

Special Select Board Meeting – January 28, 2026, at 8:00 AM.

Location: 212 School Street, West Burke, Vermont 05871
Recorded on Zoom.

Attendees: Joe Allard, Mark Daigle, Jerry Booth, Jim Sullivan, Cathi Feeley, Mike Harris, and David Kaufman

Guests: Christine Rice-Emmons, ED Burke Mountain Club, Burke Resident

Agenda Items: Open Special Select Board Meeting
Announce Any Additions to the Agenda
Burke Mountain Club Funding Request
Discuss the 2026 Budget
New Business/Old Business
Visitors/Public Comments on above Agenda items only
Executive Session – Personnel Matters
Adjourn

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Mark Daigle.

Mark announced one addition to the Agenda. Mark notified us that the signing of the Corporate Resolution would be added to the agenda. The signatures would take place at the end of the meeting to respect Christine Rice-Emmons time.

Mark announced the next item on the Agenda. The Burke Mountain Funding Request. Christine Rice-Emmons the Executive Director of the Burke Mountain Club was in attendance to explain the request. Christine had written a letter of request in advance to this meeting. The Burke Mountain Club is seeking \$1,500.00 to help financially support the Club on its updates and renovations. Christine also explained that there is a grant opportunity of up to \$400,000.00 that does not require a match. However, in order to qualify for the grant there must be financial support from the municipality in which the Club resides.

Joe Allard made a motion to donate \$1,500.00 to the Burke Mountain Club. Jerry Booth seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Christine also presented a letter written by Doug Clarner, the BMC Vice President. It was a request for \$500.00 to help pay for the flowers he intends to put on the triangle on RT 114 and Burke Hollow Road in East Burke Village this Spring. He would like to make some additional improvements to the "Welcome" sign as well.

Jerry Booth made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Doug Clarner to help pay for the improvements. Joe Allard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The discussions about the 2026 Town Budget began. Cathi Feeley was in attendance to explain any questions the Select Board may have. The Select Board reviewed the budget and the line items. There were a few adjustments made. Mike Harris brought back up the budget strategy using several different funds to budget capital projects and large equipment purchases. There was also discussion about the 2026 road work projects.

No Action Taken

There was no New or Old Business.

There were no Visitors or Public Comments.

Joe Allard made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters at 9:09 AM. Mark Daigle seconded the motion. All were in Favor.

At 9:30 AM Jerry Booth made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Joe Allard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Joe Allard made a motion to go back into regular session. Jerry Booth seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mark announced that there is no action taken from the Executive Session.

The Select Board then signed the Corporate Resolution as mentioned at the beginning of the meeting.

At 9:34 Jerry Booth made a motion to adjourn. Joe Allard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Sullivan, Jr.
Town Administrator

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