

Town of Danby
DRAFT 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