UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD BUDGET MEETING MINUTE November 18, 2026
This meeting was called to order by Paul Adler, Vice 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, Dan Normandeau, Lee Chamberlin, Mark Anderson, Larry Pratt, Liz Hicken, Parker Waite, Trevor Houle, Shawn Stone, Dan Ridlehoover, Dave Shaw, Ron Hubbard
Also Present on Zoom: Catherine O'Callahan, Chris Brown, Paul Dery, Sandra Campbell, Libby LaFland, Cami Elliott

On a motion by Paul and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Todd to sign warrants for the holiday weeks of Thanksgiving (prior to 11/25) and Christmas (prior to 12/23). Paul could be a backup for Thanksgiving week.

On a motion by Paul and second from Maria the Board voted 4-0 to authorize Laurie to complete the MVP Medical Insurance renewal paperwork.

BUDGET:
Sheriff, Mark Anderson spoke with the Board regarding contracting for services versus joining the consortium. The new hourly contract rate is $110.00.
Options: Stay at the current 29 hours per month at $110 = $38,280
Reduce hours to 20 per month at $110 = $26,400 (current budget $26,250)
Consortium rate is $32 per capita. 1864 x $32 = $59,648
The Board will discuss at a future budget meeting.

Fire Department:
The Board had a lengthy discussion with the Fire Department regarding their operating ($132,490) and capital ($60,000) budget requests. The Board had sent them several questions regarding both requests. Fire Department, Treasurer, Paul Dery gave their explanation regarding questions. He stated the numbers on their Capital Plan reflected a 3.5% increase. The Fire Department will send to the Board – revenues received and take a look at the budget requests to see if any line items could be reduced.

The Board met with Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin, and discussed the following:
Highway Fund – reviewed line by line
Structures Fund – proposed level funding at $74,000
Blasting & Crushing Fund – proposed funding at $31,500 (5% increase)
Capital Fund – updated truck replacement costs and move one truck out a year

Lee let the Board know that he will be retiring next July.

No other worksheets were discussed.

The Board will meet next week on Tuesday, November 24th at 6:00 pm instead of Wednesday.

Attending the next budget meeting on December 2nd:

Social Services Advisory Committee
Community Center/Library
Zoning Administrator – Roger Jasaitis
Recreation Board

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Terry, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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Todd Davidson, Chair

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Paul Adler, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk