



Winooski Valley Park District

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Minutes for August 25, 2026, Special Meeting for the Board of Trustees for the Winooski Valley Park District

The meeting began at 5:30pm. Meeting was held virtually via Zoom and in person at WVPD office at the Ethan Allen Homestead.

Present: Via zoom: Susan Gilfillan (Colchester), George Tyler (Essex Junction), Sonja Schuyler (Jericho), Larry Kupferman (South Burlington), Reid Willis (Williston), Bridget O'Brien (Winooski), Nick Warner (Executive Director). **In person at office:** Lauren Chicote (Operations Manager). **Absent:** Catherine Bock (Burlington), Jeffery Theis (Essex),

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Executive Session: The Board discussed the need to enter Executive Session and deemed it necessary as the topic was a continuation of a discussion relating to a real estate matter that has not been discussed in the public domain. Sonja Schuyler motioned to find that premature general public knowledge regarding the real estate matter would clearly place WVPD at a substantial disadvantage, because the Board of Trustees risks disclosing its negotiation strategy if it discusses the proposed contract terms in public. The motion was seconded by Larry Kupferman and unanimously accepted. Larry Kupferman then moved that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss the real estate matter under the provisions of Title 1, V.S.A. Section 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes. The motion was seconded by George Tyler and unanimously approved. The board entered Executive Session at 5:32pm.

The Board exited Executive Session at 6:01pm with a motion from Sonja Schuyler, seconded by George Tyler.

George Tyler moved for the Board of Trustees to go forward with the purchase of 3181 North Avenue, Burlington, Vermont (known as Charlie's Boathouse/Auer Family Boathouse) pending the successful completion of the details of the transaction and with the final review and approval of attorney Ed Fitzpatrick. The motion was seconded by Reid Willis and unanimously approved.

Adjourn: Reid Willis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Larry Kupferman. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:07pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday September 17, at 4:30pm. This meeting has been moved from the regularly scheduled Tuesday of the month to accommodate schedules.

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Lauren Chicote, Operations Manager, August 31, 2026.

Minutes Approved by WVPD Board of Trustees: September 17, 2026