

## WESTFIELD SELECTBOARD MEETING

### Minutes

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 4:30 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 (Via Zoom); Richard Degre, Selectboard; LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk; Niki Dunn, Selectboard Clerk

**Others Present:** Jan Degre, Jennifer Grace (Via Zoom)

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1. **Call Meeting to Order – Jacques Couture, Chair:** Jacques Couture called the meeting to order at 4:27PM.
  2. **Public Comment – 5 Minutes:** None
  3. **Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda:** None
  4. **Discuss/Approve 2026 Highway Budget:** The actual for 2025 for the Town Garage heat changed from \$5,264 to \$4,076.80, changing the deficit from 2025 to \$67,932.02. Items discussed to cut back on were paving and chloride, however it's uncertain what the weather will be like for the coming year, and it was decided not to cut from these line items. Jacques discussed talking with Eric Kennison after the winter to see where the budget is at and if some summer work can be cut back on so there is not a deficit again next year. The final budget came to \$553,646, with \$82,400 raised by non-tax revenue and \$471,246 raised by municipal taxes. This amount includes a deficit from 2025 of \$67,932.02. Jacques Couture motioned to put the total highway budget of \$553,646, with \$82,400 raised by non-tax revenue and \$471,246 raised by municipal taxes before the voters at Town Meeting. Richard Degre seconded. Motion passed.
  5. **Discuss/Approve 2026 General Budget:** Lisa Deslandes noted some changes to the 2025 actual expense columns including heat at the Town Office and Library. She is waiting to get an answer from NEMRC regarding the carryover category. The listers budget line was discussed, but it was kept the same as they need more hours this year to do the re-appraisal. This will need to be approved at another meeting, once Lisa hears back from NEMRC.
  6. **Discuss/Approve 2026 Town Meeting Warning:** This will need to be approved at the next scheduled meeting which is set for Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM.
  7. **Executive Session (if needed):** Not needed.
  8. **Other Business:** None
  9. **Adjourn:** Richard Degre motioned to adjourn at 5:10PM, Jacques Couture seconded. Motion passed.
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Westfield Selectboard Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ change(s)

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Jacques Couture  
Selectboard Chair

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Richard Degre  
Selectboard

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Dennis Vincent  
Selectboard