

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2026

This meeting was called to order by Laurie Frechette, Town Clerk, at 6:00 pm at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont & on Zoom.

Members present: Todd Davidson, Maria Glabach, Paul Adler, Terry Chapman, Alex Lockie

Members present on Zoom: none

Members absent: none

Also present: Gail Sorenson, Lee Chamberlin, Peter Kelleher-BCTV

Also Present on Zoom: Jean & Harold Newell, Jeanine Frost, Chris Brown

Reorganize:

On a motion by Maria and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to approve the following:
Todd Davidson – Chair, Paul Adler – Vice Chair, & Maria Glabach – Clerk.

Laurie left the meeting and Todd continued as Chair. Todd welcomed the new Board members.

Rules of Procedure & Conflict of Interest Policy (moved to the end)

Minutes:

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 3-0 with Terry and Alex abstaining to approve the minutes from February 18, 2026.

Warrants:

On a motion by Maria and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to approve payment of warrants 18, 18P and Conservation Commission #12.

Public Comments:

Lead & Hazard Control - tabled

The Board met with Jeanine Frost (via Zoom) from the VT Independent Film – The Books. They have requested to film at the Town Common in Dummerston Center. They would also like to film at the Grange, Church, and Fire Station. They are hoping to film possibly June 24th or 25th, 2026. Set up would occur about 4:00 am will filming 6:00 am to 4:00 pm. They are fully insured. Traffic will need to be stopped briefly during filming. Flaggers will be present for traffic control. Paul will contact the Fire Department, Grange, and Church and send the contact information to Jeanine. This will be on a future agenda for the Board to make a decision regarding filming on the Town Common.

Road Foreman's Report:

The request for paving bids have gone out and are due back on March 18th. Paving will start in Dummerston Center, south on Middle Road as far as the bid will go. Also being done is part of Dutton Farm Road.

Lee will be meeting with Meghan from VT-AOT on March 18, 2026 at the Town Offices about 10:15 am to discuss grant funding for Leonard Road project. He will confirm this day and time. This will be warned as a Selectboard meeting in case a majority of the Board wishes to attend.

Lee stated that the Town has some salt but not a lot.

Wayne Holden will be retiring on March 20, 2026 after 25 years with the Town road crew. Wayne is due for a substantial amount of unused vacation time. Lee stated about \$7,000.00. Lee suggested this be paid in one check in April.

Part-time employee, Wes Ethier would like to go full time. He will do the computer work to receive a CDL license on his time and the driving hours will be on the Town.

Lee will review the personnel policy regarding vacation hours and make recommendations to the Board, to alleviate this much time being carried forward.

Blasting in the Gravel Pit will take place on Thursday, March 5, 2026.

Correspondence for Information:

Todd briefly reviewed items for the new Board.

Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action:

(Added to Agenda)

On a motion by Todd and second Paul the Board voted 5-0 to sign the Certification of Compliance for Town Road & Bridge Standards.

New Business:

Water Testing Update:

Paul has three companies that will give quotes for a water softening system.

The Board tabled signing the lawnmowing contract from Castine Property Services as no dollar amount was included.

The Board discussed appointing Charlotte as part-time Assistant Lister to assist the new incoming Lister and general assistance. There was concern that this is not a budgeted item. The Listers will manage the hours and will not exceed the budget.

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Charlotte as a part-time Assistant Lister and use hours already allocated.

The Board reviewed the reappointments and assigned who will contact individuals.

No appointments were made.

Discussion regarding final ARPA Accounting:

All of the funds have been allocated. The remaining money to be spent is as follows: Town Office - \$1,000.00 and Planning Commission \$1,000.00. Terry will reach out to Laurie about the Town Office and Maria will discuss with the Planning Commission.

(moved from the beginning of agenda)

On a motion by Todd and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to approve & sign the Rules of Procedure & Conflict of Interest Policy.

The Board will pull out the Town Investment Policy and will write an article in the next Views edition.

Unfinished Business:

Future Agenda Items:

Investment of Town funds – Review Policy

Speed limit on Town dirt roads – Windham Regional and Sheriff’s Department will attend a meeting to discuss speeding on 3/16/2026 at the Community Center. Todd will reach out to BCTV about attending this meeting.

Paul will reach out to Sheriff Mark Anderson to set up an Informational Meeting for area Towns regarding Bill #255 regarding proposed regional policing.

Grant writing – no discussion

Annual employee reviews – no discussion

There being no other business to come before the Board, Maria made the motion and second from Todd, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Approved

Todd Davidson, Chair

Paul Adler, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Maria Glabach, Clerk