**Selectboard Retreat Ideas**​

Here are some DIY retreat ideas:

* **Welcome gathering** for existing board members to meet new members.
* **Tour Town Facilities** and/or the site of an upcoming road project.
* [**Selectboard Essentials**](https://www.vlct.org/events/SBEss_Hyb250322) watch party​.
* **Workshop or class** by local expert​.
* **Watch Party for Vermont Secretary of State’s** [**Open Meeting Law Training**](https://sos.vermont.gov/municipal-division/open-meetings/).
* **Strategic Planning and/or Reviewing Action Plans** (both likely to be public meetings and subject to provisions of the Open Meeting Law).
* **Follow** [**Open Meeting Law**](https://sos.vermont.gov/municipal-division/open-meetings/) **Requirements**
* “Meeting” means a gathering of a quorum of the members of a public body for the purpose of discussing the business of the public body or for the purpose of taking action. 1 V.S.A. § 310 (5)(A). A “meeting” of a public must be warned, recorded and minutes must be taken.
* “Meeting” does not mean occasions when a quorum of a public body attends social gatherings, conventions, conferences, training programs, press conferences, media events, or otherwise gathers, provided that the public body does not discuss specific business of the public body that, at the time of the exchange, the participating members expect to be business of the public body at a later time. 1 V.S.A. § 310(5)(C).
* **Pro tip:** Consider the political climate and expectations of your community when deciding whether or not to warn the meeting even if it's technically exempt from the Open Meeting Law.
* **Pro tip:** Food is always appreciated & sharing food builds community.​