

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 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: Gail Sorenson, Owen Perry-BDCC, Laura Sibilila-BDCC, Van Wile-BCTV

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

Minutes:

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from September 30, 2026.

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 4-0 with Alex abstaining to approve the minutes from October 7, 2026 budget meeting.

Warrants:

On a motion by Terry and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve payment of warrants 8, 8P, Conservation Commission #4, & Capital Fund #1.

Public Comments:

Laura Sibilila and Owen Perry from BDCC/SeVEDS spoke briefly with the Board about programs they offer and this year's budget request. Gail Sorenson and Alex asked for more statistics specifically for Dummerston residents/businesses. Meg Staloff may attend a future budget meeting.

Road Foreman's Report:

Terry reported for Lee, that the roads were in good shape. The crew has been hauling gravel, finishing up road side mowing, and odds and ends.

Correspondence for Information: no discussion

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action: none

New Business:

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Green Mountain Mummers to perform on the Town Common on November 1st at noon.

Todd will talk to Lee about being appointed as the Title VI Coordinator as required by State Statute.

The Community Center has been getting estimates regarding window repair/replacement. Terry mentioned an energy audit had been done a few years ago. The audit was more concerned about the old furnace as opposed to the windows. This will be discussed at budget meeting in mid-November.

The Community Center & Library:

Linda reported that the oil tank was $\frac{3}{4}$ full. Robert's Energy will inspect the furnace. Todd will continue to look into fuel oil pricing.

1% Local Options Tax:

At the September 30th meeting, Alex presented his thoughts regarding adding 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

Alex will write a draft proposal up for the Board to consider. This would need to be approved by the voters at Town Meeting or a Special Town Meeting.

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 6:43 pm.

On a motion by Terry and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Liquor Catering request for Scott Farm on Sunday, November 8th, noon – 6 PM.

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 6:44 pm.

Unfinished Business:

Town Speeding – Data received from WRC

The problem area appears to be Slab Hollow to the School. Paul will ask the Sheriff's Department to move the "your speed is" cart from Beaver Pond Road to Schoolhouse Road.

Paul mentioned that the Board did not sign a current contract with the Sheriff's Department. He will look further into this.

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 6:55 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Paul Adler, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk