

**Town of Danby
Select Board Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2026
Town Office, Danby, VT 6:30pm**

<https://www.danbyvt.org/government-information>

ZOOM MEETING ID: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81328511750> (Passcode: YNc5S5)

Recording accessible at www.peg.tv.com

Public Present: Gary Derr, Lynn Bondurant, Drea Stoddard, Hilda Haines, Dale Baker (Casella), Randall Dapron (Casella), Bill Payne, Matt Blouin

Virtually Present: Annette Smith, Gary Derr, Terry Parker, Sharon White, Michael, DRWhite, iPhone

Call to order at 6:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: (Haines, Fuller, Abbott, Heaton, Bender): Abbott not present

Procedure for Remote Access and Public Comment Statement not read with no objections.

Motion to Set Agenda

- ***Motion by Fuller, seconded by Haines.***
- Amend to add Gary Derr & Lynn Bondurant to discuss audio and video remote access to be discussed after Dale Baker from Casella Waste speaks.
- Remove discussion on AP warrant process.

Motion to Set Agenda with changes above.

- ***Motion by Fuller, seconded by Haines.***
- ***Motion passed unanimously***

Public Comment

- Annette Smith wanted to be able to discuss RRPC and would like to discuss extending village to where it was back in 2015 designation has benefits to homeowners. She also requested the camera be turned on.
- No additional public comment.

Motion to adopt Minutes of Select Board Meeting of January 8th, SB Budget meeting of January 19th, and SB Emergency Budget Meeting of January 23rd.

- ***Motion by Fuller, seconded by Bender.***
- ***Motion passed unanimously***

Dale Baker and Randy Dapron from Cassella Waste discussed options on waste and recycling pickups.

- Discussed options to reduce pickups, what other towns do (i.e., changing pickups in summer), and willingness to support town to show how to properly read gauge on the compactor. Changes/adjustment to pickups can be made as needed by the town.

Motion to pick up recycling once monthly and every other week for trash.

- ***Motion by Haines, seconded by Bender.***
- ***Motion passed unanimously***

Gary Derr had two requests:

- 1.) Thank you for providing remote access and would like to make standard process.
 - 2.) Make meeting available with video. Recording is not live feed and cannot see it is hard to see who is talking and who is speaking.
- Matt Blouin also commented that some people have disabilities or other factors that make attending in-person difficult. He thanked Select Board for attending meetings in person but stated that it is not viable for everybody.

Motion to appoint Roger Bromley Tree Warden

- ***Motion by Fuller, seconded by Haines.***
- ***Motion passes unanimously.***

Motion to appoint Ben Bromely, Greg Heaton, and Daniel Pierce Fence Viewers

- ***Motion by Haines, seconded by Fuller.***
- ***Motion passes unanimously.***

Motion to appoint Shelly Taylor and Dana Heleba to Planning Commission members.

- ***Motion by Haines, seconded by Fuller.***
- ***Motion passes unanimously.***

Motion to appoint Drea Stoddard as RRPC Rep

- ***Motion by Haines, seconded by Bender.***
- ***Motion passes unanimously.***

Motion to appoint Dave Powers as Alternate RRPC Rep

- ***Motion by Fuller, seconded by Haines.***
- ***Motion passes unanimously.***

Motion to appoint Quint Pearce to Transportation Council

- ***Motion by Bender, seconded by Fuller.***

- ***Motion passes unanimously.***

Motion to appoint Steve Haines as Primary and Ken Abbott as alternate

- ***Motion by Fuller, seconded by Bender.***
- ***Motion passes unanimously.***

Discuss and vote on hybrid meetings.

Motion to allow remote access to Select Board Meeting

- ***Motion by Haines, seconded by Fuller.***
- Matt Blouin stated setting up camera can be done with minimal effort and will try to set up to capture everyone without need to move it during meeting.
- Drea Stoddard confirmed she can support backup if Matt cannot attend.
- Most of Select Board is in support of adding video if it does not become a hinderance. Encourage people to attend in person when possible. If technology fails, then SB will not be able to support.
- **Motion for audio and video remote access as long as technology allows.**
- ***Motion by Fuller, seconded by Haines.***
- ***Motion passes with 3 of 4 Select Board members in support (Bender opposes)***

Review RRPC Draft Future Land Use map for changes and submittal to RRPC.

- Fuller asked if there were any letters from residents on this topic. Mellisa Reed had provided letter went to RRPC, a couple of SB members, and Town Clerk that she wanted change to her property be in Rural General vs. Rural Conservation use.
- There was much discussion on the RRPC Draft Future Land Use map along with the Land Use Review Board oversight and intent. Changes to parcels into Enterprise zones with specifics relating to the marble quarry had been discussed. Please see: <https://rrpc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=ab4f027bae194463925b209e52711b3e>

The RRPC is holding the first public hearing in the adoption process for the proposed 2026 Rutland Regional Plan. At the hearing, the RRPC will accept general and specific comments on whether the proposed Plan conforms to the state planning goals in 24 V.S.A. §4302. The hearing details and draft plan are available at: rutlandrpc.org/plan2026

Date & Time: March 17, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

Location: Rutland Regional Planning Commission's Large Conference Room, Second Floor at 16 Evelyn Street, Rutland

- Concern with a parcel of land being designated as Enterprise within the water protection area (Easy St) was a primary concern as well as impact on landowners and potential use of land based on designation.

Motion to provide letter to RRPC (by 3/17/26) from Select Board Member based on concerns with proposed map changes and concern with water supply.

- *Motion by Haines, seconded by Bender.*
- *Motion passes unanimously.*

Review of RRPC Grant Agreement for Planning Services to conduct a road erosion inventory reassessment for the Town of Danby

Motion to sign RRPC Grant Agreement for Planning Services to conduct a road erosion inventory reassessment for the Town of Danby

- *Motion by Fuller, seconded by Haines.*
- *Motion passes unanimously.*

Discuss Storm Water Municipal Roads Permit fee and report due 4/1/26.

Motion to sign, approve, and pay Storm Water Municipal Roads Permit

- *Motion by Haines, seconded by Bender.*
- *Motion passes unanimously.*

Treasurer's Report: Heaton commented on behalf of Katlyn Parker

- Working on tax credits being worked on to be applied to 2026 taxes.
- AP and day-to-day operations are going well.
- Waiting on NEMRC on more training and work town has contracted to do. Katlyn is not getting calls answered. Select Board discussed concerns regarding NEMRC and responsiveness. No further motions made.

Road Commissioner's Report: T. Fuller, Jr.

- Mud season is here and a couple of roads have sections breaking up. Not a lot can be done without digging up road and need to wait.
- Bridge 7 project the states estimate is 5.5M and now on 2028-2030 schedule (likely 2029). Right now, town is on hook for ~275K for this project and has been putting 50K annual into budget for project. By 2029 town should have enough to cover their portion of expense. Need to have Heaton sign document electronically.
- **Motion to approve and sign Fleet Permits for Bazin Brothers Trucking Inc., r. k. Miles, Hunter Excavating, Inc., Hunter Transport, Hunter Timber Harvesting, and Markowski Excavating Inc**
 - *Motion by Fuller, seconded by Haines.*
 - *Motion passes unanimously.*

Motion to sign Town Road and Bridge Standard

- *Motion by Fuller, seconded by Bender.*
- *Motion passes unanimously.*
- *Signed by all members present*

Motion to Certify Highway Mileage

- *Motion by Fuller, seconded by Haines.*
- *Motion passes unanimously.*
- *Signed by all members present*

Executive session on personnel matter 8:07PM

Motion to enter Executive Session

- *Motion by Fuller, seconded by Haines.*
- *Motion passes unanimously.*
- Return from Executive Session at 8:22PM
- No action taken.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Bill Payne is interested in Auditor and provided signed petition as his letter of interest.
- Bender stated complaints about Listers not being present in office during hours posted. Discussion concerning Listers' attendance, working process, and oversight. Only oversight capable of Select Board is control of money paid. Elected officials control what and when they do it. Not enough people are interested in running.

Motion to adjourn meeting:

- *Motion by Bender, seconded by Haines.*
- *Motion passed unanimously*
- Meeting adjourned at 8:28PM

Matthew Blouin
Meeting Facilitator