

## UNAPPROVED

### SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 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, Paul Adler, Terry Chapman, Alex Lockie

**Members present on Zoom:** none

**Members absent:** none

**Also present:** Ruth Hoffman, Gail Sorenson, Linda DeCarlo-Burns, Dan Normandeau, Ezra Holloway-BCTV

**Also Present on Zoom:** Chris Brown

#### **Minutes:**

On a motion by Terry and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from May 13, 2026.

On a motion by Terry and second from Todd the Board voted 4-0 with Paul abstaining to approve the minutes from May 20, 2026 joint meeting the Town of Putney Selectboard.

#### **Warrants:**

On a motion by Paul and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to approve payment of warrants 24 & 24P.

#### **Public Comments:**

Gail asked about the timeline for paving Middle Road.

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

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to approve & sign updated Memorandum of Understanding regarding the joint gravel pit with the Town of Putney.

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to approve a \$2,500.00 expenditure to hire an engineer to complete the ANR Stormwater Permit for the gravel pit, to be paid after 7/1/2026. Todd will let Chris know to wait until the start of the next fiscal year to pay.

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the Dummerston Treasurer to request from Community Bank to send the bank statements for the joint reclamation fund to Dummerston Treasurer and the Putney Treasurer. If this is not possible, then Chris will send a copy to Putney.

Todd and Chris will meet with Community Bank about investing the Reclamation Fund account in a Certificate of Deposit. This will be on the next agenda.

#### **Correspondence for Information:**

Lee will contact DVFiber regarding digging in the Town right of way along Hill Road. Per Zoning Administrator, no town permits are required.

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

VT Covered Bridge Society – 1<sup>st</sup> Week of August, Statewide Covered Bridge Week Banner (cost \$80). The Board briefly discussed. No interest.

The Board received a request for a Recognition Letter regarding a resident attaining Eagle Scout. Maria felt that this is a great achievement, however, it would set a precedent for the Board to act on it. Terry agreed. Paul felt the Board should recognize community members more. Ruth Hoffman suggested the Board could request resident recognition in the Town Report. On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to include in the Town Report recognition of residents.

The Board will not Comment on Proposed Cell Tower at Sugar Mountain Holding.

Film Shoot Request Changed from June to August. Paul will reach out to the Fire Department, Grange, and Church. Laurie has already stated a conflict with primary voting.

**New Business:**

Dummerston Center Water Update:

The church does not want to move forward. Paul will invite the Church, Grange and Fire Department to the next meeting.

Library/Community Center Lease & Updates:

Todd spoke with Bob Fisher, Town Attorney, to see if a new lease is required for the newly formed Dummerston Community Center & Library. His opinion was the Memorandum of Understanding was okay.

The Board discussed the MOU and Linda will make a change to how warrants are presented to the Treasurer and Selectboard for payment. Once the Board agrees on a final draft, Todd will send it to Bob Fisher to review.

Community Center & Library – Memorandum of Understanding

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County Tax Increase over budget.

Todd will contact Nader Hashim, State Representative to discuss.

**(added to agenda):**

Miller Fund Request

On a motion by Todd and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Miller Fund request of \$600.00.

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to authorize Todd to sign the Miller Fund warrant when ready.

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Grand List Extension requested by the Listers.

On a motion by Todd and second from Terry the Board voted 3-0 with Alex and Maria abstaining to appoint Alex Lockie to the Planning Commission.

**Unfinished Business:**

Paul has received two ethics training certificates.

Linda asked about the Community Center/Library insurance. Todd will follow up.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Investment of Town funds – Review Policy

Speed limit on Town dirt roads

Grant writing

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 6:41 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