



GEORGIA VERMONT

Selectboard Regular Meeting Monday, September 28, 2026 at 6:00 PM Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Minutes

Zoom Details:

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1. CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM

SELECTBOARD PRESENT

Vice Chair Brian Dunsmore, Judith Nasca, Carl Rosenquist, Tammy Hardy

SELECTBOARD ABSENT

Chair Kellie Bosenberg

STAFF PRESENT

Doug Bergstrom, Todd Cadieux, Kollene Caspers, Lori Hobart

PUBLIC PRESENT

Heather Dunsmore, Dennis Boucher, Angela Stebbins, Bob Stebbins, Keith Billado, David Tiffy

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CHAIR UPDATE

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- D. Bergstrom requested the addition of Fire Department Hire (8I)
- L. Hobart requested the addition of Warrant #2640 (5E)
- L. Hobart requested the addition of an "E & O" Errors and Omissions (8J)

5. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

- A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2026 (tabled from last meeting)

- LCATV Meeting video (minutes 9:00-15:00) reviewed. Suggested addition after line 57: *"The project budget lists \$180,000 to "Furnish/ install" the culvert. \$123,000 has been paid toward the culvert and the \$22,000 recently invoiced is within budget."*

Motion to approve minutes with changes to language on the culvert expenses for the Mill River project.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

B. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2026

Motion to approve minutes with change from "Voce" to "Vice" in line 208.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

C. Payroll Warrant

Motion to approve the payroll warrant.

Motion made by T. Hardy, Seconded by C. Rosenquist

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

D. Approval of Warrant #2639

Motion to approve Warrant #2639 in the amount of \$84,990.08.

Motion made by J. Nasca, Seconded by C. Rosenquist

- L. Hobart answered Selectboard questions on warrant expenses.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

E. Approval of Warrant #2640

Motion to approve Warrant #2640 in the amount of \$27,212.91.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by T. Hardy

- L. Hobart explained the second warrant was mainly debit card expenses including staff training, supplies and September VMERS payment.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

6. 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.

- Bob Stebbins was present, running for the House of Representatives to represent Georgia and Fairfax. He thanked Carolyn Branagan and Ashley Bartley for their service in the House and introduced himself as someone who has been in law enforcement for over 40 years and served in the Marine Corps. He lives in Georgia and wants to invest in this community.
- Keith Bilado was present, also running for House of Representatives for Georgia and Fairfax, and hopes to take the seat left by A. Bartley as she runs for Senate. He has lived in Fairfax and is a gunsmith for over 30 years, a hardworking husband and father, and is running in the hopes to lower the cost of living in Vermont.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Sheriff's Monthly Activity Report (August 2026)

- The report was reviewed, the Sheriff's office has been very responsive to requests from the Town and community concerns.

B. ElanCity Radar Speed Signs

- The Selectboard asked D. Bergstrom to investigate options for radar speed signs and bring this back to the next Selectboard meeting.

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

A. Scouts Troop 42

Motion to approve the waiver of Fire Station Community Room fees for Boy Scout Troop 42.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by T. Hardy

- The Boy Scouts will pay the deposit fee.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

B. Forest Glen Agreement update

- D. Boucher and D. Tiffany were present on behalf of the Forest Glen Homeowners Association to discuss the Stormwater System Maintenance Agreement to satisfy the Three-Acre Rule for Forest Glen, Hidden Woods and the Town of Georgia.
- The work is estimated at \$90,000, which would be split three ways, \$30,000 between Forest Glen HOA, Hidden Woods HOA, and the Town of Georgia for the 2029 budget.

Motion to approve the Agreement pending review with the Town's attorney.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by T. Hardy

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

C. VLCT Employment Resource & Benefits Trust Inc. - Action to Approve

- D. Bergstrom explained the individual running for the VERB board, Bryan Young, (Town Treasurer - Orwell, VT) also has served on the VERB Board since 2021 and is currently serving in the role of Vice President.

Motion to have Vice Chair Dunsmore sign the ballot to approve the VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits Trust, Inc. Board of Directors vote for Bryan Young.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by T. Hardy

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

D. VLCT Property & Casualty Intermunicipal Fund Inc. - Action to Approve

Motion to authorize Vice Chair Dunsmore to sign the ballot for VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc (PACIF) Board of Directors candidates Aaron Frank, Bruce Urie, Charles Safford and Erik Wells.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca

- Modification to the motion was requested. C. Rosenquist rescinded his motion.

Motion to authorize Vice Chair Dunsmore to sign the ballot for VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc (PACIF) Board of Directors candidates Bruce Urie, Charles Safford and Erik Wells.

Motion made by T. Hardy, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

E. Mill River Culvert Bond Update

- Project numbers for the Mill River culvert project totaled \$644,237.42 to date, not including the cement needed to install the guardrails.
- L. Hobart, T. Cadieux and D. Bergstrom answered Selectboard questions on the Mill River bridge project and culvert placement expenses.
- Due to the savings by having the Town highway crew doing much of the work, there is approximately \$800,000 left in Bond funds that may be used for the work on Bridge #8. Discussion ensued regarding the use of these funds with approval from the community, or if the Bond funds will be returned to the Bond Bank.
- D. Bergstrom explained that the Selectboard has a few months until an engineer estimate for Bridge #8 work is submitted in January 2027. The Bond funds will go to vote to the community in March.

- The Selectboard thanked T. Cadieux and the highway staff for the great work on the project and saving the Town money on the project.
- F. CHIP Policy - Draft Review
- D. Bergstrom answered Selectboard questions on the second CHIP Policy draft review.
 - Selectboard members went through the draft policy and discussed pros and cons of offering CHIP funding in Georgia.
 - The Selectboard requested the draft policy be reviewed by the Town's attorney. This draft policy was not provided by VLCT, but there is no model policy available for CHIP funding to date.
 - D. Bergstrom will send the draft policy to the Town attorney for review and will also wait for feedback from Chair Bosenberg. Tabled for the next regular Selectboard meeting.
- G. Facilities Use Policy - Draft with Updates
- The Selectboard reviewed the changes to the Facilities Use Policy and D. Bergstrom answered Selectboard questions on the proposed policy changes.
 - The Selectboard went through the policy line by line and discussed changes, including removing the Georgia Town Hall Conference Room availability to the public, changes to reserving the Georgia Beach Pavillion and/or the grounds, and implementing a calendar so Town staff area aware of events at rented facilities.
 - The Selectboard will continue to review the changes to the policy. Tabled for the next regular Selectboard meeting.
- H. Old Town Garage Preliminary Discussion
- As the Selectboard is moving into budget season, Vice Chair Dunsmore wanted a general discussion on the future use of the old Town garage. Possibilities include remodeling the building to outfit the food shelf and possibly the community thrift shop.
 - The new garage was built because of the deterioration of the old garage. There were questions about remodeling the building and will the costs be too high for the use of the building.
 - The Selectboard will reflect on options and revisit this at another time.
- I. Fire Department Hire
- Roy Graham III to be hired as a Cadet to the Georgia Fire Department.
- Motion to approve the hire of Cadet R. Graham III to the Georgia Fire Department.
 Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by T. Hardy
 Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy
- J. E & O
- Seized property on Sand Hill Road is currently under federal custody and is requested to be removed from the Grand List. Taxes are still owed on the property which will not be paid until the property is sold.
 - The Selectboard discussed the property staying on the Grand List as delinquent versus removing the property from the Grand List until it is sold.
 - The Selectboard tabled the E & O until the next meeting.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Georgia Public Library Revitalization Project

- The library looks updated and refreshed with new interior paint that was executed over the past two weeks. Later this week, volunteers and library staff will place castors on

the bookshelves to be able to move them during the floor waxing, which will occur in mid-to-late-October.

- D. Bergstrom is waiting for a report from the engineer to move forward with the ADA renovation project.

B. Bridge #8 (Bridge on Georgia Shore Road between The Pines and Mill River Road)

- See discussion 8E, Mill River Culvert Bond Update.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES REPORTS

A. Town Administrator

- TA report was included in the meeting packet. D. Bergstrom answered Selectboard questions on the report.
- Cameras and signs were installed at the Russel Green Natural Area. Cameras have not been installed at Silver Lake Woods until a proper spot is located or created for the cameras.
- D. Bergstrom organized the extensive work at the library including interior painting, floor waxing, IT installation and increasing the bandwidth, installing an "Owl" camera and computer video system in the community room, and will be moving conference room tables from the basement of the Town offices to outfit the library community room. Waiting for engineer plans to move forward with the ADA renovation project.
- Cell Tower questions and discussion moved to Executive Session for contracts.

B. Public Works/Highway

- The guard rail for the Mill River culvert project will be installed on Thursday, and the highway crew will remove the jersey barriers. Mill River Road will be open but down to one lane during installation.
- All paving projects for the year have been completed, and the crew is working on shouldering the roads, painting on Arrowhead Lake Road and working on the sand and salt supply for winter.
- The Town is working with NRPC to facilitate the \$24,000 paving grant; all information is due in December.
- T. Cadieux was approved for a grant to replace guardrails.
- Georgia Beach buildings will be winterized and closed by the end of the month. The docks will remain in place until November.

C. Treasurer

- L. Hobart continues to invest in weekly CDs to gather interest before paying taxes to the school.
- Together with Town Clerk Cheryl Letourneau, L. Hobart attended the Northeast Tax Collectors and Treasurers conference held in Stowe last week. The handouts and presentations were top notch, with information that inspired immediate changes including securing items in the vault and investigating "positive pay" with the banks. She will work with the Finance Committee for more checks and balances.
- Budget meetings will be starting shortly with Town departments. She will be meeting with T. Cadieux for Public Works and Highway next week, and the Georgia Public Library on October 22nd.
- The Georgia Public Library submitted receipts from 2019-2025 for purchases made with petty cash. The Town of Georgia's treasurer's office was only recently made aware

of the petty cash, which was income never reported to the Town of Georgia. Petty cash is now being tracked weekly and totals \$40-\$50 per month from copy and other miscellaneous fees.

11. OTHER

12. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

A. October 12, 2026

13. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION (pursuant to 1 V.S.A sec 313 - requires majority vote)

A. Personnel

B. Contracts

Vice Chair Dunsmore entertained a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel and Contracts which premature disclosure or discussion may be detrimental to the board in itself and/or individuals involved.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by T. Hardy

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

Vice Chair Dunsmore asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel and Contracts with D. Bergstrom under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(E) and (a)(3) of the Vermont Statutes at 8:42PM.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by T. Hardy

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

Motion to exit out of Executive Session at 9:48PM

Motion made by T. Hardy, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

No Action out of Executive Session.

14. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 9:50PM

Motion made by T. Hardy, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

TABLED ITEMS: Radar Speed Signs, CHIP Policy, Facilities Use Policy, Old Town Garage Discussion, E & O

Agendas are posted to the Town website, four designated places within the Town of Georgia (Town Clerk's Office, Georgia Public Library, Maplefields & Georgia Market), and e-mailed to the local media.

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Signed: Doug Bergstrom, Town Administrator

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