

WESTFIELD SELECTBOARD HIGHWAY BUDGET MEETING

Minutes

November 21st, 2025 – 12:30 p.m.

Westfield Town Office, 38 School Street

Meeting Recordings Available to View at <https://www.youtube.com/@TownofWestfieldVT>

Town Officials Present: Jacques Couture, Selectboard Chair; Richard Degre, Selectboard; Dennis Vincent, Selectboard; LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk; Lisa Deslandes, Treasurer; Niki Dunn, Selectboard Clerk

Others Present:

1. **Call Meeting to Order – Jacques Couture, Chair:** Jacques Couture brought the meeting to order at 12:33PM.
2. **Public Comment – 5 Minutes:** None
3. **Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda:** Added 6A, Sign Cargill Contract.
4. **Discuss 2026 Highway Budget:** The Selectboard worked through the highway budget line by line. The heating and electricity will be different for next year as the heating system has changed from oil to propane. For now, these budget lines were kept at the same cost as last year as there is nothing to base new costs off yet. The money going into the grader reserve fund goes into a CD. For the current year the income received from the sale of the sander and grader tires will be added to the \$8,000 budgeted to go into the reserve fund CD, which will bring the total being put into the CD to \$12,400. The money from the sale of the oil tank will go into miscellaneous highway revenue. The grader money will go into a CD at the Community National Bank for 6 months. The budget for hired equipment is being increased by 3%. Paving was added back into the budget at a cost of \$40,000. Chloride was increased by \$2,000 to \$10,000. The Better Roads Grant has been applied for, but approval is not known until May of 2026. The proposed budget currently comes in at \$551,644, which is \$72,404 more than last year.

5. Executive Session (If needed):

Dennis Vincent motioned to enter executive session for labor relations with employees at 12:45PM, Richard Degre seconded. Motion passed.


Dennis Vincent motioned to exit executive session at 1:20PM, Richard Degre seconded. Motion passed.

Dennis Vincent motioned to increase pay for all employees by 2.8%, which is the cost-of-living adjustment for 2026, Richard Degre seconded. Motion passed.

6. Other Business:

- a. **Sign Cargill Contract:** Jacques signed the contract. It was \$107.75 per ton this year.

7. **Adjourn:** Richard Degre motioned to adjourn at 2:11pm, Dennis Vincent seconded. Motion passed.

Westfield Selectboard Approval Date: 12/15/25 with  change(s).

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Selectboard Chair

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