

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 2025, 3:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Justin Campbell, Richard Baker, and Christopher Whalen; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Assistant Town Clerk Brittany Chouinard; Evan Fitzgerald and Rodrigue Spinette (FEA); Vicky Hunther and Steve Libby (Vermont Emergency Management); Greg Western (Cross Vermont Trail); Scott Ciampi (Road Crew); Amy Monahan and Deanna Martin (Budget Committee);

At 3:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Justin Campbell.

Changes or additions to the agenda: Resignation (Lister); Recommendation from School Board regarding a vacancy on School Board

Minutes: Approved the minutes of September 23 and October 28.

Public Comment:

River Study: Steve Libby explained the source of the grant and the process and purpose of the project. The project should be rapped up in mid-October 2026.

The discussion covered the scope of work and roles. There will be a public meeting to hear ideas for flood mitigation projects. That meeting will be on Tuesday, December 2. The Selectboard will meet at 4:30 for regular business, and discussion of the flood study will start at 6:00 p.m.

Cross Vermont Trail: The CVT Association would like to install a kiosk at the railroad bed parking area on Bemis Farm Rd, with information about the trail. Rich asked if there could be information about the history of the railroad. Greg indicated that there would be room. Rich moved to approve, with the understanding that CVTA will maintain it. Justin seconded – all in favor. Rich thanked Greg for his work.

Budgets: The Board reviewed the highway budget as presented. They discussed whether to increase the equipment fund budget due to the higher costs of equipment replacements. Scott and Bobbi will take another look at the equipment fund and come back to discuss this at another meeting.

Will Schwarz discussed the fire department budget. They are starting to upgrade their small tools and lights from gasoline-powered to battery powered. They are still waiting to hear whether they received an Assistance to Firefighters Grant to buy new SCBA's. He explained the need for new radios and a district-wide communications system. If Capital West receives a grant for the new system, they will take out a loan to cover the difference; the Town will be asked to agree. The Selectboard supports the idea. The Board discussed the cost of new fire trucks and decided to increase the appropriation to the equipment fund from \$20,000 to \$40,000. Rich moved to accept this budget as drafted, pending a final review in January. Justin seconded – all in favor.

Bobbi presented the budget for the town office. The Board asked her to add an better camera system for remote meetings.

Old Schoolhouse: Rich moved to approve hiring David Sladeto do an evaluation of the heating system. Chris seconded. This expense is to be paid from building fund. Rich moved to approve a proposal from Andrew Larosa for preparing some bid specifications for repairs to the building. Justin seconded – all in favor.

Susan Green submitted the Library budget with an anticipated increase of 1.95% in the appropriation. The Board expressed their thanks that the increase is so low.

FEMA work: Rich moved to authorize Tyler to advertise the bridge and culvert projects. Justin seconded – all in favor. The bids will be due Friday, December 19th. There will be a special meeting on Tuesday, December 23rd at 4:30 to hear the engineer’s recommendations and award the contracts.

Resignations: Justin moved to regretfully accept Tom Maclay’s resignation and thankfully appoint Tim Maclay as the Fire Warden.

The Board accepted the resignation of Mary Ann Klimas as a lister. Bobbi will post the vacancy,

Appointment: The Board appointed Reta Bezak to the School Board, based on the School Board’s recommendation.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and approved reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the November 12, 2025 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
