

Future Agenda Items:

Investment of Town funds – Review Policy

Speed limit on Town dirt roads

Grant writing

Annual employee reviews

Update Personnel Policy

Cemetery Committee Proposed Regulations

Regional Policing Pilot 7/22

There being no other business to come before the Board, Todd made the motion and second from Maria, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Paul Adler, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk