

## UNAPPROVED

### SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 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, Paul Adler, Tom Nolan, Skip Fletcher

**Members present on Zoom:** none

**Members absent:** none

**Also present:** Samantha & Mike Grover, Jake Grover (on phone), Peter Kelleher -BCTV.

**Also Present on Zoom:** Lee Chamberlin, Linda Burns, Chris Brown, Bob Thompson-EWPP

#### **Minutes:**

On a motion by Tom and second from Skip the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from June 11, 2025.

#### **Warrants:**

On a motion by Maria and second from Paul the Board voted 5-0 to approve payment of warrants 26, 26P, Recreation Fund #5 and Cemetery Fund #2 (added to agenda).

On a motion by Todd and second from Skip the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Annual Financial Management Questionnaire.

#### **Public Comments:**

Bob Thompson with the Emergency Watershed Protection Program spoke briefly with the Board and gave an update. He stated the low bid was \$302,000. If the cost of the project exceeds the value of the property, usually the project is removed from the program. He is meeting with the economist tomorrow (6/26) to discuss trying to use the fair market value instead of the Lister's appraised value.

He stated the project could be done in thirds and partial payments could be made. Samantha Grover asked if different contractors could be used based on lowest bid of the three phases of the project. Bob stated that maybe the planting stage could be removed, with approval from River Management. Jake Grover (on phone) asked if other funding could be considered if there is a difference on the property valuation. This is not possible.

Todd will pass along updates from Bob when received.

Maria asked if the interest paid on the line of credit would be reimbursed to the Town through the program. Todd stated no. Tom figured it would be less the \$100.

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

Discussion with State regarding next steps – See Public Comments

Award the EWPP bid - tabled

Discuss line of credit - tabled

Authorize Town Treasurer, Chris Brown to apply for a line of credit for the initial payment for the EWPP work. - tabled

**Correspondence for Information:**

Paul discussed the Sheriff's report and gave the following data:

July – December 2024            36.75 average hours

January – May 2025            17.55 average hours

Average hours July 2024 – May 2025    27.818 hours

Revenue from tickets \$18,021

Town receives 80%    \$14,417

Budgeted Town Cost \$20,480 less \$14,417 = \$6,063 estimated net cost to the Town

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

The Board discussed the email received regarding Route 30 parking and safety.

The consensus of the Board was not to take any action, as this was state property.

**New Business:**

Review Dog Ordinance Fines – tabled

Update from Tom regarding Community Center and Library:

Both boards met in December. Neither board wants to use the back room for the Library. Tom felt communication was better and the boards are working together on fundraising events.

Linda Burns talked about installing a public playground. But felt this could take some time to work out, as the Community Center only has three board members. The Library Trustees would like to lease the entire front room, not just half. The Library Trustees would also like to have a more collaborative relationship with the Community Center, not just a landlord/tenant relationship. Both Boards are slowing discussing. Todd feels there are too many layers.

Tabled – Todd will talk with Roger:

The Zoning Administrator has requested that the Board approve authorizing him to implement the following three zoning preemptions as required by State Statute until the Town Bylaw can be updated.

1. Parking space size to 9' x 18'
2. The AMP timeline now has a 120 day warning and notice requirement. All applications to the DRB must meet this 120 day requirement.
3. The number of interested parties able to file an appeal by petition is now 20 (was 10).

The State of Vermont has ordered a Town wide reappraisal. Todd spoke with the Listers and there is no leeway. It could take 2-3 years before a company is available to conduct a reappraisal.

On a motion by Todd and second from Tom the Board voted 5-0 to sign the State of Vermont Reappraisal Order.

On a motion by Paul and second from Skip the Board voted 5-0 to authorize Todd to sign any warrants for the end of the fiscal year.

On a motion by Todd and second from Maria the Board voted 5-0 to authorize Paul to sign the 2025-2026 Sheriff's contract. The new hourly rate is \$75.00.

The Board set Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for a special meeting to set the 2025 Municipal Tax Rate. There will also be two items for the Liquor Control Board to approve.

Skip asked what the protocol was for the Fire Department to return calls. The old brewery building on the Brattleboro/Dummerston town line had a fire. No call was made to 911. However, the property manager was trying to get in touch with the Fire Department and calls were not returned.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**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, Todd made the motion and second from Maria, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 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