

**Village of Woodstock
Board of Trustees Meeting
December 17th, 2025
6:30 PM
Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes**

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

Present: Chair Seton Mcilroy, Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn, Lisa Lawlor, Brenda Blakeman, Frank Horneck

Staff: Eric Duffy

Public: Nicholas Seldon

A. Call to order

1. Chair Seton Mcilroy called the December 17th, 2025, Village Trustees meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

B. Additions and Deletions -none

C. Citizens' Comments

Nicholas Seldon addressed the Board expressing concern that the Trustees were not complying with Vermont Open Meeting Law.

D. FY27 Budget Update

Eric Duffy provided an update on the FY27 budget, reporting progress in reducing the projected tax increase from approximately 40% in the department heads' initial requests to the current projection of 22.5%.

Key changes included:

- Accounting adjustments for parking revenue and expenses, which contributed significantly to the reduction. Eric Duffy explained that the Finance Department had restructured how they account for ParkMobile transactions, showing both the full revenue collected and the expenses paid to the service provider rather than just the net amount.
- Reductions in various other expense categories, including IT software (reduced from \$17,000 to \$10,000), IT operating supplies (reduced by \$2,500), communications (reduced by \$800), and machinery equipment (reduced by \$1,000).
- The Tree Fund was reduced from \$10,000 to \$5,000.
- The police cruiser capital reserve was reduced from \$37,500 to \$20,000.

Jeffrey Kahn questioned whether the parking meter expense projection was too conservative, suggesting that the second half of the fiscal year typically sees less parking revenue than the first half.

A budget meeting was scheduled for January 5, 2026, at 8:15 AM to further discuss the budget.

Roger Logan spoke about the unsustainability of such large tax increases and urged the Board to consider significant functional cuts to the budget. Eric Duffy acknowledged that he had foreseen these increases coming and had presented this information to both boards. He noted that the largest potential cut would be to eliminate 24/7 police coverage, though he wasn't necessarily advocating for that option.

E. Potential Executive Session 1 V.S.A 313

Motion: by Chair Seton Mcilroy to enter executive session in accordance with 1 V.S.A 313 the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, provided that the public body shall make a final decision to hire or appoint a public officer or employee in an open meeting and shall explain the reasons for its final decision during the open meeting; (6:57PM)

Seconded: Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn

Vote: 5-0-0 passed

Motion: by Chair Seton Mcilroy to exit Executive Session (7:57PM)

Seconded: Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn

Vote: 5-0-0 passed

J. Adjournment

Motion: by Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn to adjourn the meeting at (7:57PM)

Seconded: Frank Horneck

Vote: 5-0-0 passed

*Respectfully submitted,
Kitty Mears Koar*

J Kahn

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Frank Horneck

Lisa Lawlor

Brenda Blakeman

Signature: E. Seton L. McIlroy

E. Seton L. McIlroy (Jan 24, 2026 13:26:24 EST)

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Signature: Jeffrey Kahn

Jeffrey Kahn (Jan 16, 2026 14:29:14 EST)

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Frank Horneck (Jan 20, 2026 15:41:18 EST)

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Signature: Lisa Lawlor

Lisa Lawlor (Jan 16, 2026 13:55:05 EST)

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Signature: Brenda Blakeman

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