

## UNAPPROVED

### SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2025

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, Tom Nolan, Skip Fletcher

**Members present on Zoom:** Paul Adler

**Members absent:** none

**Also present:** Lee Chamberlin, Paul Chapman, Mike Grover, Peter Kelleher -BCTV.

**Also Present on Zoom:** none

#### **Minutes:**

On a motion by Todd and second from Tom the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from June 25, 2025.

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 4-0 with Tom abstaining to approve the minutes from June 30, 2025.

#### **Warrants:**

On a motion by Tom and second from Skip the Board voted 5-0 to approve payment of warrants 1, 1P, Conservation Commission #1 & ratify 26R.

**Public Comments:** None

#### **Road Foreman's Report:**

Discuss EWPP process: Todd will set up a pre-construction meeting based on the State's availability. The Town attorney will draw up a contract. Three reimbursement payments will be made.

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to award the EWPP bid to Bazin Brothers for \$301,755.00.

On a motion by Todd and second from Tom the Board voted 5-0 to authorize Town Treasurer, Chris Brown to apply for a line of credit for the initial payment for the EWPP work.

Lee discussed with the Board the bids received for blasting and crushing in the pit. Three bids were received and Lee's recommendation was to go with Bazin Brothers. The bid for blasting and crushing was \$280,250.00 and gravel \$51,600. Both of these costs will be split with the Town of Putney. Dummerston's portion of \$140,125.00 will come out of the blasting and crushing fund and \$25,800.00 will come out of the Highway Fund. The Town of Putney is also voting on this tonight at their meeting. Lee is hoping to reduce the cost of blasting by \$20,000 because traffic control may not be needed. This is tentatively set up to start in October.

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to award the crushing and blasting bid to Bazin Brothers.

Lee has hired a new employee, Parker Waite. He will start in early August.

A section of Stickney Brook Road will be closed next week to replace a culvert. Lee is hoping this will only be closed for 3-4 days.

**Correspondence for Information:** no discussion

**Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:**

Paul Chapman spoke with the Board regarding concerns about Town mapping errors. Todd summarized that back in the 50's the Baptist church and the Town deeded land to the Fire Department. However, the deeds state that after 5 years of non-use, this should revert back. Todd will talk with the Listers and the mapping person to see how to correct. Paul is also concerned about the property lines on the Town map for the Community Center.

**New Business:**

Paul Adler will meet with the Sheriff's Department regarding suggested changes to the Dog Ordinance Fines.

The Zoning Administrator has requested that the Board approve authorizing him to implement three zoning preemptions until the Town Bylaw can be updated. It was the consensus of the Board not to authorize and let the changes work through the process with the Planning Commission, then Selectboard.

On a motion by Todd and second from Skip the Board voted 5-0 to approve signing a letter of support for Landmark USA regarding grant application for a roofing project at Naulakha.

Paul announced that the Fire Department will be having a Town yard sale on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, \$10.00 for an area. Also, the golf raffle was still going on.

Todd wrote up an article for the Views regarding the open seats on committees and boards.

**Unfinished Business:**

Paul spoke with Sheriff Mark Anderson regarding hours charged to Dummerston during the Route 5 construction. These should have been charged to the State. Mark will correct.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Investment of Town funds  
Speed limit on Town dirt roads  
Grant writing  
Library/Community Center  
Annual employee reviews

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Todd, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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Approved

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Todd Davidson, Chair

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Paul Adler, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk