

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 30, 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: Lee Chamberlin, Gail Sorenson, Dan Normandeau, Colin Bratton, Peter Kelleher-BCTV

Also Present on Zoom: Linda DeCarlo-Burns, Chris Brown, Priscilla Adler

Minutes:

On a motion by Paul and second from Terry the Board voted 4-0 with Todd abstaining to approve the minutes from September 16, 2026.

Warrants:

On a motion by Terry and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to approve payment of warrants 7, 7P and Recreation Fund #2.

The Board briefly discussed procedures regarding approval of warrants between meetings. Terry handout an excerpt from the Selectboard Handbook. The consensus of the Board was that invoices could wait until a regular meeting. If an emergency occurred, than a special meeting could be called.

Update regarding reimbursement of water flow testing invoice – The Grange has sent \$100.00.

Public Comments:

Gail Sorenson mentioned that the Historical Society would be open the next two weeks and the 50th anniversary event is October 18th 2pm-4pm.

Colin Bratton from Windham Regional Commission and the Board discussed at length speed tables, location and regulations. They must be in areas with a speed limit less than 30 MPH, must be at least a 300 foot sight line, not on a curve, signage and pavement must be marked. Lee was not in favor of them. Estimated cost is \$4,000.00 to \$6,000.00 each, plus signs and paint. The Board is waiting on data from WRC. Also, discussed were the “Your Speed Is” flashing signs. No decisions were made.

Road Foreman’s Report:

Lee stated: The structure on Stickney Brook Road was completed. The crew has been screening sand, grading, and hauling gravel. The new backhoe approved at Town Meeting should be here in October. The Grant In Aid forms have been submitted. The new 1-Ton Dump Truck is still waiting on a body to be installed.

Correspondence for Information:

Todd asked Lee about attending the informational meeting in Putney regarding the Putney Land Road bridge project. Lee said this was interstate and he was not concerned about attending.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

(Added to agenda):

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to authorize Paul to complete the VLCT voting form for PACIF/VBERB Directors.

New Business:

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Julie Johnson to the Cemetery Committee and Marcia Daoudi to the Planning Commission. Todd will let them know. Paul will let the Cemetery Committee Chair know and Maria will let the Planning Commission Chair know.

The Community Center & Library submitted a request to sign and purchase heating oil with Roberts Oil. 1629 gallons @5.289 = \$8,615.78/717.98 per month. The Board discussed that this was not a contract to lock in a rate and the price per gallon was subject to fair market price at time of delivery. Todd and Linda DeCarlo-Burns will contact several other providers to get pricing bids. Lee suggested including the diesel fuel for the highway as well.

Linda stated they have been looking at getting three prices to replace/repair windows. Terry asked if there were any protocols in place to keep the thermostat turned down and to shut off lights.

Cemetery Committee Tree Maintenance – still waiting on pricing and a report from the Town Tree Warden.

On a motion by Paul and second from Todd the Board voted 3-1 with Terry voting no and Alex abstaining to approve the proposed cemetery regulations as amended.

The Board received a request to place a “Your speed is” machine on Beaver Pond Road. Paul has spoken with the Sheriff’s Department.

1% Local Options Tax:

Alex presented his thoughts regarding added a 1% Local Options Tax (LOT). There are three categories the Town could consider.

1. Sales – including online purchases
2. Meals/Alcohol
3. Rooms – including Airbnb’s

Other Board members have concerns and have heard from a few residents regarding the impact of adding this tax. This could only be implemented at Town Meeting or a Special Town Meeting as an article on the warning. The Board would like to hear feedback from residents.

Unfinished Business:

IRS correspondence – Chris received letters from the IRS stating they had amended form 941 (payroll withholding) and that the balance due was over \$250,000.00. UPDATE: This was an IRS error with the Town of Ludlow. Charges will be reversed.

Future Agenda Items:

Investment of Town funds – Review Policy

Speed limit on Town dirt roads

Grant writing

Annual employee reviews

Update Personnel Policy

There being no other business to come before the Board, Todd made the motion and second from Terry, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Paul Adler, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk