

Town of Danby  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
January 09, 2025  
Town Office, Danby, VT 7:00pm  
<https://www.danbyvt.org/government-information>  
**ZOOM MEETING ID: 813 2851 1750**

Public Present – D. Stoddard, M. Bushee, D. Garceau, M. Blouin, T. Porter, R. Porter,

Virtual Present – L. Lawson, T. Katz, L. Dever, B. Richardson, A. Smith, C. Hardaway, G. Derr, M. Lees, R. Aylward, D.R. White, D. White, B. Payne, S. White, T. Parker, Andrea

- Call to order at 7:00pm
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
  - Heaton, Fuller, Haines, Bender, Abbott (late)– present
- Procedure for Remote Access and Public Comment Statement
  - Brad Bender
- Motion to set agenda
  - Strike the transfer station conversation
  - Add executive session before Treasure Report for personnel matter
  - Motion by Haines, Seconded by Fuller
    - Motion passes unanimously
- Public Comment
  - Tracy Porter
    - Incident in town
    - Fuller Sand and Gravel Nov. 15 was blasting
      - First blast made a house sway
      - 11:23am second blast was felt in the home
      - Usual disturbance from the blast
        - The blast displaced the furnace according to the company
        - Pictures knocked crooked on wall
      - Is not happy this is still happening
      - Concerned about safety and well being
      - Threatened legal action against Fuller and Bender
  - Matt Blouin
    - Transfer station discussion
    - Wondering about voting
      - Will it go to the town for a vote
    - Understanding that
      - The cost of the transfer station in the past from Mt. Tabor
      - Wondering about additional bins and cost charges
        - Would it be part of the lease agreement
      - The legal ramifications of having a transfer station in another town
        - What are the potential issues legally
        - Understanding the legal provisions
          - Insurance,
    - A lot of conversations still need to be had to get all these answers
  - Lynn Lawson
    - Wondering about her letter that was sent
    - Cannabis smell from her neighbor's operation
      - Effecting her well being
    - Really unbearable

- Is not happy about the current situation
        - It is a nuisance and unbearable
    - Has been in contact with the CBB and Brian Collamore
      - There are 2 licenses in Danby
      - Effecting property value
    - Why was there no response from the town
    - Wasn't aware when the license came up for renewal
      - Has a disability
    - Concerned that no one in the town or the state is aware of the ramifications
      - Had Communications with Bender about concerns
    - It is a major health hazard personally and for others in the state
      - Concerned about rights and clean air
    - The CCB isn't living near these conditions
      - They have no understanding of how this affects people
    - It is a serious problem that is affecting health
    - Spoke with the CCB
      - Was told she is not the only one in this situation
    - Could this go on the agenda to have a further conversation
      - Will be put on next month's agenda to have a further discussion
  - Bill Payne
    - Comment about the wording of the treasurer on the ballot
      - Appointment verses election
      - Suggestion of words for the ballot
      - The current wording can be confusing
        - Doesn't give a clear understanding of what the voters are actually voting on
      - Gave the select board a written suggestion of wording to help with clarification on the ballot
  - Dan Garceau
    - Transfer station
      - Wondering what the financial benefits would be with the relocation
    - The potential move would be based on safety benefits
      - There could be financial benefits but not sure until there is more information available
    - The decisions would include conversations around the compactors because of the cost
      - They are currently very costly
      - Filling them is not predictable
    - There is a lot that needs to be discussed still
    - There are a lot of concerns about this and time is needed to discuss
- Motion to adopt minutes of Select Board Meeting of December 12, 2024
  - Motion by Haines, seconded by Heaton
    - Motion passes unanimously
- Transfer station Relocation Action
  - Removed from agenda
- Executive Session for personnel matter
  - Motion to enter Executive session
    - Motion by Haines, seconded by Abbott
      - Motion passes unanimously
    - executive starts 7:45pm
  - Regular meeting resumed at 8:03pm
    - No action as a result of the executive session

- **Treasurer's Report - Michelle Bushee**
  - Finalize and Adopt Proposed Budget (Amount to be raised by taxes and non tax revenues)
  - Shall the voters authorize the total expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,424,579 of which \$1,153,579 shall be raised by taxes and \$289,000 by non-tax revenues for fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026
    - **Motion by Fuller Seconded by Haines**
      - Discussion
      - Most of the increase is coming from a bridge project that funds need to be set aside for
      - What costs could come from the transfer station situation
    - **Motion passes unanimously**
- **Road Commissioners Report: T. Fuller Jr.**
  - snow plowing and sanding has been the focus
  - Tractor is in Springfield at United Ag
    - Hopefully will be looked at soon
  - Grader is also getting maintenance done
  - Will need to get some more sand
    - There is money in the budget
- **Old Business**
  - none
- **New Business**
  - **Articles for Town Meeting ballot**
    - Asking about an ordinance for the use of ATVs on town highways
    - Citizens felt this should have been available for the town to vote on the ballot
    - Wondering why this wasn't brought to a meeting
      - There could have been a petition presented
      - If it were to pass, then there would be a process to establish an ordinance
    - Motion shall an article appear on the town meeting ballot authorizing the select board to craft an ordinance to allow ATV use on town highways
      - Motion by Haines, Seconded by Heaton
      - Discussion of language for the articles so they are understood
      - Do not want to create confusion for voters on what they are voting on
        - Motion carries
- **Motion to adjourn 8:22pm By Haines, Seconded by Heaton**
  - motion passes unanimously

Respectfully Submitted by:

Drea Stoddard

Minute Taker