



# GEORGIA VERMONT

## Selectboard Regular Meeting Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Minutes

### Zoom Details:

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### CALL TO ORDER 6:01PM

#### SELECTBOARD PRESENT

Chair Kristina Senna, Vice Chair Brian Dunsmore, Kellie Bosenberg (via Zoom), Judith Nasca, Carl Rosenquist

#### STAFF PRESENT

Doug Bergstrom, Kollene Caspers, Lori Hobart, Stacy Katon (via Zoom), ACO Sara Currier (via Zoom), T. Cadieux (6:40pm).

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 2. CHAIR UPDATE

- Chair Senna extended kudos to the Road Crew for their attention to the roads given the recent storm. Thank you all for working hard to keep our community safe.

### 3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- Chair Senna requests the addition of two grants for the library (7G) and an Executive Session for Contracts (12B)
- L. Hobart requested the addition of the Payroll Warrant (4D)

Motion to add the above items to the Agenda.

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

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

### 4. SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS

- A. Approval of Selectboard Special Budget Informational Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2026.  
Motion to approve minutes with changes.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore.  
Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

- B. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2026.  
Motion to approve minutes as written.  
Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by J. Nasca  
Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist
- C. Approval of Selectboard Special Meeting: Approve Town Warning Minutes for January 16, 2026.  
Motion to approve minutes as written.  
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore  
Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist
- D. Approval of Warrant #2603  
Motion to approve Warrant #2603 in the amount of \$69,919.46.  
Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca  
Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

Town Treasurer L. Hobart introduced a Payroll Warrant, which was requested by the auditor.  
This will be included every meeting.

Motion to approve the Payroll Warrant.

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

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, 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.

- No public comments.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Sheriff's Monthly Activity Report (December 2025)

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

- A. Request for Selectboard Approval to Use Trail #3 for Access to Property - Sean Fitzgerald, property owner, and Peter Mazurak, engineer, will be present to request Selectboard approval for use of Legal Trail #3 to access property. See attached Site Plan.
- D. Bergstrom explained the potential subdivision and the need for access off Legal Trail #3. VTrans will not give access off of Route 7. D. Bergstrom answered Selectboard questions. This site plan will go to the DRB for subdivision review.
  - Under the ordinance the Selectboard can allow the use of the trail as a private road, which if allowed will be paved to A76 standards.
  - The Selectboard is favorable to allowing access to Trail #3 if brought up to A76 standards. It will go before the DRB upon application for review.
- B. Nuisance Dog Complaint, brought by Shannon Wright and ACO Sara Currier against Vinnie Gaudette, Jr. After Repeated Violations Issued
- Animal Control Officer (ACO) Sara Currier was present via Zoom to bring the issue to the Board. Original complainant has said V. Gaudette's two dogs run freely into

neighboring yards, this is a town issue that needs to be addressed. S. Currier has had many conversations with the owner about the issue and has given him tickets for violations of the leash law. S Currier says the owner does not care about violations or tickets issued for the dogs.

- Chair Senna asked what the ACO's course of action recommendations are for the Selectboard? S. Currier will give her notes and information to S. Katon for Selectboard review and presentation to the Town attorney for assistance.

C. Approval for Assessor to Inactivate Gardener's Supplies Business Personal Property Account  
Motion to approve the Assessor to inactivate Gardener's Supplies Business Personal Property Account.

Motion made by J. Nasca, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore

- Selectboard discussed the bankruptcy and reorganization of Gardener's Supplies.

Voting Yea: C. Rosenquist

Voting Nay: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca

D. Recreational Pool Passes - Action to Approve the purchase of St. Albans Hard'ack Pool Passes for the library and offer discount vouchers for Georgia residents to receive the St. Albans resident pricing.

Motion to approve the purchase of St. Albans Hard'ack Pool Passes for the library and offer discount vouchers for Georgia residents to receive the St. Albans resident pricing for day passes or swim lessons only.

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

- L. Hobart answered Selectboard questions on the pool passes.

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

E. Facility Use Fees Waiver Request by the Vermont Rockets for June 19-21, 2026 and July 24-26, 2026.

Motion to waive Facility Use Fees for one weekend, June 19th-21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 for the Vermont Rockets.

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

- The Selectboard discussed the waiver of fees for the Vermont Rockets. The \$100 deposit is refundable, and the \$750 resident fee/ \$1500 nonresident fee would be applicable for the weekend of July 24-26, 2026.

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

F. Request for Reimbursement of Fire Station Community Room Facility Use Fees by Jeffrey Bryant for January 10, 2026 and January 24, 2026.

- J. Bryant is a former member of the Georgia Fire Station. These are personal events. Active members of the Georgia Fire Station do not have the benefit of fee waivers in the Facilities Use policy.

Motion to deny the request to refund the Fire Station Community Room Facility Use Fees for Jeffrey Bryant on January 10, 2026 and January 24, 2026.

Motion made by Vice Chair Dunsmore, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

G. Permission for the Georgia Public Library director to apply for two grants, a courier grant in the amount of \$750 and a Summer Reading Program grant in the amount of \$350.

- Library Trustee K. Caspers was present to explain the grants to the Selectboard and answer questions.

Motion to approve application of the two grants.

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

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

**Library Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** - Georgia Public Library Board of Trustees reviewed the MOU and made two changes, the addition of "Building Maintenance" (4b) and paper products (4c) As well as asked about Town Attorney Review. GPL Trustees approved the motion to send the attached draft MOU to the Selectboard for review at the January 21, 2026 regular trustee meeting.

- The Selectboard went over the MOU draft and the library trustees' edits.
- The Selectboard clarified that the Town's attorney is looking out for the best interests of the whole Town of Georgia, including the library.
- The Selectboard changed verbiage to the #2b, c and d to include clarification that the library will submit a breakdown budget request for appropriations every year, which the Selectboard will take into consideration during creation of the yearly budget.
- The Selectboard would like the MOU to include language that the Trustees must stick close to the line items presented in the budget to the Georgia public for vote on Town Meeting Day.
- This MOU will go off to the Town attorney for review after edits are complete.

H. Policy and Ordinance Revisions from the Georgia Planning Commission:

- **Procurement Policy** – not a policy reviewed by the Planning Commission. This is a new policy to replace the Purchasing Policy, as recommended and modeled by VLCT. Procurement policies are necessary for Federal grants. The Selectboard will review this policy and bring it back to the next regular Selectboard meeting.
- Policy Review by Planning Commission:
  - **Social Media Policy**- feedback includes changing the numbering; changing every "shall" to "must" throughout the document for consistency; and eliminating examples of social media.
  - **Tobacco Free Policy**- after discussion on the current policy and proposed changes, the Selectboard requested further revisions to be visited at the next regular meeting.
  - **No Smoking Ordinance** – after discussion on the current ordinance and proposed changes, the Selectboard requested further revisions to be visited at the next regular meeting.
  - **Sidewalk Ordinance** – after discussion on the current ordinance and proposed changes, the Selectboard asked S. Katon to investigate steps to repeal the Ordinance, as it is currently not in use or being enforced.

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Video Surveillance Policy** - Updated to include Public Works Director's ability to examine all outside cameras
- The Selectboard will review the changes and bring it back to next meeting.
- B. GPL Building Revitalization Committee Update
- No updates.

C. Bridge #28 (Mill River Bridge)

- No updates.

**9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES REPORTS**

A. Public Works

- Public Works update moved up in the Agenda to 6:43pm (after Vermont Rockets request).
- T. Cadieux has noticed dead ash trees along the shore and around town. This will be a project in the Spring.
- Bridge #8 (Georgia Shore Road and Mill River Road) is still having issues with the concrete deck. The road crew is filling the potholes as they need repair. Chair Senna instructed T. Cadieux to reach out to Bridge #28 project engineer Tyler Billingsly to get information together for Bridge #8 repairs. It is possible a vote can go out to the public in August or November to approve funds for bridge repair.
- Cold temperatures led to the Georgia Public Library losing water for a few hours, as pipes froze at the shared well with the house next door. The neighbor diagnosed a frozen pipe and put a heater near the line, where water was available within the hour.
- T. Cadieux reported there is a salt shortage in the area. He has signed up with local vendor and Canadian vendor, who will be able to supply salt for the town. He will try to make the salt supply bigger next year to hold more salt for the season.
- St. Alban's Messenger reporter Aiden Schonbrun has reached out to T. Cadieux for an interview on best practices for winter-time safety in the Town of Georgia. He asked if he could go for a ride in the plow truck, and T. Cadieux is asking permission for the reporter to ride in the plow truck. S. Katon will reach out to the insurance company to see if they will allow a ride along.

B. Town Administrator

- TA report was received and reviewed by the Selectboard.

C. Treasurer

- Payroll warrant was introduced and approved in the Warrant Approval above (4D).

**10. OTHER**

**11. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

A. February 9, 2026

**12. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION (pursuant to 1 V.S.A sec 313 - requires two-thirds vote)**

A. Personnel

- The Personnel issue was resolved so there was no need for discussion in Executive Session.

B. Contracts

Chair Senna would entertain a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Contracts which premature disclosure or discussion may be detrimental to the board in itself and/or individuals involved.

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:50pm

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

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

Chair Senna would entertain a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Contracts with Zoning Administrator Doug Bergstrom under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes.

Motion to invite D. Bergstrom into Executive Session

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

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

Motion to exit from Executive Session at 8:54pm

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

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

No action taken out of Executive Session.

### 13. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:54pm

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

Voting Yea: Chair Senna, Vice Chair Dunsmore, K. Bosenberg, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist

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**Signed: Stacy Katon, Town Administrator**

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