


Town of Westmore
Municipal Hall
54 Hinton Hill Rd
Westmore, VT
October 28, 2025
10:00 AM

Special Select Board Working Budget Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: David Stevens, Bill Perkins, Miriam Simonds, Isaiah Casey, Elaine Cashin, John Zimmer, Peggy Zimmer, Ray Pike, Jason Midthern, Meg Carter, Donna Dzugas (remote) & Maree Bushey (remote)

CALL TO ORDER

- Additions to the Agenda
 - Peggy Zimmer reviewed the RAMP committee's proposed grant application. Isaiah made a motion to accept, Miriam seconded, and all approved.
 - The new Board for the Westmore Fireman Association's provided an update on the organization's reorg and the status thereof. WFA made the request to release the 2024 appropriation of \$30k. Bill made a motion to release the \$30k before yearend, Isaiah seconded, and all approved.
- Third Westmore 2026 Budget Session
 - John confirmed the annual September COLA from BLS was 2.8%
 - The top level General Fund and Highway Operating budget totals were discussed, and John supplied detailed budget figures for both.
 - General discussion around the potential for zero-sort revenues, and the supporting logistics was discussed. No decision was determined.
 - In anticipation of reduced funding from the State for the Boat Greeter and Milfoil Prevention programs the town is considering \$24K for 2026 (up from ~\$15K in 2025).
 - General discussion around providing additional dollars to the Emergency Fund.
- Next Budget meeting will be arranged by John
- David motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:46AM, Miriam seconded and all approved.
- David motioned to go into Executive Session per VSA 3131(b) regarding personnel matters. Bill seconded and motion passed.
 - Action taken to seek counsel on personnel matters from lawyer Jim Barlow, and reconvene with the board at the next select board meeting in Executive Session
- Bill motioned to adjourn at 11:58AM. Miriam seconded and all approved.

 David Stevens

 Bill Perkins

_____ Peter Hyslop

 Isaiah Casey

_____ Miriam Simonds