

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

June 2, 2026

The meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:02 p.m. Supervisor Barrett presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor Barrett
Councilwoman Bellamy
Councilman Fantini
Councilman Manir
Councilwoman Reid
Town Clerk Fantini

Also Present: Town Attorney Dailey
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Daniel Clemens, Director of Parks, Buildings & Recreation
Norah Hoefler, Communications and Technology Coordinator
Megan Babendreier Director of Parks & Recreation
John Scavo Director of Planning & Zoning

MINUTES

MOTION by Councilman Manir seconded by Councilwoman Reid to approve the Town Board minutes of the May 19, 2026 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Abstain: None

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett announced that several Town projects are in the planning queue at various stages of development. He informed the public of an upcoming informational open house regarding the New York State Route 146, Miller Road, Tanner Road, and Waite Road intersection improvements design project, scheduled for Wednesday, June 24th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Town Hall. He encouraged residents to attend to learn more about the current planning process.

Councilwoman Bellamy read a letter inviting her to the Clifton Park Elks' annual Flag Day celebration on Friday, June 12 at 6:00 PM. The letter described the event as honoring the American flag and explaining the history of Flag Day, and noted that it would include recognition of students and military members, followed by a picnic. It also referenced the Elks' long-standing tradition of observing Flag Day since 1907.

Councilwoman Reid announced upcoming community events, noting a Stewardship hike at Veterans Memorial Park scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 at 1:00 PM, and a bicycle ride through the Vischer Ferry Firehouse area and the historic Vischer Ferry Nature Preserve on Sunday, June 7. She stated the events are open to the public and will include guided educational components, historical interpretation, and opportunities for public feedback on park stewardship and future projects. She also noted safety requirements for the bike ride, including helmet use, and encouraged public participation.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE 7:06 p.m.

Brady Ozimek of Tracey Court stated that he had asked the Town Attorney to define what a “ceremonial vote” was and alleged that he was threatened with removal from the meeting. He further expressed opposition to the resolution under discussion, stating that he believed there was no public support for it. He referenced a social media statement by Councilman Manir and questioned whether it had received public support. He also questioned the meaning of “indefinite future” and directed questions to Councilman Fantini regarding the wording of the resolution. He then shifted to a question directed to Town Attorney Dailey regarding an ethics complaint.

Attorney Dailey stated that he did not recall the specific timing or details of when he first learned of the ethics complaint. He noted that there are at least two complaints filed against him and indicated he believed one was filed in February and another in March, though he was not certain of the exact nature or timeline.

Brady Ozimek made additional remarks questioning actions related to the Town Attorney and a Deputy Attorney salary increase, as well as recusal from the Ethics Committee, suggesting a connection between those actions and an ethics complaint. He then directed questions to Councilman Manir regarding his support for the Windover Farm project, stating that he believed constituents did not support it, and asked him to explain his position.

Councilman Manir stated that his position was simple, noting that his statement reflected that he did not want anything developed or placed at the site in question.

Brady Ozimek made further critical remarks regarding the resolution under discussion, stating it lacked specificity and raising concerns about how it would be interpreted and applied. He referenced prior Town actions related to the Ethics Committee and suggested they were similarly handled. He conducted informal “polls” of attendees to gauge support for different approaches to the resolution and stated his belief that there was no public support for it. He also made remarks directed toward elected officials regarding future political ambitions. Finally, he questioned whether a Town official was communicating with others during the meeting via electronic messaging platforms.

Councilman Fantini stated that, functionally, his resolution addresses the same issues under discussion and suggested that if it is not supported, he would not pursue it further. He reiterated his belief that there should be no development on the site and expressed support for his resolution on that basis. He added that if there is broad opposition to his proposal, the Board should proceed based on public feedback and stated that he supports moving forward with the resolution process as presented.

Brady Ozimek reiterated his question asking how the term “definite future” is defined.

Councilman Fantini responded that he understood “definite future” to mean “someday in the future.”

Councilman Fantini stated that Town resolutions are not binding on future Boards and may be amended or changed by future governing bodies, except in cases such as constitutional amendments. He explained that the current Board cannot constrain future Boards’ decisions. He added that the resolution under consideration was intended to protect neighbors and address their concerns.

Supervisor Barrett stated that if both resolutions are essentially the same, Board members could vote in favor of both. He added that he had voted for both resolutions, noting his view that one was preferable to the other.

Brady Ozimek asked for clarification on whether both resolutions would remain on the agenda if the vote was ceremonial, referencing prior statements made during the agenda discussion. He then questioned whether the Board could pass Supervisor Barrett’s resolution and reject Councilman Fantini’s resolution, citing his view that public input indicated stronger support for one option.

Supervisor Barrett stated that the votes were taken at the agenda session. He noted that his resolution, which he described as well-written, definitive, and including a plan for the future, was

not approved by the majority of the Board. He further stated that the alternative resolution, which he characterized as open-ended and lacking detail, was approved by the majority of the Board.

Kevin Goggins of Thoroughbred Way spoke at length regarding broader patterns in Town governance, referencing prior actions including the Ethics Board process and Town spending decisions. He expressed concern about fiscal management and long-term costs associated with municipal decisions, including staffing and infrastructure projects. He stated that he believed there was a recurring pattern of increased spending and lack of detailed cost analysis in certain proposals. He also warned residents to be attentive to future tax implications and encouraged continued public scrutiny of town financial decisions.

Councilman Fantini referenced concerns raised regarding taxes and asked Mark Heggen to clarify whether the Town currently has a budget surplus or shortfall. He stated that understanding the Town's financial position was important in light of concerns about spending levels.

Mark Heggen reported that, in the general fund, there is an unreserved accumulated fund balance of approximately \$9–10 million as of the end of the prior year. Mark Heggen stated that he did not fully understand the question and clarified that the Town has not spent the entirety of its budget.

Councilwoman Reid stated that the Board was voting only on items that were unbudgeted.

Mark Heggen explained that items not originally included in the budget are being incorporated into the budget through the use of prior fund balance.

Councilman Fantini asked whether the current practice differed from the prior year and inquired if there had been purchases made outside of the adopted budget in the previous year.

Mark Heggen stated that the Town Board made adjustments to the budget during the year, as has been the Town's standard practice.

Councilman Fantini stated that he was seeking clarification in response to concerns raised regarding the Town's budget practices.

Supervisor Barrett warned that continued spending trends could have a significant impact on the upcoming budget. He stated that the Town's financial position could change quickly and referenced the County's tax standing in New York State. He expressed concern about the lack of detailed planning and cost analysis for a proposed sports complex and associated infrastructure changes, estimating potential costs in the hundreds of thousands to seven figures. He also referenced recent personnel and legal expenses, including raises for assistant town attorneys and costs associated with outside legal services, noting that expenditures were increasing and that overall expenses were rising.

Councilman Fantini stated that he supports investing in improved access for seniors, noting that some individuals have difficulty walking long distances across the fields. He said he is comfortable with spending funds to provide closer parking for seniors. He also expressed disappointment regarding differing views on the matter and reiterated his support for accommodating seniors' needs.

Supervisor Barrett responded that, based on his experience and frequent presence at the Senior Center over many years, he is familiar with conditions there. He stated that he does not believe seniors are walking across fields and questioned the source of that information. He concluded by expressing disagreement with Councilman Fantini's characterization of the issue.

Councilman Fantini stated that, in his view, the Senior Center Director has been requesting the proposed improvements for many years. He asked whether the Supervisor was aware of those prior requests.

Supervisor Barrett stated that budget decisions are made based on operational needs and current conditions. He added that such decisions are made accordingly by the Town. He further responded to Councilman Fantini by disputing his characterization of operations and expressed disagreement regarding his understanding of activities at the senior center.

Councilman Fantini stated that the Senior Center Director would be the most appropriate person to assess and communicate the needs of the Senior Center, and began to question whether that input should be given greater weight in the decision-making process.

Supervisor Barrett stated that budget requests are made by departments each year and referenced prior requests for staffing increases. He expressed concern about the proposed parking improvements, stating that they would require significant tree removal, excavation, and infrastructure relocation within the Town common. He questioned the cost-effectiveness of the project, estimating it could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars for a relatively small increase in parking spaces. He added that he had not seen a formal plan or cost estimate and stated that, in his view, the proposal would be expensive relative to the benefit.

Caryl Hugg of Jonathan Drive commented on parking accessibility at Town Hall, stating that parking spaces closer to the building would be beneficial for residents with mobility limitations who may not have handicap parking permits. She noted that parking spaces near the Clerk's Office are often occupied by Town vehicles and suggested they be reserved for residents. She then asked the Town Board members whether they listen to residents' comments at meetings, stating that she has attended most meetings during the year and believes public opposition to the Windover Farms playing field proposal was clear. She also referenced the two resolutions under consideration and directed a question to Town Attorney Dailey regarding his role in relation to Town resolutions.

Attorney Dailey stated that he does not prepare the resolutions.

Caryl Hugg responded by referencing information on the Town's website, stating that it indicates the Town Attorney prepares legislation, Town Board resolutions, and local ordinances. She asked whether that description was correct.

Attorney Dailey clarified that he prepares local laws and will draft or assist with resolutions when requested to do so. He stated that he prepares resolutions if asked.

Caryl Hugg questioned whether, as counsel to the Town Board, the Town Attorney should have addressed the existence of two resolutions that she characterized as substantially similar, with one containing more background information than the other. She further questioned why the matter was the subject of extended debate and discussion at the meeting.

Attorney Dailey responded that the decision regarding the resolutions was entirely up to the Town Board.

Caryl Hugg questioned whether guiding the Town Board was part of the Town Attorney's responsibilities. She then thanked him and shifted to a new topic, asking whether a recently hired employee was a notary.

Town Clerk Fantini responded that the new hire is not currently a notary but will be taking the notary examination.

Caryl Hugg expressed concern about delays in notary services at the Town Clerk's Office and questioned why a notary had not been hired for the position.

Town Clerk Fantini responded that being a notary is not technically a requirement for the position.

Caryl Hugg stated that while she understood that notary status is not a requirement for the position, she expressed concern that the Town Clerk's Office has reported issues with access to notary services. She questioned why candidates with notary qualifications were not being prioritized in hiring decisions to address that need.

Town Clerk Fantini stated that applicants are asked during the hiring process whether they are notaries. She added that notary status is one of multiple considerations in staffing decisions within the office.

Caryl Hugg asked Councilman Fantini for his position on an Assembly bill concerning whether counties should be allowed to impose an income tax.

Councilman Fantini stated that he believed the question regarding the Assembly bill and county income tax authority was inappropriate.

Caryl Hugg stated that Councilman Fantini is running for the State Assembly and argued that his position on the issue would directly affect local taxpayers, adding that it would impact her town tax bill.

Councilman Fantini stated that he is speaking in his capacity as a Town Councilman and not as a candidate for higher office, and reiterated that the Town Board meeting is not an appropriate forum for campaign-related or broader political discussion.

Supervisor Barrett stated that, as Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, he is firmly opposed to the proposal under discussion. He emphasized that, while serving on the Board, he will actively oppose and fight against any related provision brought before the County Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Jim Viola of Holbrook Drive noted that there had been discussion about combining the two resolutions, referencing earlier comments that Resolutions 7 and 8 were substantively similar. He questioned why the resolution that was not preferred by those present could not be withdrawn in favor of Supervisor Barrett's version, which he described as clearer and substantially different. Mr. Viola expressed disappointment that the matter would not be resolved that evening, stating that he had hoped the issue would be brought to closure so he could move on and enjoy his retirement. He also asked whether Mr. Dailey had worked with Mr. Fantini in drafting the resolution.

Attorney Dailey responded affirmatively, confirming that he had participated in its preparation.

Jim Viola asked who was responsible for including the phrase "indefinite future" in the resolution, specifically questioning whether Attorney Dailey had authored or proposed that language.

Attorney Dailey responded that he did not recall.

Jim Viola argued that adopting Mr. Barrett's language would have provided greater clarity and finality because the term "in perpetuity" has a well-understood meaning, whereas the phrase "indefinite future" is ambiguous. He expressed concern that the wording could allow the matter to be reconsidered at any future meeting without clear notice to the public. Mr. Viola criticized the Town Board's handling of a May 5 meeting, stating that he received only two and a half hours' notice that the Board would discuss Windover Farms related matters, including resolutions concerning bids for brush and tree removal and fence construction. He contended that the Board bypassed the Town's longstanding practice of consulting affected residents before taking significant actions. According to Mr. Viola, the Board failed to engage the community regarding potential impacts on residents and neighboring communities before scheduling the discussion, passing the resolution, and moving forward with implementation.

John of Muirfield Lane reflected on the principles of the nation's Founding Fathers in light of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States. He noted that while the founders are sometimes criticized as products of their era, they demonstrated foresight by establishing constitutional safeguards, including provisions designed to prevent elected officials from acting in their own interests at the public's expense. Drawing a parallel to local government, John expressed concern about public officials potentially serving themselves rather than the community. He recounted past interactions related to the wind farm issue, including assistance he had received in understanding how his property might be affected, and emphasized that the concerns extended beyond his own situation to the broader community. John stated that after stepping away from local civic participation for several years because of family obligations, he found the atmosphere and operation of the Board had changed when he returned. While

acknowledging that reasonable people can disagree on policy matters, he repeatedly stressed the importance of ensuring that public officials act in the interests of residents rather than for personal benefit.

Ann Connolly of Valdepenas Lane asked whether there is a deadline or required time frame within which the newly hired Deputy Town Clerk must obtain notary certification.

Town Clerk Fantini responded that she had not previously considered establishing a deadline for the Deputy Town Clerk to obtain notary certification. She stated that, if it was being suggested, she would be willing to bring the matter forward and consider setting a time limit for the employee to become a notary public.

Ann Connolly reiterated her concern regarding the newly hired Deputy Town Clerk, questioning whether a timeline would be established for obtaining notary certification given that the Town currently has only one notary. She expressed concern that the employee should not go an extended period without completing the necessary training and certification requirements. Ms. Connolly also commented on the Town's finances, commending Supervisor Barrett for preserving the Town's financial reserves while noting that the current Board had only been in office for approximately six months. She suggested it was too early to assess the Board's long-term fiscal performance and questioned whether those reserves would remain intact by the end of the Board's term. Turning to the Windover Farms issue, Ms. Connolly stated that, in her view, the Town Board majority had lost the trust and confidence of many residents. She cited the large public turnout and ongoing concerns expressed by residents as evidence of diminished public confidence. Ms. Connolly asserted that residents felt compelled to closely monitor Board agendas because they feared significant matters could be advanced without sufficient notice or transparency. She concluded by expressing disappointment with the current relationship between the Board and the community, stating that she had never before seen so many dissatisfied residents attending Town Board meetings and suggesting that public trust had continued to erode during the Board's first six months in office.

John DiGaudio of Holbrook Drive addressed whether the 1984 Special Use Permit for the Windover Park playing fields remains valid or whether a new permit is required. He referenced the Town of Clifton Park's 1998 adoption of Article 10 land conservation laws, noting that portions of the permit area now fall within designated freshwater wetlands and associated protected buffer zones identified through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation environmental mapping tools. He stated that, under current law, these areas are subject to significant environmental protections, including a 100-foot buffer around wetlands, which he argued further restricts permitted uses. Mr. DiGaudio asserted that recreational athletic fields are not among the uses permitted in land conservation districts under Article 10. He concluded that the 1984 permit, while valid at the time of approval, should now be considered a non-conforming use under current zoning law. He further argued that because the use was allegedly discontinued for more than one year, it may be deemed abandoned and therefore no longer eligible for revival under applicable provisions governing non-conforming uses. He also referenced unmet permit conditions, suggesting these further support his view that the original Special Use Permit is no longer valid.

Supervisor Barrett thanked Mr. DiGaudio for his questions and research, noting that his comments aligned with concerns he had previously raised. He stated that this input reinforced his decision to include in his resolution that the Special Use Permit issue for Windover should be addressed. Supervisor Barrett referenced prior Town Board positions indicating that a sports playing field complex on the property would not be feasible, necessary, or warranted due to factors including cost, lack of demonstrated need, site location, infrastructure and visitor service limitations, and significant environmental constraints, including wetlands. He further stated, based on both mapping data and on-the-ground experience, that portions of the property are very wet and difficult to access for much of the year, which he said has created operational challenges for town crews. Supervisor Barrett concluded that the observed conditions are consistent with the wetland designations shown on environmental maps.

Ed Hopeck of Eastside Drive stated that the request before the Board involved funding an engineering report for a grant application related to bringing public water service to residents on East Side Drive, where he noted public water has not been available for approximately 40 years.

He read statements from area residents describing ongoing water quality and supply issues, including foul odors, discoloration, sediment, and suspected contamination. Residents reported relying on bottled spring water for drinking and cooking, and experiencing inconsistent or unusable well water for daily household needs. Mr. Hopeck also referenced a house fire response in which firefighters reportedly faced difficulty due to insufficient water supply. He further stated that some wells have tested positive for E. coli, resulting in costly remediation systems and replacement wells. Additional concerns cited included sulfur-like odors, mineral buildup causing plumbing issues, intermittent loss of water for extended periods, and overall lack of reliable access to potable water. Mr. Hopeck concluded that residents feel current conditions are unacceptable and emphasized that the community should have access to safe, reliable drinking water without extended interruptions or dependence on emergency water deliveries.

David Miller of Hidden Valley Lane began by commending the previous speaker's remarks and noted that the WEA program is a strong model for clean water funding initiatives. He encouraged moving forward with engineering efforts and coordination with the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to advance water infrastructure projects. He thanked the Board for its resolution related to Riverview Preserve and expressed enthusiasm for an upcoming ribbon cutting at the site, describing it as a significant community asset. Mr. Miller also indicated support for continued review of parcels of land under consideration, stating that the Open Space Committee evaluates properties based on history, natural resources, potential uses, and long-term stewardship considerations. He further expressed support for agricultural and farmland preservation initiatives and emphasized the importance of collaboration between committees, including the Agricultural and Open Space Committees. Mr. Miller noted engagement with the Clifton Park Rotary regarding a peace pole proposal and indicated it had been referred for further consideration related to Town Center Park. Concluding his remarks, Mr. Miller referenced legislative "conference committee" processes as a model for resolving disagreements. He urged the Town Board to table the Windover Farms matter temporarily and instead convene a collaborative working group with representatives from different perspectives to develop a single, unified resolution for future consideration.

Larry Haushear of Eastside Drive stated that the Board is being asked to fund engineering studies related to water issues, noting that many residents are dealing with poor-quality well water. He indicated that understanding the underlying water conditions is important to address treatment challenges and offered to provide additional explanation if needed. He concluded his remarks without further detail, thanking the Board.

Kris Fitzgerald of Thoroughbred Way expressed that, in her view, the Town should prioritize investment in water infrastructure over the proposed playing field project, citing concerns about need, cost-benefit considerations, and residents' reported water quality issues. She then raised concerns regarding recent changes related to the Town Ethics Board and the use of Municipal Home Rule Law (Section 23(2)(f)) to modify appointment procedures. Ms. Fitzgerald questioned the legality and appropriateness of these changes and expressed concern about how they were implemented. She also criticized comments made publicly regarding the legality of a County Board appointment, stating that she believed such statements were inaccurate based on information from the County Attorney. Ms. Fitzgerald further raised concerns about the conduct of Town officials in relation to Ethics Board matters, including allegations of improper influence in appointments and concerns about potential conflicts involving individuals involved in ethics complaints. She concluded by encouraging residents to remain engaged in Town governance, attend meetings, and hold elected officials accountable through continued public participation and, if necessary, legal channels.

Councilman Fantini responded to concerns raised regarding ethics board appointments, stating that James Mahan—who was appointed to the Ethics Board under the previous Republican majority Town Board—had changed his political affiliation from Republican to Conservative prior to his appointment. Councilman Fantini characterized criticisms of the current Board's actions as hypocritical, suggesting that similar practices had occurred under the previous Board. He stated that he believed the accusations being directed at the current Town Board were inconsistent with past actions and emphasized that the public should be aware of what he described as double standards in the criticism being made.

Supervisor Barrett stated that, under the Town Ethics Code, the County had a defined role in the appointment process in the event that appointments were not made within 90 days. He explained that the County exercised that authority as outlined in the Town Code. Supervisor Barrett asserted that the Town Board majority disregarded the County's action and improperly overrode the Town's Ethics Code. He characterized this as an illegal alteration of the established process and criticized the approach taken by the Board majority, stating that the proper course of action would have been to follow the existing law or formally change it through appropriate procedures.

Councilman Fantini further stated that neither of the individuals appointed to the Ethics Board were Democrats. He questioned concerns raised about the Democratic-majority Town Board appointing non-Democrats to the Ethics Board, suggesting that such criticism was inconsistent or unwarranted.

Supervisor Barrett stated that his concerns regarding the Ethics Board appointments centered on the process used, as well as the backgrounds and perspectives of at least one appointee and their views regarding him and the Town. He alleged that the changes to the Ethics Board were intentional and part of a broader effort beginning at the start of the year to alter its composition and related ethics law. Supervisor Barrett criticized the process used by the Board majority, stating that in his view it was handled improperly and lacked adherence to proper legal and procedural standards. He further asserted that the Board majority had disregarded process, legality, and ethics in its actions.

Councilman Fantini provided a brief recap of the Town Ethics Board's composition, stating that the Board consists of five members, with three Republicans and one Democrat, and noted this for public awareness.

Supervisor Barrett responded that concerns about appointments were based on his belief regarding the personal views and biases of certain appointees, including attitudes toward him and others in the Town. He stated that, in his view, these considerations influenced the appointment process and contributed to the decisions being made regarding the Ethics Board.

Councilwoman Reid stated for the record that she had not received a resume or letter of intent from the individual appointed by the Board majority to the committee.

Councilman Fantini responded that the application materials, including the resume or letter of intent, were included in the meeting packet at the time of the original appointment. He added that he would need to double-check but stated that this was his recollection of the materials provided in the agenda packet for that meeting.

Councilwoman Reid clarified that while the materials may have been included in the public meeting packet, she stated that she did not personally receive the individual's resume or letter of intent as a Board member prior to being asked to vote on the appointment.

Lynn Dilger of Maureen Court sought clarification regarding the status and composition of the Town's Ethics Board, stating that recent actions—including code changes, legal interpretations, and appointments—have created confusion and reduced public confidence rather than improving clarity. She referenced communications with the County indicating that there may be conflicting appointments to the same ethics board position, resulting in uncertainty about valid membership and potential limitations on participation. She asked the Board to clarify who is officially recognized as members of the ethics board, whether any appointment disputes affect the board's ability to conduct business, and whether individuals in question are permitted to attend or participate in meetings. Ms. Dilger also raised concerns about historical interpretations of the Town code, including claims that prior provisions may have been incorrectly characterized or altered only after becoming inconvenient. She further discussed the Ethics Code's intent regarding political balance and questioned changes to appointment practices, including discussions about candidate party affiliation in relation to eligibility. She emphasized that, in her view, the process surrounding ethics board appointments raises broader concerns about transparency, procedural consistency, and public trust. Ms. Dilger concluded by requesting clear written responses to her questions and indicated she would submit additional questions for the Board's consideration.

Attorney Dailey stated that if the questions were provided to him in writing, he would respond in writing. He reiterated that he did not request any individual to change their political affiliation. He explained that he had informed the individual appointed to the Ethics Board that no more than three members from any one political party could serve on the Board. Attorney Dailey further stated that the individual himself expressed consideration of changing his voter registration, citing dissatisfaction with his political party at the national level. He emphasized that this discussion was voluntary on the part of the appointee and was reflected in prior email communications, and that no request to change affiliation had been made by him.

Anthony Morelli of Gloucester Street stated that, in his understanding, the Ethics Board currently consists of four active members on a five-member board, with two additional non-voting members—one appointed by the Town and one by the County. He indicated that these non-voting status determinations are not within the authority of either the Town or County alone and suggested that such disputes would ultimately require judicial resolution, potentially through a declaratory judgment. He stated that until such legal clarification occurs, the Board would operate with four voting members. Mr. Morelli then addressed the Windover Farms matter, expressing agreement with the idea of consolidating proposals into a single resolution. He urged the Board to incorporate language from Supervisor Barrett’s proposal, including the “in perpetuity” provision, in order to reach closure and community agreement. He also raised concerns about public participation and removal from meetings, stating his view that only the presiding officer (the Town Supervisor) has authority to maintain order and that individuals should not be removed by other board members or staff. He cited prior incidents as examples of what he characterized as a pattern of intimidation or harassment toward members of the public, and urged the Board to address the conduct of personnel when interacting with residents.

Councilman Fantini questioned whether Mr. Morelli would be willing to pursue legal action against the Town if they are fully confident that the Ethics Board structure or process is unlawful, asking whether they would be prepared to sue the Town based on that assertion.

Anthony Morelli responded that he would.

Councilman Manir referenced Mr. Miller’s earlier suggestion and stated that the Board should return to the resolution and work collaboratively to rewrite it together.

Anthony Morelli urged the Board to provide closure on the matter during the current meeting. He encouraged members to reconsider and revise the resolution so that it could be finalized that evening, rather than delaying the decision for additional meetings. He stated that doing so would prevent residents from having to return for further deliberation.

Councilman Manir stated that he could not agree with proceeding as suggested because, in his view, both Supervisor Barrett and Councilman Fantini would need to reach an agreement before moving forward with finalizing the resolution.

Anthony Morelli reiterated his suggestion that all relevant clauses be included in a single motion and resolution. He urged the Board to proceed with making and voting on the motion in order to achieve closure on the matter during the current meeting.

Colleen, a resident, expressed frustration with the ongoing discussion and stated that the matter felt unnecessary and overly prolonged. She said she attended the meeting because she cares about the Town and wants to stay engaged with local government, but felt the current debate was unproductive. She urged the Board to move forward and resolve the issue, suggesting that further prolonging the disagreement was not beneficial. Colleen encouraged the Board to find a way to compromise, work collaboratively, and avoid continuing what she characterized as an unnecessary conflict.

Councilman Fantini stated that there was a single resolution before the Board and that the decision at hand was simply to vote “yes” or “no.” He indicated his support for the resolution and stated that he would be voting in favor. He also questioned what additional clarification or verification was being requested.

Colleen, reiterated her request for the Board to find a way to resolve the matter during the current meeting. She stated that, as someone unfamiliar with municipal proceedings, she believed there

should be a way for the Board to take action that would allow the issue to be concluded that evening. She emphasized her desire for a constructive outcome and expressed frustration with the ongoing disagreement. Colleen also identified herself as a Democrat and spoke from the perspective of a constituent, asking the Board to consider taking action that would allow residents to leave the meeting with a sense of progress and resolution.

No one else wished to heard.

Public Privilege closed at 8:10 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Clifton Park Rotary Club Peace Pole Project

Ray Anthony, along with Mary-Lou Epner and George Ritzoli representing the Clifton Park Rotary, described the organization as a global volunteer service group with approximately 1.2 million members and 34,000 clubs worldwide, including the local Clifton Park chapter. He explained that one of Rotary's core initiatives is promoting peace and introduced the "peace pole" project, originally established in Japan in 1955 by artist Masahisa Goi, with the first installation in Hiroshima. He noted that approximately 250,000 peace poles have since been installed in over 200 countries. Mr. Anthony stated that the Clifton Park Rotary is proposing to install two peace poles in the Town Center Park, positioned at each end of a pedestrian walkway. The poles would display the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in multiple languages. He further explained that, in coordination with the Town's Open Space Committee, the Rotary is considering an expanded long-term initiative to install additional peace poles throughout Clifton Park reflecting the approximately 50 languages spoken in the community, as identified by local school district data. He concluded by stating that the Rotary intends to pursue the project over the next several years as part of its broader community service and cultural inclusion efforts. Ray Anthony continued his presentation on the proposed peace pole project, explaining the languages to be included on the installations. He stated that each peace pole would feature English plus seven additional languages. He indicated that the first proposed pole would include Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Urdu, and English. He further explained that a second pole would include Persian, Japanese, Assamese (phonetic unclear), Telugu, Turkish, and Ukrainian, along with English. Mr. Anthony reiterated that the intent of the project is to reflect the linguistic diversity of the Clifton Park community and promote the Rotary's message of peace.

Supervisor Barrett thanked the Clifton Park Rotary representatives for their presentation and noted appreciation for their work and community involvement. He commented that aspects of the peace pole project were personally meaningful to him and expressed support for the idea. He stated that the Town had been in communication with Town staff regarding the proposal and indicated that it would be coordinated further with Buildings and Grounds and other relevant departments. Supervisor Barrett thanked the Rotary for their ongoing service to the community and expressed general support for the project as a positive addition to Town parks. He then noted that the meeting would proceed to the next agenda item, a proclamation honoring Pride Month.

Proclamation Honoring Pride Month

Councilman Fantini stated that residents had expressed concerns regarding the Town's recognition of Pride Month and that the Board had prepared a proclamation recognizing Pride Month and promoting inclusion within the community. He acknowledged the difficulty and courage it may take for residents to submit written comments or concerns to the Board, noting that public participation can involve personal discomfort. He then indicated that he would read the proclamation into the record and distribute it to the Board.

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park is home to a diverse population that includes many LGBTQ+ individuals and families who contribute meaningfully to the social, cultural, and economic vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month in June offers an important opportunity to celebrate diversity, promote equality, foster belonging, and affirm the importance of safety and acceptance for all residents, particularly LGBTQ+ youth and families; and

WHEREAS, visible expressions of support demonstrate the Town's ongoing commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive community where every resident is valued and respected; and

WHEREAS, public recognition of Pride Month helps create a greater sense of safety and belonging for all residents and contributes to the overall health and harmony of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park stands united in its support for these principles; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park hereby recognizes the month of June as Pride Month and proclaims its strong commitment to fostering a community of inclusion, respect, equality, and belonging for all residents.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 185 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Highways to install STOP Signs along the Oakwood Boulevard Corridor.

Introduced by Councilwoman Reid, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Manir.

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Highway Safety Advisory Committee has reviewed traffic control conditions along the Oakwood Boulevard corridor following concerns regarding multiple un-controlled intersections; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood Boulevard contains several residential intersecting streets that currently lack traffic control devices, including Laurence Drive, Rioux Court, Redwood Drive, and Fenimore Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park Highway Safety Advisory Committee conducted an evaluation of these intersections, taking into consideration traffic volumes, roadway geometry, intersection spacing, vehicle speeds, and sight distance limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Committee determined that the absence of traffic control at these intersections creates conditions where motorists may have difficulty safely identifying and yielding to cross traffic along Oakwood Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the Committee concluded that the installation of STOP signs at the above-referenced locations is warranted in order to improve intersection safety, enhance driver awareness, and reduce the potential for collisions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that the recommendation of the Highway Safety Advisory Committee is consistent with generally accepted traffic engineering practices and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park hereby supports the recommendation of the Clifton Park Highway Safety Advisory Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent is authorized and directed to install STOP signs, in accordance with MUTCD standards, at the following locations along the Oakwood Boulevard corridor:

Laurence Drive at Oakwood Boulevard

Rioux Court at Oakwood Boulevard

Redwood Drive at Oakwood Boulevard

Oakwood Boulevard at Fenimore Drive; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said STOP signs shall be installed with appropriate placement, height, and visibility to ensure compliance with applicable standards and to promote safe and orderly traffic flow.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated that the item under discussion was a recommendation from the Highway Safety Advisory Committee. He invited John Scavo to add any further comments or details regarding the recommendation.

John Scavo stated that the Highway Safety Advisory Committee evaluated the corridor and based its recommendation on traffic safety conditions. He explained that the proposed stop sign installations at the cross streets of Oakwood Boulevard were supported by findings related to limited sight distance and traffic speed data, including the 85th percentile of observed vehicle speeds being above average.

Resolution No. 186 of 2026, a resolution to name the 41-acre Town nature preserve on Riverview Road as "River View Preserve".

Introduced by Councilwoman Reid, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Manir.

WHEREAS in 2011, the Town of Clifton Park authorized the purchase of 41.42±-acres of vacant land as a benefit to the Town of Clifton Park and its residents by Resolution No. 204 of 2011, using funds from the Open Space Capital Reserve Fund and the Western Clifton Park Open Space Incentive Zoning Fund; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, the town park/nature preserve has been open to the public as a nature retreat for the community providing the woodlands including a grove of Eastern Hemlock, nature paths, a stream, a pond, and about 1,600 feet overlooking the Mohawk River and New York State Canal System, and the former remains of Erie Canal Historic Lock 20; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, the public has been using and enjoying the woodlands setting: the Open Space, Trails, and Riverfront Committee has offered nature/stewardship hikes, analyzed the pond depths, consulted with town staff on beaver activities, raised awareness of this special natural setting, and coordinated and supported the Buildings & Grounds Department on clean-ups and vegetative management of the property; the Parks & Recreation Department has offered nature programs and guided walks with various age groups; and other community groups have helped offer additional programs and volunteer stewardship assistance; and

WHEREAS, Town of Clifton Park Town Historian John L. Scherer has shared that a prior ownership connection was to the late Charles Proteus Steinmetz, the Wizard of Schenectady, a world-renowned mathematician and electrical engineer, with General Electric and Union College, who fostered the development of alternating current among other contributions. Steinmetz spent time visiting the natural setting, and camping on the property in the late 1890s, and acquired the property from 1902 enjoying the property, referring to it as Camp Vischer, until he died in 1923. The property also includes former Erie Canal lands that were part of the canal system until 1916 when the Barge Canal was constructed, and the lands were no longer needed and thus were deeded to Steinmetz; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park retained consultants to complete a boundary survey in 2016, conducted a professional wetlands delineation in 2021, worked with the Open Space, Trails & Riverfront Committee to hold field visits and public meetings to gather community perspective and recommendations; responded to Committee and public concerns about safe access into and out of the

site using the existing driveway, and from there, developed with its consultant, by Resolution No. 186 of 2022, a site plan for implementation of focused public access improvements; and

WHEREAS, in implementing public vision for improving the public access while largely maintaining the nature setting to the greatest extent possible, the Town of Clifton Park authorized the construction contract by Resolution No. 38 of 2026, to construct focused public access improvements to reconstruct the existing driveway and to provide an improved parking area, since successfully completed in April 2026; and

WHEREAS, in late 2025-2026 the Town of Clifton Park engaged with the public about identifying ideas for naming the property through Clifton Park Connect: Clifton Park's online engagement platform through the town's website; and received many excellent ideas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED the Town of Clifton Park Town Board selects and hereby names the 41-acre property on Riverview Road as River View Preserve and any future signage or materials communicating about this property shall state this official name going forward.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilwoman Reid spoke in support of the Riverview Preserve, describing it as a valuable community asset in Clifton Park. She noted that a public process had been used to select the name, with submissions gathered and reviewed before the Open Space Committee ultimately selected "Riverview Preserve." She stated that improvements had recently been made to the parking area and entrance to enhance safety and access, including improvements to the exit onto Riverview Road. Councilwoman Reid described the site as a significant natural area featuring wooded trails along the Mohawk River and a central pond. She concluded by noting that signage has been ordered and an official ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place once installation is complete.

Supervisor Barrett stated that Riverview Preserve is a beautiful Town-owned property that has been in the Town's possession for years. He noted that recent improvements, including safer and more accessible entry from Riverview Road, helped support the decision to formally name the site. He explained that the naming process was conducted through an established review process and stated that "Riverview Preserve" was determined to be an appropriate final name. Supervisor Barrett encouraged residents to visit the approximately 41-acre property, highlighting its scenic features, including a pond and views of the river.

Resolution No 187 of 2026, a resolution expanding the Town of Clifton Park Agriculture and Farmland Protection Advisory Committee to 11 members and appointing the Committee.

Introduced by Councilwoman Reid, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Manir.

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted the Town of Clifton Park Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan, which outlines goals, strategies, and actions to support the long-term viability of farming and farmland within the Town by Resolution No. 180 of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan identifies the need for ongoing implementation, monitoring, and coordination of actions including farmland protection, agricultural economic development, public outreach, and regulatory review; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board established the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Advisory Committee ("the Committee") by Resolution No. 181 of 2026, with seven (7) members in this volunteer role to assist in the implementation of this Plan, provide ongoing guidance on

agricultural matters, and help ensure agriculture remains a valued and protected component of the community; and

WHEREAS, in identifying the formation of the committee it became clear that a larger number of farmers, agricultural interests and community perspectives are interested in participating than the seven members initially anticipated to serve; and

WHEREAS, since there are specific busy seasons depending on the type of agriculture that farmers are involved in, a desire exists to better ensure a quorum of appointed members are available for advisory committee meetings during certain times of the year; and

WHEREAS, it is important to ensure representation across various agricultural sectors, as there are many types of farms and each type of farm operator faces their own challenges and offers their own perspectives to the conversation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park hereby amends the composition of the Committee to be the following (with all other components of Resolution No. 181 of 2026 to remain intact):

Section 2. Composition

The Committee shall consist of up to eleven (11) members appointed by the Town Board, representing a diversity of agricultural interests and community perspectives including but not limited to: active farmers, farmland owners, agri-business representatives, members of relevant Town committees/commissions, and residents with expertise or interest in agriculture and farmland protection. The Town Board shall designate a member of the committee to act as Chair for a one-year term, appoint all the members, and appoint liaisons from the Town Board. The members of the committee first appointed shall serve for terms as follows: five (5) appointees for one-year terms, and five (5) appointees for two-year terms. Thereafter, appointments shall be for two (2) years and vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term only; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park hereby appoints:

- Kevin Bowman for a two-year term (6/16/2026 – 12/31/2027), and as Chair for one-year (6/16/2026 – 12/31/2026);
- Isabel Prescott for a two-year term (6/16/2026 -12/31/2027);
- Kurt Schwartz for a two-year term (6/16/2026 – 12/31/2027);
- Matt Luke for a two-year term (6/16/2026 – 12/31/2027);
- Susan Losert for a two-year term (6/16/2026 – 12/31/2027);
- Pamela Barnes for a one-year term (6/16/2026 – 12/31/2026);
- Ruth Olmsted for a one-year term (6/16/2026 – 12/31/2026);
- Frank Popolizio for a one-year term (6/16/2026 – 12/31/2026);
- Kevin Shea for a one-year term (6/16/2026- 12/31/2026);
- Nick Sokolowski for a one-year term (6/16/2026 – 12/31/2026);
- Agatha Reid as Town Board liaison (6/16/2026 – 12/31/2026);
- Zabed Manir as Town Board liaison (6/16/2026 – 12/31/2026);

, and be it further

RESOLVED, that notwithstanding the above-referenced term lengths, the initial appointments made herein shall commence on June 16, 2026, and shall expire on December 31 of the applicable year, such that members appointed to one-year terms shall be eligible for reappointment at the end of calendar year 2026 for two-year terms, and members appointed to two-year terms shall be eligible for reappointment at the end of calendar year 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all subsequent appointments following these initial terms shall be for full one-year or two-year terms, as applicable, commencing on January 1 and expiring on December 31 of the designated term period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilwoman Reid reported that the Town has been working for approximately two years on an agriculture and farmland protection plan, supported by a grant from New York State. She explained that the first step in implementing the plan is the formation of a committee to guide the Town through the subsequent phases outlined in the plan. She noted that the committee will include a diverse group of participants, including multi-generational farmers and representatives from various sectors of the agricultural community, to provide a range of perspectives on agricultural issues and land preservation. Councilwoman Reid thanked those who served on the steering committee for the farmland protection plan as well as the volunteers who have committed to continuing the Town's efforts to preserve agriculture and farmland for future generations.

Supervisor Barrett stated that the agriculture and farmland protection planning process has been highly collaborative and generated strong public input and ideas. He thanked participants for their time and contributions toward developing the plan. He noted that the Town has permanently preserved four farms in Clifton Park and stated that the Town continues to seek partnerships to further support agricultural preservation. He emphasized the importance of strengthening local farms and helping ensure their long-term viability and economic sustainability. Supervisor Barrett also acknowledged members involved in the process, including committee participants and Town representatives, and thanked those who contributed to both the committee work and the broader public engagement process.

Councilwoman Reid stated that she sponsored the resolution and noted that the version before the Board had been changed from what she originally introduced. She indicated that she would like clarification on the amendment and asked who made the addition to her resolution. Councilwoman Reid clarified that her original resolution listed her as the sole Town Board liaison, but the amended version now lists both herself and Councilman Manir.

Councilwoman Bellamy stated that she had contacted Councilwoman Reid and asked whether she would object to adding Councilman Manir's name to the resolution as an additional liaison.

Councilman Manir expressed frustration regarding the amendment process to the resolution and stated that he had requested inclusion on the matter in order to participate and serve the public. He referenced prior discussions with Councilwoman Bellamy and indicated that he had also sent an email to the full Town Board requesting to be added as a liaison. Councilman Manir stated that he believed there was a lack of response to his communications and expressed concern about the handling of his request. He emphasized the importance of teamwork and respectful communication among Board members, noting that he had intended to collaborate in the process and expected acknowledgment of his correspondence.

Councilwoman Reid responded to Councilman Manir's comments, questioning his definition of respect. She stated that she did not agree that respect requires automatically granting every request made by a Board member.

Councilman Manir stated that his email should have been answered and that he had sent the communication to every member of the Town Board. Councilman Manir stated that he submitted his request but that he did not make that change to the Resolution. He expressed frustration that his email requesting inclusion on the committee had not been answered and said it was embarrassing to discuss the matter publicly, emphasizing the importance of collaboration among Council members. He stated that he had submitted his request to the full Board and later saw that his name had been added to the resolution, which he said he appreciated. He also expressed that raising the issue publicly felt insulting and reiterated that his intent was to work cooperatively rather than create pressure or conflict. Councilman Manir further stated that he did not want to

engage in political conflict regarding the Windover project and emphasized that he had communicated his position on moving forward. He concluded by reiterating that Board members should work together and stated that his role should be understood in that context.

Councilwoman Reid redirected the discussion back to the agenda item and stated that her question was specifically who amended her resolution. She emphasized that she was only seeking clarification on the source of the amendment.

Councilwoman Bellamy stated that she contacted Councilwoman Reid regarding Councilman Manir's request. She said she explained that she believed Councilman Manir wanted to join the agriculture committee to learn more about agriculture. Councilwoman Bellamy stated that Councilwoman Reid responded that it sounded like a good idea.

Councilwoman Reid questioned who authorized the change to her resolution, stating that she was being told that the attorney's office had been asked to alter her resolution without her inclusion or consent.

Councilwoman Bellamy responded that she believed Councilwoman Reid had been okay with the change.

Councilman Manir stated that the discussion was embarrassing and described the situation as a "shame" for all members of the Board as lawmakers.

Councilwoman Reid stated that she would never go behind another Board member's back to alter a resolution that included their name, and described such an action as improper and disrespectful. She reiterated that she supported Councilman Manir's participation and stated that she believed the intent was to formally make a motion during the meeting to add his name to the resolution.

Councilman Manir reiterated that he had sent an email requesting participation in the Farmland Committee and stated that he had not received a response from Councilwoman Reid. He expressed frustration, stating that he was seeking respectful engagement and cooperation as a Council member serving the Town of Clifton Park. He stated that he works with all sides equally and requested that his communications be acknowledged as a matter of courtesy. Councilman Manir emphasized that his intent was to serve the community rather than engage in political conflict, and he expressed disappointment regarding what he perceived as a lack of response.

Councilman Fantini asked Councilwoman Reid whether, given the misunderstanding, she would prefer that the resolution be amended to remove Councilman Manir's name.

Councilwoman Reid declined the offer to remove Councilman Manir's name from the resolution and stated that she was happy to work with him. She reiterated that her primary concern was identifying who had altered the resolution that she sponsored without her knowledge, stating that she believed this was a serious and relevant issue that needed to be addressed.

Councilwoman Bellamy stated that she had also sent a note to all Board members requesting consideration of appointing co-chairpersons, noting that there is a significant amount of ongoing work.

Councilwoman Reid stated that she had seen Councilwoman Bellamy's note approximately two hours before the meeting and indicated that she had not had sufficient time to fully respond to it prior to the meeting.

Supervisor Barrett stated that the issue being discussed was a matter of proper process and internal procedure. He emphasized that it was not about emails or personal communication, but rather about following the correct process for how items are added and handled through the agenda-setting procedure.

Councilman Manir stated that he was taking the matter personally due to criticism related to Ethics Board discussions. He said he had sent emails to all members regarding interest in the ethics board and had attempted to communicate broadly with those involved. He emphasized that

his actions and records are public and stated that residents have the right to criticize or support him as an elected official. Councilman Manir concluded by affirming that he intends to act within ethical boundaries and will continue to serve the public to the best of his ability.

Councilwoman Reid asked the attorney's office to not make any changes or updates to her resolution without her agreement. She added that this standard should apply consistently to all members of the Town Board.

Councilman Fantini referenced a prior question regarding a chair/co-chair arrangement. He stated that he had seen Councilwoman Bellamy's email but had not seen Councilwoman Reid's response. He asked that Board members indicate whether they are in favor of the proposal or not.

Councilwoman Reid stated that multiple individuals had expressed interest in serving as chair and that she did not support a co-chair structure. She explained that, in her view, committees function more effectively with a single chair to ensure clear leadership and avoid confusion. She noted that Kevin Bowman had been selected for the role, citing his extensive leadership background in various governmental, civic, and organizational positions. Councilwoman Reid stated that his experience would help the committee establish strong leadership and get off to a productive start. She emphasized that the committee would still include opportunities for participation and leadership among members through various projects. Councilwoman Reid reiterated that her intent was to promote effective organization and noted that the chair appointment would be for a one-year term, allowing for future opportunities for others to serve in leadership roles.

Councilwoman Bellamy stated that she believed the committee would be very active and that a co-chair structure could be beneficial. She noted that other committees have used co-chairs in the past and referenced David Miller having served in a co-chair capacity. She added that in situations where a chair is unavailable, having an additional leader can be helpful, citing an example of Joanne Holmes stepping in when a chair could not attend a meeting. Councilwoman Bellamy suggested that shared leadership could provide flexibility and support for the committee's workload.

Councilwoman Reid stated that there will be many qualified individuals involved in the committee and that leadership structure is already provided through a vice chair position. She added that additional leadership opportunities will be available through subcommittees, where members can take responsibility for specific areas of work. She emphasized that there will be multiple opportunities for participation and meaningful contribution within the committee structure.

Councilman Fantini suggested a compromise regarding the committee leadership structure. He asked whether Councilwoman Bellamy would be willing to consider her nominee as vice chair, and inquired whether members would be agreeable to that arrangement as a potential middle ground.

Supervisor Barrett stated that it might be best to allow the committee itself to select the vice chair, rather than having the position assigned directly by the Board.

Resolution No. 188 of 2026, a resolution authorizing an engineering study update for the provision of public water services for residents on Eastside Drive.

Introduced by Councilwoman Bellamy, who moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Barrett.

WHEREAS, the residents of Eastside Drive, Ballston Lake in the Town of Clifton Park, have for many years requested help in getting water lines installed, and

WHEREAS, the year-round homes have replaced the many seasonal camps along the road; so the water is needed year-round, and

WHEREAS, the wells are often sulfur water and do not produce a lot of water and the lake water has zebra mussels that attack the submersible pumps, and

WHEREAS, the Ballston Lake Fire Departments have a difficult time fighting fires on Eastside Drive and need to bring water from hydrants on Main Street, Ballston Lake in the Town of Ballston, and

WHEREAS, we were told if we had municipal sewers instead of individual septic tanks, the Town would be more interested in helping us obtain water lines, and

WHEREAS, the community has new installed sewer lines that connect to the Saratoga County Sewer District, and

WHEREAS, an engineering study has been obtained that could be updated to be attached to a Water Infrastructure Improvement Program (WIIA) grant request to help pay for a shovel-ready plan, including the new sewer lines and the installed natural gas lines and if the Town Board of Ballston is available to provide the water to the Town of Clifton Park residents by extending their lines; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the bid process money be expended to update the engineering report from Prime Engineering as soon as possible for the WIIA grant expires in July of this year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated that the water and sewer issue on Eastside Drive has been a long-standing matter, dating back nearly 27 years. He referenced past household surveys and cost analyses from the early 2000s, noting that public water and sewer expansion was historically deemed too expensive by residents in the area. He explained that in recent years the Town has taken a renewed approach, including efforts to pursue state grant funding for water infrastructure. Supervisor Barrett acknowledged the work of residents and advocates who have assisted in pursuing these grants, though he noted that recent applications have not been successful. He stated that having a more “shovel-ready” project would improve future funding opportunities. Supervisor Barrett referenced a prior successful sewer project completed in coordination with another municipality, which he said resulted in a positive outcome after approval by residents and funding support. He contrasted that success with the current lack of grant funding secured for water improvements. He acknowledged the financial burden such infrastructure projects place on residents and emphasized that any final decision would rest with the affected property owners. He also stated that even if grant funding is obtained, resident support would still be required to proceed. Supervisor Barrett concluded by inviting Councilwoman Bellamy to share her personal experience living in the Eastside Drive area.

Councilwoman Bellamy stated that her household currently uses lake water due to insufficient well capacity shared with a neighboring property. She described ongoing water quality and infrastructure issues experienced in the area, including well failures, sulfur contamination, and instances where nearby construction or drilling affected existing wells. She referenced historical efforts dating back decades to obtain municipal water service, including information she obtained through a FOIL request from the Town of Ballston. Councilwoman Bellamy explained that earlier discussions indicated significant infrastructure requirements, including the potential need for a water tower, which she said was financially burdensome for residents at the time. She noted that she revisited the issue in recent years and attempted to follow up with current water department staff, though she was unable to meet with a key official. Councilwoman Bellamy emphasized that the water supply challenges in the area have been long-standing and suggested that the issue predates the current Town leadership, requesting acknowledgment of the broader historical context.

Attorney Dailey stated that the issue of water service on Eastside Drive dates back to the 1980s, when discussions were underway regarding the formation of what later became the Clifton Park Water Authority, with early consideration given to serving Eastside Drive. He explained that the

primary technical challenge in the area is the presence of solid rock, which would require significant drilling and possibly blasting to install water infrastructure below the frost line. He noted that these conditions make the project costly for approximately 100 residents in the area. Attorney Dailey stated that moving forward would require an updated engineering study in order to remain eligible for a WIIA grant program, which he noted is time-limited. He emphasized that maintaining an active and current application is important for funding eligibility and that newer technologies may improve feasibility over time. He referenced past infrastructure expansions in other areas of the town as examples of possible approaches, while noting that any solution must consider affordability for residents. He concluded that while Town officials are sympathetic to the issue, the ultimate decision depends on cost and feasibility constraints.

Councilwoman Bellamy stated that, during discussions with the water authority, she was informed that installation of water infrastructure in the area may require blasting or dynamite due to the underlying rock conditions. She added that previous sewer line installation work in the area was difficult, with equipment experiencing damage due to the hardness of the subsurface material.

Supervisor Barrett stated that will make another attempt to secure a WIIA grant for the Eastside Drive water project, and that updated engineering and information may improve the competitiveness of the application. He expressed hope that the effort would be successful on a third attempt. He added that his personal goal would be to see water service extended to Eastside Drive before the end of his time in office, though he acknowledged that may not be achievable. He stated that even securing funding and advancing the project to a “shovel-ready” stage would be a positive outcome. He then concluded the discussion and asked if there was any further business.

Resolution No. 189 of 2026, a resolution scheduling a public hearing on a proposal to create a Town Dangerous Dog Registry.

Introduced by Councilman Manir, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Reid.

WHEREAS, incidents involving dogs with a documented history of serious aggression pose a preventable risk to public safety when information about such animals is not readily accessible to residents, first responders, and local authorities; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Town of Clifton Park have experienced an increase in the number of bites and attacks by dogs in recent years with a growing number of dogs deemed Dangerous by the Courts, highlighting the urgent need for a public registry to prevent similar incidents and ensure that no other resident or pet endures avoidable harm; and

WHEREAS, New York State General Municipal Law § 209-CC currently requires information about a Dangerous Dog, including the dog’s name, address, breed, physical description and the date the dog was deemed dangerous, be shared with first responders, underscoring the public safety importance of timely access to information; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Town of Clifton Park centralized, publicly accessible Dangerous Dog Registry would provide clear, consistent, and transparent information regarding dogs that have been legally deemed dangerous and have a documented pattern of severe aggression or repeated violations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to solicit public comments on the proposal to establish a Town Dangerous Dog Registry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that a public hearing is hereby scheduled for June 16, 2026, at 7:08pm on a proposal to establish a Town of Clifton Park Dangerous Dog Registry.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated that he brought forward the proposal to establish a dangerous dog registry and thanked Mike Sposili for his collaboration and input on the effort. He referenced a related initiative he previously led at the County level involving an animal abuse registry for individuals convicted of animal abuse. He explained that dangerous dog designations are determined through a court process, not by the Town Board or animal control officers. He noted that while such dogs may be subject to restrictions, they can still reside within neighborhoods. Supervisor Barrett stated that the proposed registry would make information about court-designated dangerous dogs more accessible to the public, similar to how first responders already receive such information under state law. He emphasized that the goal is public awareness and safety. He concluded by noting that the item was scheduled for a public hearing on June 16.

Resolution No.190 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the Clifton Park Open Space Committee to consider whether the Town should acquire two (2) parcels of vacant land.

Introduced by Councilman Manir, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Fantini.

WHEREAS, two (2) parcels of land located off the north side of Riverview Road in the Town of Clifton Park owned by Crescent Waste Treatment have unpaid real property taxes dating back to 2021, and

WHEREAS, the parcels are identified as parcel No. 288.-2-27 consisting of 18.86 acres and parcel No. 288.-2-28 consisting of 3.62 acres, and

WHEREAS, the owner of the said parcels has indicated his willingness to quit claim the parcels to the Town for a consideration of \$1.00, and

WHEREAS, the Town owns adjoining land, to wit: parcel Nos. 288.-2-29, 288.-2-30 and 288.-2-31, consisting of 38.79 acres and all of the aforementioned parcels are located contiguous (being separated only by Riverview Road) from the Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve, and

WHEREAS, the Town can acquire title to these parcels by paying the back taxes to the Saratoga County Treasurer, now totaling no more than \$7,244.53, with this figure good through the end of June 2026, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town of Clifton Park to consider the acquisition of this acreage of open space vacant land to add to the Town’s holdings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board refers this matter for evaluation and recommendation to the Open Space Committee for a recommendation as to whether the Town should acquire this property.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated that, in his personal view, the property in question may have limited value and that he is cautious about the Town assuming any unforeseen responsibilities associated

with it. He added that having the Open Space Committee review the property would be appropriate. He concluded by stating that he would support the resolution.

Councilwoman Reid stated that there was an interoffice memorandum and requested that the Town Clerk read it into the record.

Town Clerk Fantini read out the memorandum please see attached.

Resolution No. 191 of 2026, a resolution regarding planning efforts to develop a sports playing fields complex for a project known as Windhover Playing Fields.

Introduced by Councilman Fantini who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Bellamy.

WHEREAS, concerning Windhover Park, the Town Board has received many constructive comments as a result of the public information forum held at the Town Board meeting on May 19, 2026, and

WHEREAS, as a result, it is deemed advisable to not proceed with any plans for the use of the playing fields located there; now, therefore, be it

WHEREAS, the intention and stated goal to develop a sports playing fields complex on approximately 35 acres of property titled as "Windhover Playing Fields" in a recent memo provided by the Town Attorney, was recently proposed by members of the Town Board through the approval of a resolution seeking bids for fencing and clearing of segments of the property, and

WHEREAS, the property was donated to the Town by a private concern in 2017 and has been used solely for passive recreational uses following the Town assuming ownership, and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Department has mowed a portion of the property following the assumption of ownership by the Town, to allow for passive recreation and no other improvements have been made to the property, and

WHEREAS, inquiries to Town officials have been made in the past regarding the use of the property for an active recreational use and a sports playing field complex, and

WHEREAS, it has been the position of Supervisor Barrett and previous Town Boards, a sports playing field complex would not be feasible, necessary or warranted due to the significant expense, lack of need, location of the property, infrastructure and visitor services needs, wetland and environmental issues and other concerns, and

WHEREAS, any questions regarding the validity of a Special Use Permit for playing field use is deemed irrelevant due to Town ownership of the land and therefore is not recognized as a valid argument for developing playing fields, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that no action be taken at the present time, or into the indefinite future concerning any plans, feasibility studies, information gathering, bid procedures or permit applications concerning Windhover Park and the playing fields there.

RESOLVED, the Town Board, through this resolution, continues to commit to preserving the Windhover property as open space for passive recreation, maintenance activities will continue in a similar fashion to the efforts conducted following the Town assuming ownership and the Town Board further commits to ending any and all planning for the development of playing fields on the property now and in perpetuity.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated that his resolution to cease all planning efforts for a sports playing fields complex at Windover (Windover Park/Windover Fields) was not approved by a majority of the Board for inclusion on the agenda. He explained that the intent of the resolution was to provide closure to residents concerned about the proposal, and reiterated his long-standing opposition to developing a sports complex at the site. He stated that his position has not changed over time and characterized the project as an unsuitable idea both currently and in prior discussions when it was first proposed.

Councilman Manir stated that he wanted to avoid conflict and “drama” and emphasized the importance of handling matters professionally. He asked for clarification on the proper procedure for combining or reconciling two resolutions. He proposed that, since both sides appear to have positive intentions, the Board consider merging the two resolutions into a single proposal and moving forward collaboratively. He stated that if such an approach were possible, he would abstain from both resolutions. He concluded by asking whether it would be possible to proceed with a unified motion.

Supervisor Barrett suggested a potential compromise structure for combining the two resolutions. He proposed that the Board could incorporate his “whereas” clauses into the other resolution, while retaining the other resolution’s “resolved” section. He further suggested adding his resolution language at the end so that both sets of provisions would be included in a single combined motion. He stated that this approach could allow both perspectives to be represented within one resolution and potentially satisfy all parties involved.

Councilman Fantini stated that if there are still concerns about the resolutions, his recommendation would be to table the item for the evening. He suggested that a revised, combined resolution could then be prepared that incorporates input from all parties before being brought back for consideration. He added that his preference would be either to vote on the current resolution or table it, and stated that he did not intend to revise his original resolution at this time.

Councilman Manir respectfully requested that Councilman Fantini and Supervisor Barrett consider finalizing the matter so that residents would not need to return for another meeting. He stated that members of the public had already attended prior meetings and expressed a desire to avoid further delays. He added that no decision is permanent and noted that future Boards could always revisit the issue if circumstances change or if future members choose to take it up again. He emphasized his preference to resolve the matter in the current meeting.

Supervisor Barrett explained the procedural steps required to move forward with combining the resolutions. He stated that a motion could be made to amend item number eight to include his “whereas” clauses and to add his “resolved” language as a further resolved section. He noted that such a motion would require a second and then a vote on the amended resolution. He concluded that following this process would allow the Board to resolve the matter during the current meeting.

Councilman Manir made a motion to amend the resolution to include both Supervisor Barrett’s and Councilman Fantini’s language. He stated that both sets of “whereas” clauses and resolutions should be incorporated, ensuring that both perspectives are included in the final version. He noted a specific concern regarding wording he referenced as “indefinite,” and clarified that his intent was to combine the proposals into a single unified resolution.

Supervisor Barrett stated that he would second the motion to amend the resolution as proposed.

Councilman Fantini stated that, in his view, proper process requires a clear, written resolution that all members can review to understand how the changes are being incorporated. He expressed concern about proceeding without a fully drafted combined resolution. He added that if the resolution is being amended, he would like the full revised version read aloud so the Board and public can clearly understand what is being voted on.

Supervisor Barrett stated that the amended resolution would be prepared and consolidated. He also made a remark referring to “your wife,” followed by stating, “Don’t worry. Don’t worry. I’ll take care of it. She and I work together. Don’t worry.”

Councilman Manir requested that personal references not be included in the discussion. He stated, “Please be Mr. Supervisor. Don’t mention his wife,” and clarified that she is the Town Clerk. He added that the discussion should remain focused on the matter at hand and not include personal or family-related references.

Supervisor Barrett noted that the matter being referenced was public knowledge. Stating that his wife is her own person and that he is her husband, adding that there is nothing improper about acknowledging that relationship. He further commented on concerns being raised about referencing family designations in the discussion.

Town Clerk Fantini read the amended resolution, as shown above.

Councilman Fantini requested to read the “resolved” section of the amended resolution, stating that there should only be one “resolved” clause in the final version.

Supervisor Barrett responded that the structure of the motion could include both provisions, stating that it is acceptable to have a “further be it resolved” section in addition to the original resolution language. He indicated that the amended resolution could include both elements as part of a single combined motion.

Town Clerk Fantini reread the resolved as shown above.

Councilwoman Bellamy recalled a prior Town Board discussion regarding the proposed purchase of the Gifford property. She stated that at the time, the idea of creating Clifton Common and developing soccer fields was met with criticism and skepticism from some members of the public. She noted that the same project is now viewed positively, with residents appreciating the park space. Councilwoman Bellamy used this as an example to reflect on how public perception of Town projects can change over time.

Supervisor Barrett stated that he asked Alicia Jacobs, a member of the Open Space Committee, to convey a request to the committee to consider passive recreation uses for the property, potentially including minor improvements such as trails. He emphasized that any potential changes would go through the proper planning process involving the Open Space Committee and input from residents. He noted that public participation would be included as part of that process.

Councilman Fantini stated that, as previously noted by the Supervisor, if a resolution is passed at the next meeting, the Board could proceed with developing it further. He added that this could apply to the current resolution or any future resolution brought forward.

Supervisor Barrett stated that the prior action did not make a meaningful difference and questioned its purpose. He suggested that it was done for appearance rather than substance and asserted that the effort had not been successful, referencing the reaction it received.

Vote on Amendment

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 192 of 2026, a resolution authorizing Change Order #1 for a bid awarded for the supply and installation of capital improvements to the Longkill #1 Park District.

Introduced by Councilwoman Reid, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Manir.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 205 of 2025, the Town Board awarded a bid to Edward & Thomas O'Connor, Inc. to install capital improvements at the Longkill #1 Park District, including a new playground, basketball court and rebuilding of a parking lot, and

WHEREAS, MJ Engineering recommends Change Order #1 for additional work for the project, including milling, paving and a new acrylic surface for the three (3) existing tennis/pickleball courts and removal of old blacktop, as well as adding and grading the base and paving and application of acrylic coat to the mini basketball court, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, recommends accepting Change Order #1 to cover the additional costs involved; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute Change Order #1 from Edward & Thomas O'Connor, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$109,000, for the additional work for the Longkill #1 Park project, to be paid from SP5-8150 interfund transfer out of Longkill #1 Park District to H70-5031, interfund transfer in to Longkill #1 Park District.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett thanked Dan for his work on the park project that was approved approximately a year ago after an extended planning process. He noted that the Park District had originally brought forward a plan, which the Town Board reviewed and made minor adjustments to before ultimately approving. He stated that the Park District is now requesting a change order, which he characterized as effectively an addition to the previously approved project.

Dan Clemens stated that the proposal seeks to make significant improvements to the tennis courts while the contractor is already on site with equipment. He explained that completing the work now would be efficient and would provide a long-term benefit, extending the usability of the courts for approximately 40 years. He added that the goal is to enhance the overall park and bring the facility up to a high standard as part of a complete project package.

Supervisor Barrett stated that the existing tennis courts are in need of improvement due to their age. He noted that some of the courts were previously lined for pickleball, allowing for both tennis and pickleball use. He also referenced the successful completion of the new basketball courts, which were included in the 2025 budget approved in 2024.

Resolution No. 193 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the transfer of Sara Casale from the position of Locust Lane Pool Manager to Summer Camp Aquatics Director, and the hiring of Camp Counselors and promotion of Head Lifeguards for the 2026 Summer season.

Introduced by Councilwoman Reid, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Manir.

WHEREAS vacancies exist for a Summer Camp Aquatics Director, Camp Counselors and Head Lifeguards for the 2026 season, and

WHEREAS, Megan Babendreier, Director of Parks and Recreation, has recommended transferring Locust Lane Pool Manager Sara Casale to the Summer Camp Aquatics Director position, and that the individuals listed in Schedule A be hired as Camp Counselors and the current Lifeguards listed in Schedule B be promoted to Head Lifeguards; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Sara Casale, Clifton Park, NY, is hereby transferred from the position of Locust Lane Pool Manager to the position of Summer Camp Aquatics Director for the 2026

summer pool season, effective immediately, to be paid at Step 3, \$26.25/hr., from A-7320-E9000 (General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Site Counselors); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the individuals listed in the attached Schedules A and B, be accepted as Camp Counselors and Head Lifeguards, respectively, for the 2026 Summer season, effective retroactively to May 24, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated that Sarah Casale has been a valuable member of the Town's team. He noted that she was unable to commit to serving as pool manager at Locust Lane this year but will continue with the Town as aquatics director. He added that pool attendance and activity had been limited due to weather conditions, though he expressed optimism about improved conditions for the week ahead.

Megan Babendreier stated that the Town is fortunate to retain Sarah Cassell in her role and also noted that the Town is fortunate to have a strong group of lifeguards supporting the aquatics programs.

Resolution No. 194 of 2026, a resolution appointing Camilla Powell as Deputy Town Clerk/ Deputy Town Registrar.

Introduced by Councilman Fantini, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Manir.

WHEREAS, a vacancy will exist in the position of Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Town Registrar, due to the resignation of Leighann Nastasia, effective June 2, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Caitlin Fantini, Town Clerk, has interviewed Ms. Powell and recommends hiring Ms. Powell of Clifton Park, NY for the position; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Camilla Powell, is hereby appointed to fill the position of Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Town Registrar, effective June 17, 2026, pursuant to New York State Town Law 64 (5), to be paid at Grade 6, Step 1, \$33.50/hr.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$33,060 for the remainder of the year, based on the attached Schedule A.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid

Noes: Supervisor Barrett

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett asked for clarification on the date that Leighann submitted her letter of resignation, stating that she had informed the Town she would be moving on from her position.

Town Clerk Fantini confirmed that the resignation letter was submitted and stated that, to the best of their recollection, it was received on Tuesday the 19th.

Supervisor Barrett stated that the resignation timeline discussed appeared consistent with the expected notice period. He referenced prior discussions in which a new position was considered within the department and suggested that knowledge of the resignation would have been relevant to those deliberations. He emphasized that, in his view, the Town Board should be informed promptly of personnel changes moving forward.

Town Clerk Fantini stated that she are still learning their role and noted that she did not receive formal training from the previous clerk. They explained that the prior clerk had received several weeks of training from the former clerk. She stated that she had to seek guidance from others on how to handle the situation and offered an apology for any procedural gaps, adding that she would handle such matters differently in the future.

Supervisor Barrett stated that department heads typically inform the Town Board promptly when an employee gives notice. He noted that, in this case, timely notice would have been important because the Board was considering creating a new position in the department, which he did not support. He emphasized that, in his view, personnel changes are time-sensitive information and should be communicated to the Board as soon as possible. He added that he had not seen any applications for the position and asked how many individuals had applied for the job.

Town Clerk Fantini stated that approximately five interviews have been conducted so far. They added that roughly 10 to 11 people have applied for the position. Adding that, if desired, they could provide additional reporting information and confirmed that the applicant's resume had been provided. They also stated that additional printed copies of the resume were available.

Supervisor Barrett asked whether any of the applicants were notaries.

Town Clerk Fantini stated that none of the applicants reviewed so far appear to be notaries. They added that all candidates were asked to take a test and become notaries as part of the process.

Councilman Fantini asked for clarification from Attorney Dailey regarding the hiring process. He stated that, to his understanding, deputies of any department are not typically interviewed by the Town Board and expressed confusion regarding the Supervisor's comments and questions about the candidates.

Councilwoman Reid stated that, per the hiring resolution procedure previously adopted by the Board, all resumes for positions appointed by the Town Board are required to go through the Town Board Secretary, as appointed under standard resolutions. She noted that she had previously raised concerns that the current process appeared inconsistent with established practices and procedures.

Town Clerk Fantini stated that all resumes were received by her directly.

Attorney Dailey stated that when departmental openings arise, it is appropriate for the Town Board to be informed. He noted that there are currently two vacancies in the Clerk's Office: one resulting from a resignation and another from a newly created Deputy Clerk position. He further explained that the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent are independently elected officials, and that the Town Clerk has the authority to appoint deputy clerks within the Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Barrett questioned the process, asking why the Town Board is voting on the matter.

Attorney Dailey clarified that while the appointment of the individual is within the Town Clerk's authority, the Town Board's action is required to place the person on the payroll.

Supervisor Barrett stated that, as Town Supervisor and a Town Board member, he believes he has a role in hiring decisions. He explained that in his view, department heads typically ensure that candidates have the necessary support from the appointing authority, which he identified as the Town Board. He concluded that if he has a vote in the process, then he also has a role in the hiring decision.

Attorney Dailey stated that the situation is, in many ways, analogous to the confidential secretary position in the Supervisor's office. He explained that the appointment authority lies with the respective official, and characterized the process as straightforward in terms of appointment responsibility.

Councilman Fantini reiterated the Town Attorney's explanation, stating that elected officials—including the Town Clerk—have the authority to appoint their own deputies, similar to the Highway Superintendent and the Supervisor's confidential secretary position.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE 9:35 P.M.

Brady Ozimek of Tracey Court addressed Councilwoman Bellamy and stated that he wanted to briefly go over some matters. He then asked her what street she lives on.

Councilwoman Bellamy responded that she lives on Eastside Drive.

Brady Ozimek addressed Councilwoman Bellamy and referenced prior comments regarding the water issue, stating he would not further engage that topic in detail. He then directed remarks toward Councilman Manir, stating that he found earlier comments during the resolution debate embarrassing and said his opinion of Councilman Manir had changed since earlier in the year. He stated that, while Councilman Manir had previously been receptive in discussions, he felt he had not consistently acted in support of constituents, with the exception of his participation in the recent discussion. Mr. Ozimek further asserted that sending emails to all Board Members constituted a violation of the Open Meetings Law, citing requirements that public business be conducted in open meetings and referencing guidance from the New York Committee on Open Government regarding electronic communications and quorum concerns. He stated that he had spoken with a majority of residents in the Windover Farms area and claimed that none supported the proposal. He also made critical remarks directed at Councilman Fantini regarding voting support and campaign-related activity. He referenced social media posts and alleged coordination involving Town appointees and an ethics board matter, and concluded by questioning the number of lawsuits or grievances the Town has faced.

Supervisor Barrett stated that there have been a number of grievances and indicated that he believes additional lawsuits may be forthcoming. He referenced a recent union grievance filed by CSEA and stated that, in his view, the Board chose to bypass the arbitration process and proceed directly to court. He noted that the Town subsequently retained an outside law firm on an open-ended basis to handle grievances, lawsuits, and related legal matters. He stated that approximately \$30,000 in legal bills have been incurred so far, as previously mentioned during the meeting.

Brady Ozimek stated that, in his view, the Town has seen multiple lawsuits. He further asserted that comments made during the meeting indicated an Open Meetings Law violation. He criticized the conduct of the Board, stating that it showed disregard for the law and disrespect toward constituents. He also made statements regarding upcoming elections, stating that certain officials would not be successful in future electoral races and encouraging attendees to vote for Mary Beth Walsh.

Caryl Hugg of Jonathan Drive asked the Town Clerk to confirm the last day of employment for Stephanie with the Town.

Town Clerk Fantini responded that Stephanie's last day of employment was December 31 and noted that she had reached out to her.

Caryl Hugg asked Town Clerk Fantini to provide their first day of employment.

Town Clerk Fantini stated that her first day of employment was January 1.

Caryl Hugg questioned the expectation that a former employee would be responsible for providing training.

Town Clerk Fantini stated that she reached out to the individual around December 15 to express a desire for an opportunity to learn.

Caryl Hugg stated that most people who start a job do not have someone to train them and noted that the individual was nearly six months into the position and should be familiar with their job duties.

Supervisor Barrett stated that December 15 was a late point to begin training and noted that when someone is transitioning to a different career, it does not leave much time for adequate preparation.

Councilman Fantini asked whether the last day Stephanie was in office could be recalled.

Caryl Hugg requested that meeting materials be released earlier, noting a preference for distribution by Friday and expressing concern that packets are initially posted on Monday and then changed multiple times afterward. She also raised concerns about last-minute submission of resolutions and referenced prior discussion regarding timing of resolution preparation. She stated that Councilman Fantini reacted with surprise when she referenced the timing of his resolutions, which she said was identified in the meeting packet documents. She further questioned why certain requests appeared to be missing for some council members while remaining present for department heads and other officials. Additionally, she expressed concern about perceived patterns in the meeting discussions and questioned whether Attorney Dailey was attempting to accomplish goals not completed during a prior term, noting that his name appeared connected to multiple items brought forward.

Anthony Morelli of Gloucester thanked the Board for its unanimous vote on the Windover Farms proposal, stating that although the process was somewhat difficult over the previous month, he believed the Board reached the correct decision and that residents and nearby neighbors would appreciate the outcome. He also offered commendation to Councilman Fantini for bringing forward and completing the Pride Month proclamation, describing it as a positive use of the council platform and encouraging more similar initiatives in the future.

Brian Smith of Eastside Drive thanked the Board for approving the resolution to continue the engineering project intended to support securing a grant for potable drinking water on Eastside Drive. He noted that although the grant program is nearing expiration and the application process has not yet opened, the continued engineering work would help position the project for future funding opportunities. He emphasized that, without grant assistance, the project would be very costly for residents, and expressed hope that the process would continue moving forward to eventually provide drinking water improvements for the neighborhood.

Supervisor Barrett stated that continued efforts would eventually be successful and emphasized that the planning and engineering work being completed would remain valuable over time. He noted that while some updates may be needed depending on the process, the work would not become outdated and would support future grant applications, including potential opportunities in 2027. He further stated that the effort would not be wasted, even if the project is not successful in the current grant cycle.

Ann Connolly of Valdepenas Lane thanked Anthony Morelli for suggesting the merger of two resolutions and noted his ability to help bring the Town Board toward a mutual solution. She also stated that she was impressed by his efforts in that regard. She then asked whether the Town Clerk had benefited from a transition team in learning the duties of the position, referencing members of the transition team and questioning whether that process had assisted in job preparation.

Town Clerk Fantini stated that the individuals on the transition team had not previously served as Town Clerk and therefore could not fully provide role-specific training or guidance for the position.

Ann Connolly questioned that Amy, as a former Town Board member, would not have direct experience or understanding of the responsibilities of the Town Clerk position.

Town Clerk Fantini stated that the responsibilities of the Town Clerk position are extensive and go far beyond what is outlined in the job posting. She noted that the role involves significant

detail and complexity and that the full scope of the work is difficult to understand until serving in the position directly.

Ann Connolly acknowledged the discussion by stating that she understood the point being made.

Mike Siiss, Director of Boston Lake Ambulance, thanked the Board for its continued support and confirmed receipt and processing of a tax levy payment. He noted the organization had previously faced serious financial challenges but was able to recover with support from the town and community. He suggested forming an ambulance committee to work with local leadership to address EMS funding and awareness concerns, stating that EMS services are under significant financial pressure due to rising costs and limitations under the tax cap. He further explained that he believes additional public awareness and potential funding adjustments may be needed to ensure continued emergency medical service availability for residents.

Supervisor Barrett reported on prior efforts at the state level to remove EMS-related costs from municipal tax cap calculations, explaining that such a change would allow towns more flexibility to fund emergency medical services without exceeding the tax cap. He stated that although the proposal had support, it was ultimately vetoed by the Governor. He also discussed broader concerns with state-level policies affecting local budgeting, including how certain initiatives such as green energy and solar projects may impact municipal tax calculations and limit local fiscal flexibility.

Mike Siiss explained that Boston Lake EMS receives approximately \$70,000 less than the amount generated from taxes collected within its response area. He stated that establishing a committee could help evaluate and determine a more equitable distribution of those funds, noting that the additional revenue would significantly support EMS operations and services in the community.

Supervisor Barrett suggested that he, Mike Siiss, and Keith meet to discuss future strategies for EMS funding and operations. He stated that he would send an email to coordinate the meeting.

Chuck Alangi of Aster Drive spoke in support of the Board's resolution related to the Windover development area, noting concerns about flooding and the importance of careful planning when addressing water management and wetland impacts. He thanked the Board for its work on the resolution and emphasized that water can be a destructive force if not properly managed. He also noted that decisions made by one Board do not constrain future Boards, referencing his experience as a public housing commissioner. He concluded by expressing appreciation for the Board's actions.

Robert Kelly of Eastside Drive spoke regarding water issues on Eastside Drive and referenced Ballston Lake as part of the Town of Clifton Park. He shared a personal anecdote from his past involvement in youth sports and noted a lack of public awareness about the lake within the community. He also mentioned the presence of several new babies on his street and expressed concern about the long-term impact of lacking public water infrastructure for future generations.

Town Clerk Fantini read into the record a letter submitted by Michael Bush addressed to the Town Board. The letter called for the immediate resignation of Town Attorney Daily and raised a series of allegations regarding conflicts of interest, ethics concerns, compensation, accessibility, and conduct in relation to Town matters, including the Windover Farms project. The correspondence further urged the board to take action or initiate formal proceedings to review the attorney's conduct and indicated the author's intent to pursue additional oversight avenues if necessary.

No one else wished to be heard.

Public Privilege closed at 10:02 P.M.

MOTION BY Councilwomen Reid, seconded by Councilman Fantini to adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting or any other meeting necessary for the conduct of Town business.

Motion carried at 10:08 P.M.

Caitlin Fantini
Town Clerk