

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2025

This meeting was called to order by Todd Davidson, Chair, at 6:00 pm at the Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont & on Zoom.

Members present: Todd Davidson, Maria Glabach, Alex Wilson, Paul Adler,
Tom Nolan (at 6:05)

Members present on Zoom: none

Members absent: none

Also present: Lee Chamberlin, Dan Ridlehoover, Larry Pratt, Jack Alboher-BCTV.

Also Present on Zoom: Chris Brown, Paul Dery

Minutes:

On a motion by Alex and second from Todd the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from December 23, 2024 regular meeting.

On a motion by Todd and second from Maria the Board voted 3-0 with Alex abstaining to approve the minutes from December 30, 2024 work session.

Warrants:

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve payment of warrants 14, 14P, Conservation Commission #8 & Ratify 13-R2

ARPA Funding:

On a motion by Todd and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve signing the Sheriff contract for additional hours for six months paid by ARPA funds. Paul will sign the contract.

Public Comments: None

Road Foreman's Report:

Drainage on Tucker Reed Road – tabled.

Correspondence for Information: No Discussion

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action: None

New Business:

Salmon Brook Erosion, Emergency Watershed Protection Program – no update
Still waiting on design.

On a motion by Todd and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Laurie Frechette as Interim Delinquent Tax Collector.

The Board reviewed the Views article Todd wrote and made some changes. Todd will submit it. Alex wrote up an article regarding the Fire Department Auxiliary.

The Board briefly discussed the 2024 Equalization Study Results. The State may require a town wide reappraisal when the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is above 20%. Dummerston's COD is at 20.52%. Per the Listers, the State will notify the Town this summer if a reappraisal is needed.

On a motion by Maria and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board at 6:17 pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Alex the Board voted 5-0 to approve the catering permit request from Scott Farm for 2/23/2025, 11am to 4pm.

On a motion by Maria and second from Todd the Board voted 5-0 to adjourning as the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the meeting at 6:18 pm.

Budget Worksheets Reviewed:

Lee Chamberlin spoke with the Board regarding diesel fuel costs and would like to see the budgeted number a bit higher. After discussing, the number was changed from \$42,000 to \$49,000.

The Cemetery Committee will not be requesting any funding in FY26.

The Fire Department and Todd presented the concern that the Fire Department will not have enough money to cover their capital needs. A lengthy discussion took place. Todd suggested to put \$40,000 in the general fund budget for the FD capital needs in FY26 and \$80,000 per year starting in FY27. A majority of the Board agreed. Maria felt this was too high and that the Fire Department should present their request at Town Meeting and let the voters decide.

The Board set Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6pm for a special meeting to approve the budget and Town Meeting warning. Maria will send out the completed budget and warning for everyone to review.

Unfinished Business:

There being no other business to come before the Board, Todd made the motion and second from Maria, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Alex Wilson, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk