



GEORGIA VERMONT

Selectboard Regular Meeting Monday, December 08, 2025 at 6:00 PM Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Minutes

Zoom Details:

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CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM

SELECTBOARD PRESENT

Chair Kristina Senna, Vice Chair Brian Dunsmore, Carl Rosenquist

SELECTBOARD ABSENT

Kellie Bosenberg, Judith Nasca

STAFF PRESENT

Doug Bergstrom, Todd Cadieux, Kollene Caspers, Lori Hobart, Stacy Katon, Terri Sabens

PUBLIC PRESENT

Jim Daggault

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIR UPDATE

3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- Chair Senna requested T. Sabens and the E & O be moved up next on the Agenda.
Motion to move T. Sabens and the E & O up next on the Agenda.
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore
Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist

BOARD BUSINESS (Public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)

- A. Town Utility Valuation Errors/ Town Assessor Errors and Omissions (E & O) Form - Action to Approve. Town Assessor Terri Sabens will be present to explain the error in valuation and to request approval and signature on the E & O form.

- T. Sabens was present to explain the E & O to the Selectboard.
- Vermont Gas used the CLA from last year to submit their numbers, once this error was caught T. Sabens calculated the error.
- T. Sabens has a Teams meeting with Vermont Gas to talk about the E & O, options to work with the Town of Georgia for repayment or to take the total out of next year's tax bill.
- For this new E & O, the Town and School tax payment combined will be \$48,000. T. Sabens will update the Grand List and let the Selectboard know what the Town portion is and what the portion is for the school.
- L. Hobart will follow up with the State to ensure proper procedures are followed.
- L. Hobart and S. Katon will write a letter to the school to give them the E & O information.

Motion to approve the E & O report as written.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore.

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist

4. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

- A. Approval of Selectboard Special FY26 Budget Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2025

Motion to approve minutes with one change to Jim Harrison not Harrison Concrete.

Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by C. Rosenquist.

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist

- B. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for November 24, 2025

Motion to approve minutes with change to the hot box not yet purchased.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore.

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist

- C. Approval of Warrant #2544

Motion to approve Warrant #2544 in the amount of \$223,048.96

- Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by C. Rosenquist.
L. Hobart was present to answer Selectboard questions on the warrant.

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (For items not on agenda)

All participants must clearly state their names. Appropriate actions will be considered once the Selectboard has reviewed the information provided and necessary subsequent research.

- There were no comments from the public.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- There was no correspondence to the community this week.

7. BOARD BUSINESS (Public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)

- A. Town Utility Valuation Errors/ Town Assessor Errors and Omissions (E & O) Form

- See notes above (3A).

B. FY24 Audit - Action to Approve

Motion to approve the FY24 Audit as presented.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore

- L. Hobart and S. Katon answered questions on the Audit.

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist

C. Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance - Action to Approve

- S. Katon and D. Bergstrom were present to answer questions on the STR ordinance and explain the ordinance adoption process. They reported no public hearings are needed but public notice will be posted to the community. The Selectboard discussed the ordinance process.

Motion to approve the STR Licensing Ordinance with the change to update the name of our new Selectboard member.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore

- Chair Senna would like confirmation that a public hearing is not needed before the Selectboard votes on passing the new ordinance. D. Bergstrom will contact the Town attorney to ensure no public hearing is needed before ordinance adoption.

Voting Nay: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist

Motion fails.

D. FY26 Budget Presentation Public Meeting Dates and Postcard - Action to Approve

- The Selectboard will host a FY26 Town Budget Informational Public Meeting on Wednesday January 7, 6pm at the Georgia Fire & Rescue Community room.
- The Selectboard will present the budget for approval at the regular Selectboard meeting on January 12, 2026. The approved budget will be included in the Town Report, which will go to the printer on January 14, 2026.

Motion to approve the Minuteman Press estimate of \$1,601.75 for postcard notices to the public for the January 7th budget public meeting.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist

E. Planning Commission Vacancy Appointment - Action to Approve. At the November 25, 2025 the Planning Commission voted in favor of Dayle Goad joining the Planning Commission.

Motion to appoint Dayle Goad to the Planning Commission.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore

- Chair Senna stated there are few Planning Commission meetings left before Town Meeting Day, she suggested the Selectboard not fill the seat and allow D. Goad to run for Planning Commission in the next election.

Voting Nay: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist

Motion fails.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES REPORTS

A. Public Works/Grounds/Recreation

- T Cadieux reported there was no heat at the recycle building.
- Suzanna Brown's cemetery trees concerns at the last budget meeting was discussed. T. Cadieux can get this project completed for an estimated \$1,500-\$2,000 by piggybacking

on the tree-cutting project that will already be in town. The funds will come out of his budget.

- T. Cadieux asked about purchasing a lift for the garage, this was left out of the capital budget to save costs on the garage. The Selectboard and L. Hobart went through the Highway/Road's budget.
- He also inquired into the heaters for the garage, which will help heat the Town garage during the cold weather and save on gas and the boiler from running constantly, and will be an added heat source in case the boiler is out of service. The estimated cost of the heaters last year was \$28,000-\$35,000.
- The Selectboard approved T. Cadieux up to \$40,000 to purchase heat boosters for the Town garage. No motion needed as it is funds already in his budget.

B. Town Administrator

- Town Administrator Report- No questions from the Selectboard.

- S. Katon has received a check from the insurance company for the truck and another check for repairs to the firetruck.
- No hot box was purchased by T. Cadieux, research is still being done. The 11/24/2025 minutes will be changed to reflect this information.

C. Treasurer

- Budget Progress Update

- The Greenbacker money has been collected.
- A report will be given to all departments with their numbers.
- L. Hobart confirmed to T. Cadieux the plow bill was sent out to the school and has been paid.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Local Options Tax

- No updates.

B. Change in Fiscal Year

- No updates.

C. Video Surveillance Policy - Waiting for Philo to assist with the installation of surveillance software for second user, and any effects this may have on the policy revision.

- No updates.

D. Bridge #28 (Mill River Bridge)

- T. Cadieux ordered culverts for the project and they were delivered.

E. Georgia Public Library Memorandum of Understanding

- S. Katon has been working on a draft MOU.
- Vice Chair Dunsmore would like to see the MOU in place before the budget is approved.
- K. Caspers said the MOU will be on the Agenda for the next Library Board of Trustees meeting December 17th.
- Chair Senna asked S. Katon to follow up with the Library Trustees.

F. GPL Building Revitalization Committee - The next public meeting will be held on December 16th at 4pm in the Georgia Public Library Community Room.

G. Problem Parcel Update

- No updates.

10. OTHER

- D. Bergstrom inquired about the new CIS system, as NEMRC's Parcel Map has been down for over a week and interrupting work in the Zoning office.

11. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- A. FY26 Selectboard Special Budget Meeting: moved to December 15, 2025
- B. Selectboard Regular Meeting: December 22, 2025
 - There will also be a Special Meeting December 29th to approve the final warrant for the year.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed, pursuant to 1 V.S.A sec 313)

- No Executive Session was needed.

13. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm

Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by C. Rosenquist.

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, C. Rosenquist

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