

**TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
WEST WINDSOR, VERMONT  
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025  
9:00 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Moderator Matthew Birmingham.

The Moderator gave a short overview of the rules of the meeting. He also mentioned that the Town Report was dedicated to Win Johnson this year. A hearty round of applause was given to Win with thanks and gratitude for his past and ongoing years of community service to the Town.

**ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the Town for the ensuing year.**

Matt Birmingham was nominated. Seconded. There were no other nominations. All were in favor. Matt Birmingham was elected Town Moderator for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 2: To act on the reports of the Town for the year ending December 31, 2024.**

Motioned and seconded. All were in favor and all reports were adopted.

**ARTICLE 3: To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year:**

**Selectboard, 3 years** - Mark Higgins was nominated. Seconded. There were no other nominations. All were in favor. Mark Higgins was elected to the Selectboard for a three-year term.

**Auditor, 3 years** - Barbara Gerstner was nominated. Seconded. There were no other nominations. All were in favor. Barbara Gerstner was elected as an Auditor for a three-year term.

**Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year** - Amy Yates was nominated. Seconded. There were no other nominations. All were in favor. Amy Yates was elected as Delinquent Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

**First Constable, 1 year** - Matt Kantola was nominated. Seconded. There were no other nominations. All were in favor. Matt Kantola was elected as First Constable for the ensuing year.

**Second Constable, 1 year** - Mark Morse was nominated. Seconded. There were no other nominations. All were in favor. Mark Morse was elected as Second Constable for the ensuing year.

**Town Agent, 1 year** - Matt Birmingham was nominated. Seconded. There were no other nominations. All were in favor. Matt Birmingham was elected as Town Agent for the ensuing year.

**Campbell Fund Trustee, 3 years** - Betty French was nominated. Seconded. There were no other nominations. All were in favor. Betty French was elected as a Campbell Fund Trustee for a three-year term.

**ARTICLE 4: Due to the change from Calendar Year to Fiscal Year and the resulting transitional 18-month budget, shall the Town vote to pay all property taxes to the Town Treasurer in two installments, the first installment of 67% thereof on or before October 31, 2025 by 4:30 p.m., with no discount for payment in advance? Payments received after 4:30 p.m. will incur penalty and interest. POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS TIMELY PAYMENT. And, the second installment of 33% thereof on or before April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with no discount for payment in advance? Payments received after 4:30 p.m. will incur interest only. POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS TIMELY PAYMENT.**

Motioned and seconded. Discussion followed with which Selectboard Chair Mark Higgins explained the 18-month budget and process. Majority voted in favor, one nay was heard, and the motion passed.

**ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to repeal the Ordinance to Regulate the Operation of Short-Term Rentals?**

Motioned and seconded. Matt Birmingham spoke right away about the vote and that it would be a paper ballot cast, not a voice vote from the floor. Discussion followed with Mark Higgins who spoke briefly about the Ordinance and why the Town supports it. Anne Yates spoke about the petition and why she spearheaded the repeal of the Ordinance.

Matt Birmingham made it clear that if you voted yes, you were voting for the repeal of the Ordinance, and if you voted no, the Ordinance would stay in effect.

There were 120 people in the hall. The vote was: 99 No, 15 Yes, for a total of 114 ballots cast. The motion did not pass, and the Ordinance stayed in effect.

**Break from the Town Warning:**

Representatives Bartholomew and Burrows spoke briefly about their projects and committees at the State House, and Senators Clarkson and Major did the same.

**Back to the Town Warning:**

**ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town approve budgeted expenditures for the General, Highway, Library and Cemetery Funds for the year 2025 through June 30, 2026 totaling \$2,599,500 as shown below:**

**General, \$965,990; Highway, \$1,546,136; Library, \$79,174; and Cemetery, \$8,200; of which \$2,022,092 shall be raised by taxes (General \$651,616; Highway \$1,291,302; Library \$79,174; and Cemetery \$0) after applying \$531,708 of non-tax revenues and \$45,700 from prior year reserves/surpluses, all as shown in financial statements published in the Town Report?**

Motioned and seconded. There were no questions or discussions. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town appropriate \$98,250, to be raised by taxes, for distribution to the four West Windsor organizations in the amounts listed below?**

**W.W. Volunteer Fire Department, \$83,750; W.W. Volunteer FAST Squad, \$3,000; W.W. Historical Society, \$8,500; and W.W. Independence Day Celebration, \$3,000**

Motioned and seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town appropriate \$10,203, to be raised by taxes, for distribution to thirteen other organizations which provide important social services to Town residents in the amounts listed below?**

**Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont \$1,067; Windsor County Mentors \$1,000; Volunteers in Action \$500; VT Center for Independent Living \$140; Green Up Vermont \$100; Visiting Nurse Assoc. & Hospice of VT/NH \$2,475; SEVCA \$1,050; VT Assoc. of Conservation Districts \$100; The Moover \$125; Windsor County Youth Services \$600; Senior Solutions \$796; Reading/West Windsor Aging in Place \$2,000; and Windsor on Air \$250**

Motioned and seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**ARTICLE 9: To do any other business that can legally be done at this meeting.**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Attendance at Meeting	120
Voters on Checklist	1,104

Respectfully submitted:

Amy W. Yates  
Town Clerk  
March 7, 2025