

**Minutes for a Ticonderoga 2026 Budget Workshop with any Other Lawful Business held
on September 18, 2025, commencing at 1:00 p.m.**

Present: Mark A. Wright, Supervisor
Dave Woods, Councilman
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman
Tom Thatcher, Councilman
Heath Towne, Councilman
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Others: Rebecca Norton and Amy Beeman from the Finance Department

Budget Workshop #6

- **General Comments**

- Last look before heading into the Tentative budget (due: NLT 9/30).
- Ti Fire District – no data yet.
- Health insurance rates – arrived today 10.4% increase.
 - Calculations in work on new plan rate amounts.
 - Meeting w/consultant on 9/23.
- CSEA negotiations: 10/8 and 10/22.
- PBA negotiations: Working on guidelines; not dates yet.

Workshop #6: 09/18/2025 1300-1500 Workshop #7: 10/16/2025 1300-1500 Workshop #8: 10/24/2025 0800-1000

- **Rates & Salaries**

- Water/Sewer rate increases – REMINDER.
 - Sewer (\$6/quarter increase) from \$159 to \$165/quarter (using \$88,800 fund balance).
 - Water (\$7/quarter increase) from \$133 to \$140/quarter (using \$31,300 fund balance).
 - Rates will remain the same.
 - Fund balance will change to maintain those rates when health insurance/other data change.
- Salaries for elected officials will remain as stated in tentative budget.
 - Town Supervisor: \$42,949
 - Town Board: \$13,181
 - Town Clerk: \$66,711
 - Town Justice: \$28,559
 - Highway Superintendent: \$71,871

- **Miscellaneous**

- Final check on Cemeteries budget – any change?
- PILOT review.
- File tax cap information before adopting the 2026 budget (NLT 11/12).

- **Approach re: Public Hearings on Budget and Water/Sewer Quarterly Rates**

- Hold PH on/before the Thursday immediately following the general election (Nov 7).
 - Unable to do so due to calendar and meeting schedule.
 - No scheduled meeting until 11/13.
- Finance meeting 9/25: set each PH for 10/23 at 8:30 am.
- On 10/23 at 8:30 am, adjourn each PH to 11/13 at 6:00 pm.
- On 11/13 at 6:00 pm, conclude each PH.
 - Adopt 2026 budget.
 - Adopt 2026 water/sewer rates.

**Minutes for a Ticonderoga 2026 Budget Workshop with any Other Lawful Business held
on September 18, 2025, commencing at 1:00 p.m.**

Resolution #393-2025 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the Supervisor to execute an Agreement between the Town of Ticonderoga and Standard Medical Testing Services for period January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #394-2025 brought by Heath Towne, Joyce Cooper authorizing the Supervisor to execute Drug and Alcohol Testing Contract and Consortium Certificate Agreement between the Town of Ticonderoga and Standard Medical Testing Services for period January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Workshop closed at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk