

DANBY SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

7:01 PM Call to order by Chairman Bradley Bender. Pledged to flag.

Roll call: Present Steve Haines, Kenneth Abbott, Jr., Gregory Heaton, Bradley Bender. Thomas Fuller absent.

Matt Blouin notified the Chairman at 4:10 PM that he would not be available for this meeting. Tammy Heaton took minutes of this meeting.

Audience present: Suzanne Crosby

Additions to agenda as follows:

Road Commissioner's Report needs to include sand bids and bridge agreement.

Final discussion for executive session after New Business to discuss a financial matter, the premature disclosure of which could put the town at a potential disadvantage. Treasurer does not need to attend. S. Haines made the motion to set the agenda. Seconded by G. Heaton.

No public comment.

Motion by S. Haines and Seconded by K. Abbott to adopt minutes of Select Board meeting of August 14, 2025. All in favor.

Motion by G. Heaton and seconded by S. Haines to sign No Appeal or Suit Pending Certificate for 2025 Grand List. All in favor.

No letters of interest received for Auditor position. Discussed ways to interest a candidate. G. Heaton to send Sarah Wilde an e-mail to see if she is going to perform as an Auditor. A question was presented about possible conflict of interest with Lonna Burden and Kaitlyn Parker, the current Treasurer. Kaitlyn is married to Lonna's grandson. Lonna has signed a document of non-recusal regarding audit of treasurer's accounts. No objection to Lonna's continuing as Auditor.

S. Haines made motion and seconded by K. Abbott to set date of October 28, 2025 for BRSU non-binding school closure vote. All in favor. No opposition.

Katlyn Parker gave an update on Treasurer's work. Working with NEMRC to update from January, 2025. Money from previous Treasurer has been deposited but some checks were too old to be accepted.

Discussed direct debit option. S. Haines made motion and seconded by K. Abbott to authorize Katlyn Parker to offer electronic payment option to taxpayers. All in favor.

Treasurer Parker stated that \$44,000, tax payments and compactor money has been deposited. A policy regarding the future money handling should be developed. B. Bender will check with VLCT for assistance.

Road Commissioner Fuller was not present. S. Haines, Foreman, presented information on Vermont Transportation grant. Did not see any changes except in some of the wording. There will be no grant projects this year.

Currently working on grading of West side, ditching and mowing.
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Riley Lewis does not want to run weed eater or plow snow. Have an new applicant that G. Heaton will interview.

S. Haines made motion to approve fleet permit for McElwain Contracting, LLC. Seconded by G. Heaton. All in favor. Permit signed.

Sand bids as follows:

Peckham...\$12.50 per ton

Wallingford Crushed Stone.....\$13.90 per ton

Pike.....\$9.50 per ton

S. Haines made the motion and K. Abbott seconded to purchase majority of sand from Pike. Some rock for use on gravel roads thru Wallingford Crushed Stone. All in favor.

Old Business:

G. Heaton made the motion to remove "Fall Dump Day" off the table for 2025. Seconded by Haines. All in favor.

Dog complaint on Tifft Road has been addressed by Rutland County Sheriff. Citation has been issued.

New Business:

Haines made motion to go into Executive Session at 7:45 PM. Seconded by K. Abbott. Came out of Executive Session at 8:03 PM. No decisions made.

S. Haines made motion to adjourn. Seconded by K. Abbott. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Minutes taken by Tammy Heaton.

Read and Approved
