

Town of Westmore
Municipal Hall
54 Hinton Hill Rd
Westmore, VT
November 18, 2025
10:37 AM

Special Select Board Working Budget Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: David Stevens, Bill Perkins, Isaiah Casey, Elaine Cashin, John Zimmer, Dan Sicard & Maree Bushey (remote)

CALL TO ORDER

- Additions to the Agenda: NONE
- Fourth Westmore 2026 Budget Session
 - The group discussed the wages and benefits worksheet for the proposed 2026 budget. There was a general discussion of highway wages/benefits and changing the Clerks workweek from 30 to 35 hours given the current workload. There will be a 13-week furlough for one employee within the Highway department this winter to conserve funds.
 - John discussed allocating \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Emergency Fund and \$50,000 from the General Fund to cover anticipated costs of repairing the floor joists in Municipal Hall. Both allocations would NOT be included in the municipal tax rate for 2026. No decision was determined
 - There were discussions around the 2026 appropriation for the Westmore Firemans Association. No decision was determined.
 - John discussed the historically high level of delinquent taxes this year, and the potential constraint on cashflows if not reduced. (Informational info only.)
 - The summary level draft budget worksheet was reviewed. Because there are six weeks remaining in the year the group decided to revisit this at the next meeting when the year-end fund balances could be better determined.
- Next Budget meeting will be arranged by John for 12/15/2025.
- Bill motioned to accept the previous Budget meeting minutes. Isaiah seconded and all approved.
- Isaiah motioned to adjourn at 11:58AM. Bill seconded and all approved.



David Stevens



Bill Perkins

Peter Hyslop



Isaiah Casey



Miriam Simonds