

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

May 5, 2025

The meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:01 p.m. Supervisor Barrett presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor Barrett
 Councilman Morelli
 Councilwoman Reid
 Councilwoman Walowit
 Councilman Manir
 Town Clerk Ranze

Also Present: Town Attorney, Paul Pelagalli
 Mark Heggen, Comptroller
 John Scavo, Director of Planning & Zoning
 Dan Clemens, Director of Building, Parks & Recreation
 Dahn Bull, Superintendent of Highways
 Michael Woerner, Director of Parks & Recreation

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
 Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Manir – Thanks to the Green Committee for organizing such wonderful events over the weekend. And thank you to Councilman Morelli for his assistance and support. Thank you for collecting all this information, everyone's contribution is appreciated.

Supervisor Barrett – We were approaching 300 who participated in the Town Cleanup Day. Volunteers were out working across various parks and trails throughout the town. A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard that day to help keep our parks and trails clean and beautiful.

Councilwoman Reid – May is Historic preservation Month, and tonight we'll hear from Town Historian John Scherer, who will share information about some upcoming events, as well as a few that have already taken place.

Over the weekend, we unveiled a new historic marker, commemorating one of the early settlements along the Erie Canal – the home of John Clue.

Councilman Morelli – The next event in our Stewardship Hike series is coming up this Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Dwaas Kill Preserve. We kicked off the series last month and this month's hike continues the momentum. The event details are posted on our social media, and everyone is welcome. We are hoping to continue growing the turnout for these hikes. It may be a little rainy, but unless it's pouring, we'll be out there rain or shine!

Supervisor Barrett – Linda Collette and Ann Marie Cargile were honored by CAPTAiN at an event Saturday at the Milton Community Center for their ongoing support of CAPTAIN and the Care Links program. CareLinks, which began at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center, has grown significantly and provides services like transportation for seniors. The town continues to

support both programs financially and is always seeking volunteers. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to contact the town office or CAPTAIN directly.

PRESENTATIONS

Shenendehowa Central School District 2025-2026 School Budget Vote

Dr. Robinson joins us annually to provide an overview of the school budget, which will be coming up for a vote soon. We appreciate him taking the time to keep us informed on these important updates. This may be a final budget update from Dr. Robinson as he is retiring from Shenendehowa Central School District this June.

Supervisor Barrett – It’s been a pleasure working with Dr. Robinson over the years. We have collaborated on many initiatives, and his dedication has always been evident.

Town Historian and Historic Preservation Awards – John Scherer

John presented a report for 2024 that highlighted several important historical sites and events being recognized this month. (Insertion)

John Scherer – Would like to thank the Town Board, and all the various town offices that continue to support the preservation of town history throughout the region. I am especially grateful to everyone who has supported the historical timeline project, helping to keep our local history alive and accessible.

Linda Seymour – Briefly highlighted two core responsibilities of the Historic Preservation Commission.

- Identifying historic structures within the town
- Recognizing individuals

Tonight, we are asking the Town Board to consider placing another home on the Historic Register. See Resolution No. 100

The Preservation Award of 2025 awarded to Alan & Barbara Maddaus for the preservation and restoration of the Eldert & Abram VanWoert House at 339 Riverview Road, Rexford, NY.

Supervisor Barrett – Our conservation easement programs, open space preservation efforts, and historic preservation initiatives none of these would be possible without willing partners. Alan and Barbara are perfect examples of that spirit. They, like many others over the years, have shown a genuine commitment to working with the Town of Clifton Park on these important initiatives. On behalf of the town, with extend a sincere thank you for your partnership and for the valuable contributions you’ve made to our historic collection.

Linda Seymour – Recognizing contributions to research and innovation is an important part of our mission. On behalf of the Town Board, I’m honored to read a proclamation recognizing Pauline Boehm for her outstanding work.

Councilman Morelli – Thank you John and Linda for your impactful presentations and your passionate work in historic preservation. Your enthusiasm inspires others to engage and learn more about the town’s history. On behalf of the Town Board and residents we thank you for your valuable contributions.

Proclamation award to Frank Berlin

Councilwoman Reid – Read a Proclamation recognizing Frank’s many significant contributions to the Town of Clifton Park and surrounding communities within Saratoga County. (Insertion)

We honor Frank Berlin for his lifelong dedication and selfless service to the community. Through decades of volunteer work, participation in town committees, and consistent presence at public meetings, Frank has made a profound impact on the town’s well-being. In recognition of

his extraordinary contributions, the town proudly presents the Key to the Town as a symbol of deep gratitude and respect.

Supervisor Barrett – Shared a personal story about Frank’s longstanding dedication to the community, beginning with a walk in 1999 to address improvements at Veterans Park. That moment marked the start of a meaningful friendship and collaboration. Frank has since been involved in many town initiatives, always prioritizing families, children, and the greater good.

Bronze-certified Climate Smart Community Presentation

Councilman Morelli - After years of collaborative effort, the town has been officially designated a Climate-Smart Community by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Energy. This recognition honors the town’s substantial actions toward sustainability, pollution reduction, and greenhouse gas emission reduction. Key initiatives included installing LED streetlights, EV chargers, preserving open space, holding repair cafes, launching a composting program, and expanding bike and walking paths. There is a team effort behind this achievement, and I thank all the volunteers for their contributions. The town has received street signs to display this recognition, underscoring its commitment to climate action.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 100 of 2025, a resolution designating the Eldert and Abram Van Woert House to be placed on the Clifton Park Town Register of Historic Places.

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

WHEREAS, Chapter 208-78 of the Clifton Park Town Code through Resolution No. 16 of 1999, established a Town Register of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS, local honorary listing of buildings, structures, objects, sites and historic districts deemed by the Historic Preservation Commission to be of significant historic value, are eligible for inclusion within the register, and

WHEREAS, inclusion within the local register does not require or cause the property owners on the Historic Register to have restrictions on what they may do with their property, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Historic Preservation Commission has recommended that the Eldert and Abram Van Woert House, 339 Riverview Road, Rexford, (SBL 287.16-1-9), be added to the Town Register of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS, the Van Woert House was built by Eldert Van Woert between 1837 and 1850 and was acquired by his son Dr. Abram Van Woert in 1867 from his father’s estate, and

WHEREAS the home has been occupied since 1970 by Alan and Barbara Maddaus, who have rescued and restored this historic home with the help of master carpenter Niko Petersen, and

WHEREAS, structures placed on this Register will be given historic status for purposes of Town-wide recognition and as such shall be provided with appropriate marker and inclusion in a Town brochure identifying all sites so designated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adds the Eldert and Abram Van Woert House, 339 Riverview Road, Rexford, to the Town Register of Historic Places.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 101 of 2025, a resolution authorizing a transfer of \$1,000,000 for stormwater infrastructure projects and authorizing an additional transfer for Town road paving up to \$1,000,000 to the Highway Fund from the General Fund and amending the Highway Superintendent’s 2025 Paving Budget report per the proposed Section 284 agreement.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to add funds to the 2025 Highway Paving Budget for the purpose of including additional streets and neighborhoods to those in the proposed Section 284 agreement, and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for a transfer to the Highway Fund for both stormwater infrastructure and paving; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted to the Comptroller to transfer an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for stormwater infrastructure and paving projects from Unassigned Fund Balance (A-00914), with an increase in expenditures of \$2,000,000 to A-01972-00132 (General Fund – Tax Stabilization – Highway Tax Stabilization); and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted to the Comptroller to increase revenues in the Highway Fund \$2,000,000, DA-0532 (Highway Fund – Tax Stabilization) and to increase expenditures \$1,000,000 DA-05110-00030 (Highway Fund – Highway Construction – Paving) and \$1,000,000 DA-05110-00037 (Highway Fund - Highway Construction – Slip lining); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the streets shall be paved during the 2025 paving season, using the mill and pave method already specified for all other streets currently named in said agreement, and the Highway Superintendent shall add the streets, when they are determined, to the 284 agreement for 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed Highway Law §284 agreement is to be amended accordingly, and the Clerk is asked to keep and file a copy of this resolution with the 284 agreement when it is approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 102 of 2025, a resolution authorizing creation of the Woodland Hills Park District.

Introduced by Councilwoman Reid, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park (the “Town”) proposes to undertake the formation of a Park District for the Woodland Hills Subdivision to the north of Route 146 between Arnold Drive and George Drive, as described in the Map, Plan and Report prepared by the Town of Clifton Park’s Planning staff, which is on file in the Town Clerk’s office, and

WHEREAS, the maximum annual cost of the services to be performed by the Park District in the first year is \$3,200, and

WHEREAS, the annual costs of the Park District to the typical property within the District is \$21.57, which will be financed through ad valorem assessments upon each of the properties listed above, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a public hearing on April 21, 2025, to hear all persons interested in the creation of the Woodland Hills Park District at Town Hall, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York; now, therefore, be it

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

1. The notice of hearing was published and posted as required by law and is otherwise sufficient.
2. All the property and property owners within the proposed District are benefited thereby.
3. All the property and property owners benefited are included within the limits of the proposed District.
4. The establishment of this District is in the public interest;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Map, Plan and Report prepared by Town Planning Staff dated April 2025 be adopted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the establishment of the Woodland Hills Park District as the boundaries are identified within the adopted Map, Plan and Report, and approves of the expenditures for maintenance and services as outlined in the report, as may be amended from time to time by the Park District through the annual Budget process, to be offset by assessments on the property benefited, such assessments and charges to be assessed, levied and collected in the same manner as all other charges against the District, consistent with the engineering Map, Plan and Report as adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett – Summarized the process leading to the creation of a new park district in Woodland Hills. After being invited to a neighborhood meeting, they developed a detailed plan with cost estimates and shared it with residents. The plan received strong support, leading to a public hearing, which also showed continued backing. park districts are a longstanding structure in Clifton Park that promotes local input and volunteerism, helping neighborhoods maintain their public spaces.

Councilman Morelli – Agrees with Supervisor Barrett and confirms strong community support for the proposed Woodlan Hills Park District and moving forward with the park district is the right decision.

Resolution No. 103 of 2025, a resolution classifying the establishment of the Woodland Hills Park District as an Unlisted Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and issuing a negative declaration.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Town Board has reviewed the proposed establishment of the Woodland Hills Park District located within the Woodland Hills Subdivision, and

WHEREAS, the proposed action involves the management of approximately 7.81 acres of public open space within the Woodland Hills Neighborhood, including activities such as mowing, tree trimming and removal, landscaping, and maintenance of entrance signs, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has conducted a thorough review of the environmental impacts of the proposed action in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the proposed action constitutes an Unlisted Action pursuant to SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has evaluated the environmental considerations associated with the proposed action, including:

1. Mowing Open Space Areas: Weekly mowing over approximately 30 weeks, with additional spring and fall clean-ups, maintaining the ecological health and natural beauty of the open spaces without causing significant environmental disruption.
2. Tree Trimming & Removal: Removal of dead or diseased trees and trimming as needed to prevent potential hazards and promote the health of remaining vegetation, ensuring minimal environmental impact.
3. Landscaping, Flowers & Shrubs: Landscaping activities, including mulching and planting annual and perennial flowers, enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the park district without adversely affecting the environment.
4. Entrance Signs: Maintenance of entrance signs involving minor repairs and upkeep, which will not result in significant environmental changes; and

WHEREAS, based on the information provided and the environmental considerations evaluated, the Town Board concludes that the establishment of the Woodland Hills Park District will not result in significant adverse environmental impacts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Clifton Park Town Board hereby classifies the establishment of the Woodland Hills Park District as an Unlisted Action pursuant to SEQRA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, based on the information reviewed, hereby issues a Negative Declaration for the establishment of the Woodland Hills Park District, indicating that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign documentation and take any other steps required to implement this resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 104 of 2025, a resolution appointing new members to the Emergency Services Advisory Board.

Introduced by Councilwoman Walowit, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Reid.

WHEREAS, openings exist for Members and Alternates from the West Crescent Fire District to the Emergency Services Advisory Board (ESAB), and

WHEREAS, the Chief, Bureau of Fire Prevention, John DeSimone, recommends Dennis Ayotte, Clifton Park, NY to change status from Alternate Member to Primary Member to fill the vacancy resulting from Steve Bonesteel’s resignation, and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeSimone recommends John Meehan, Halfmoon, NY, to be appointed to Alternate Member to the ESAB to fill the vacancy resulting from Dennis Ayotte’s move from Alternate Member to Primary Member; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Dennis Ayotte and John Meehan are hereby appointed, as designated, from the West Crescent Fire District to the Emergency Services Advisory Board, with terms to expire December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2026, respectively.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 105 of 2025, a resolution scheduling a public hearing on a proposal to amend Chapters 152 and 153 of the Town Code to prohibit the use of e-bikes in Town nature preserves and Town parks.

Introduced by Councilwoman Reid, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, Municipal Home Rule Section 10 (12) authorizes local governments within New York to protect the health, safety, and well-being of persons and property within its jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds and determines that the use of e-bikes in Town nature preserves and Town parks creates a danger to the health, safety and well-being of persons within Town nature preserves and Town parks, and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to provide such protections as may be necessary to ensure the safety of persons using Town nature preserves and Town parks for recreation, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to solicit public comments on a proposal to amend the Town Code to prohibit e-bikes in Town nature preserves and Town parks; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing will be held on May 19, 2025, at 7:02 pm in the Wood Memorial room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, N.Y. on a proposal to amend Chapters 152 and 153 of the Town Code to prohibit the use of e-bikes in Town nature preserves and Town parks; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to publish appropriate notice of the same.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilman Morelli – With the rise in e-bike popularity, complaints have increased about improper use in parks, preserves, and on sidewalks. The hearing aims to gather resident feedback on appropriate regulations. While the town recognized the need for mechanized transport for those with mobility impairments, already addressed in current code, this hearing will help the town consider updates in response to evolving usage patterns.

Resolution No. 106 of 2025, a resolution requesting that the New York State Legislature amend Labor Law §130 to permit the employment of minors under fourteen years of age as referees, umpires, or field judges at sporting events.

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

WHEREAS, New York State Labor Law §130 currently only permits the employment of minors under fourteen years of age as child performers or models, and a minor eleven years of age as a newspaper carrier, and minors twelve or thirteen years of age in certain farm related activities or as a bridge caddie at a bridge tournament, and

WHEREAS, minors under fourteen years of age are capable of serving as referees, umpires, and field judges at youth sporting events, and

WHEREAS, it is currently standard practice, and has been for decades, for Youth Sports Leagues and similar organizations throughout Saratoga County and New York State to compensate individuals under the age of 14 to serve as referees, umpires and field judges, and

WHEREAS, minors under fourteen years of age are often trained to serve as referees, umpires, and field officials, and

WHEREAS, the inability to employ minors under the age of fourteen as referees, umpires, and field officials will result in diminished opportunities for sports organizations to provide competitive games and increase expenses for parents if other referees, game officials or field judges can be recruited, and

WHEREAS, it is a well-known fact there is a lack of referees, umpires and field judges at every level of youth sports, and

WHEREAS, permitting minors under the age of fourteen to be employed as referees, umpires, and field officials will provide useful life skills to minors so employed and will increase the opportunities for scheduling youth sporting events, and

WHEREAS, the employment of individuals for this purpose should follow all New York State Laws applicable to proper compensation, and

WHEREAS, we further request any organization that has been fined for employing individuals under the age of 14 in this capacity, have the funds returned to the organization by New York State, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Barrett and the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park supports the amendment of New York State Labor Law §130 to provide for the employment of minors under the age of fourteen as referees, umpires, and field officials at youth sporting events; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park requests that the New York State Legislature amend Labor Law §130 to permit the employment of minors under fourteen years of age as referees, umpires, or field judges at sporting events.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett – Discusses a recent audit that fined a youth sports organization \$5,000 and banned referees under age 14. Advocating for an exception to New York State labor laws to allow youth under 14 to officiate, citing the benefits of responsibility experience, and support for sports programs. Without such an exception, organizations may face reduced participation and financial hardship. Also stressing the importance of youth sports in child development and calls for action to preserve these opportunities. I've been in contact with the Department of Labor and have not received a response yet but remain hopeful. I have reached out to local and state legislators in hopes of advancing efforts to create an exception in labor laws for youth referees.

Councilman Morelli – Strongly supports advocating for a legal exception to allow youth under 14 to continue serving as referees and umpires and emphasizes the longstanding value of youth officiating as a developmental tool and a way for older players to mentor younger ones.

Resolution No. 107 of 2025, a resolution requesting an amendment to General Municipal Law §3-c exempting solar PILOT agreements from tax cap calculations.

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

WHEREAS, the annual growth of the total amount to be raised through property taxes charged on a municipalities taxable assessed value of property is capped at a specific percentage increase based on the results of calculations through the tax formula, and

WHEREAS, the available annual amount of taxes to be levied is reduced by the PILOT payments made to a municipality, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has been a leader in the advent of solar energy and has ten (10) solar arrays already constructed within the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park's efforts to encourage and approve solar projects are consistent with New York State's alternative energy initiatives, and

WHEREAS, deducting the solar PILOT payments from a municipalities tax cap serves as a penalty and discouragement to approving such projects by reducing the funding available to a municipality for municipal operations and initiatives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park requests that the New York State Legislature amend General Municipal Law §3-c to exempt payments to a municipality pursuant to a solar PILOT be exempt from reducing the total amount to be raised through property taxes charged on the municipalities assessed value of property.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett – Highlights an issue with how solar energy PILOT agreements reduce a municipality's allowable tax cap, despite the state promoting solar development and funding it heavily. They argue it's unfair for towns to be penalized for supporting state-backed green energy projects. Legislation to fix this has been introduced with support from Assemblywoman Walsh and other groups. Hopefully it will pass helping municipalities across New York.

Resolution No. 108 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) two-piece flashing crosswalk system.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 117 of 2017 and No. 141 of 2018, the Town was authorized to purchase flashing beacons to increase awareness at pedestrian crosswalks at several locations throughout town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to expand the program by the acquisition of additional units, which provide uniformity within the Town and have become recognizable to motorists and users, and

WHEREAS, the flagship crosswalk systems previously acquired by the Town perform as intended and are successful in raising awareness of speeds and of the crosswalks and trails where they have been implemented, and

WHEREAS, the proposed crosswalk beacons will be installed at the following location:

- Crosswalk at the intersection of Par Del Rio and Moe Road, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is compelled to establish required timeframes for installation of these public safety devices due to the issues of delay in the installation of previously authorized crosswalk beacons, and

WHEREAS, Traffic Systems, Inc, 1 Corporate Dr., Suite 1, Holtsville, NY, an authorized distributor of crosswalk beacons, provided the sole source options, per the attached; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted for the purchase of one (1) two-piece Carmanah R-920E Solar RRFB Crosswalk System, at a total cost of \$6,650, from A-3310-0200 (Traffic Safety – Equipment), and be it further

RESOLVED the location listed above will have the beacons installed by the Highway Department within 2 weeks of delivery, and if the beacons are not installed within that time frame, a contractor will be hired for the installations.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 109 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign an Easement to National Grid for the purpose of relocating and maintaining utility service at the Town Transfer Station.

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

WHEREAS, The Town has applied to National Grid for the provision of relocation of electric and gas service at the Town Transfer Station, and

WHEREAS, National Grid has requested an Easement upon certain lands of the Town for the installation and maintenance of utility infrastructure such as poles and lines, as depicted in the map attached to the Easement Request, attached, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Supervisor is authorized to execute the attached Easement to National Grid.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 110 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the hiring of Zachary Lawlor as a 2025 seasonal laborer for the Buildings and Grounds Department.

Introduced by Supervisor Barrett, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Manir.

WHEREAS, an opening exists for a seasonal laborer in the Buildings and Grounds Department; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks and Recreation, has recommended that Zachary Lawlor be hired to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Zachary Lawlor be hired as a laborer for the Buildings and Grounds Department for the summer of 2025, to be paid at \$16.50/hr., effective immediately, and to be budgeted from A-07110-E4000 (General Fund - Building & Grounds - Part-time Laborer).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 111 of 2025, a resolution awarding a contract for landscape work for the Clifton Knolls Park District.

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

WHEREAS, quotes were received by the Town as Commissioners of the Clifton Knolls Park District for landscape work for the District, and

WHEREAS, the lowest conforming quote for the work to be done, which includes supplying and installing a variety of plantings in twelve (12) locations within the Park District, as outlined in the attached Invitation to Provide Price Quote, was submitted by Dirt & Décor Designs, in an amount not to exceed \$8,130; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board as Commissioners of the Clifton Knolls Park District, hereby accepts the price quote from Dirt & Décor Designs, for the landscape work at the Clifton Knolls Park District, at a cost of \$8,130 for supplying and installing plantings at twelve (12) locations within the Park District, to be budgeted from SP3-7115-024 (Clifton Knolls Park District – Park District Labor – General Maintenance).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 112 of 2025, a resolution accepting the attached list of Camp Counselors and Alternate Counselors to be hired as needed for the Town Summer Camp locations.

Introduced by Councilwoman Walowit, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Reid.

WHEREAS, Supervisor Barrett has recommended that the list of individuals listed on the attached Schedule A, be accepted as Counselors and Alternates Counselors, for the 2025 Summer season; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the attached Schedule A is accepted as the list of 2025 Summer Camp Counselors, and Alternate Counselors to be hired if needed, to be paid as noted on the Schedule.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 113 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the hiring of a Pool Manager for Barney Road pool for the 2025 Season.

Introduced by Councilwoman Reid, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to hire a manager for the Barney Road pool for the 2025 Season, and

WHEREAS, Mike Woerner, Director of Parks and Recreation, recommends hiring Isabel Adams for the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Isabel Adams is hereby hired as Pool Manager for the Barney Road pool for the 2025 Season, to be paid \$25.05/hr., to be paid from A-7150-E4680 (General Fund – Barney Road Pool – Pool Manager).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett – Isabel previously served as a head guard at Barney Road and recently completed her final required certification. Welcome Isabel. And thanks to Bruce Sutphin for many years of dedicated service as a guard and pool manager.

Resolution No. 114 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign a License Agreement with Clifton Park – Halfmoon Piranhas, for use of the Country Knolls pool for swim team practice.

Introduced by Councilwoman Walowit, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Reid.

WHEREAS, Clifton Park – Halfmoon Piranhas wish to utilize the Country Knolls town-owned pool for a term of up to six (6) weeks, beginning on June 30, 2025, at a rate of \$55.00 per hour per pool, plus the hourly rate of all Town employees working at the pools during practice hours; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the attached License Agreement with Clifton Park – Halfmoon Piranhas for use and occupation of the Country Knolls Pool, provided that the Town Attorney reviews and accepts the attached Certificate of Insurance naming the Town of Clifton Park as additionally insured.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 115 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the acceptance of 9.26± acres of land from C&J Property Holdings, LLC.

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

WHEREAS, C&J Property Holdings, LLC, has offered to transfer 9.26± acres of land to the Town of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, the land transfer was a condition of the Notice of Decision issued by the Planning Board on June 11, 2019, for the Subdivision for Lands of Santoro & Masseria, which utilized a Conservation Design Layout, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board's Notice of Decision specified that the transfer of the lands to the Town of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, the 9.26± acres of land to be transferred includes areas designated for permanent open space and conservation easements, as prescribed by § 208-18(2) of the Clifton Park Town Code, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the proposed land transfer and finds it to be in the best interest of the Town and its residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Clifton Park Town Board hereby accepts the transfer of 9.26± acres of land from C&J Property Holdings, LLC; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Attorney, Town Open Space Coordinator, and Planning Staff to prepare and execute all necessary documents to complete the land transfer; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board acknowledges that this land transfer fulfills the condition set forth in the Notice of Decision issued by the Planning Board on June 11, 2019, for the Subdivision for Lands of Santoro & Masseria.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 116 of 2025, a resolution setting a public hearing to consider adoption of a local law establishing the Planned Development District (PDD) for Bass Pro Shop Signage at 400 Clifton Park Center Road.

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

WHEREAS, an application for the establishment of a Planned Development District to accommodate the unique signage needs for the Bass Pro Shops, was filed with the Town Clerk on April 21, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning staff have reviewed the application and recommend adopting the PDD to ensure that the signage needs of this regional anchor store are met, thereby maximizing its positive impact on the local community and economy, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to invite Public Comment on the proposed project from residents and members of the public, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing to consider a local law establishing the Bass Pro Shop PDD is hereby scheduled for June 16, 2025, at 7:02 p.m., in the Wood Memorial Meeting Room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall publish appropriate notice of same.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 117 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to execute an agreement with NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets for grant reimbursement for professional farmland protection planning services for the Town.

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

WHEREAS, the Town was awarded grant funding pursuant to the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets’ Municipal Agriculture and Farmland Protection Planning Grant (FPPG) program for professional planning services to create a comprehensive farmland protection and agricultural enhancement plan for the Town, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 131 of 2024, the Supervisor was authorized to execute an agreement with Community Planning and Environmental Associates (CP&EA) for these services, and

WHEREAS, CP&EA has started work on the Town’s farmland protection plan, and

WHEREAS, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets has forwarded an execution contract for the disbursement of the grant funds awarded to the Town under the FPPG Program, a reimbursement of \$25,000 towards the cost of these professional planning services; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the attached Grant Disbursement Contract with NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets for professional services to create a farmland protection and agricultural enhancement plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett – This enables the town to finalize a grant agreement and receive funding to support its ongoing farmland preservation efforts.

Resolution No.118 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit to the Gillette Shows, Inc, to sponsor a carnival at Clifton Park Center.

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

WHEREAS, the Gillette Shows, Inc., has requested that the Town issue a Mass Gathering Permit for the purpose of sponsoring a carnival at Clifton Park Center in front of the Center from Wednesday, May 28 to Sunday, June 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Town has been informed with information concerning this activity, and

WHEREAS, the Town has been named as an additional insured on the required insurance policy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board is satisfied with the information provided and that the potential effect of the proposed public assemblage will have minimal effect upon the public health, safety and welfare of the people and property of the Town of Clifton Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby directs that a permit be issued to Gillette Shows, Inc., for a public assemblage to be held in the front of Clifton Park Center, from Wednesday, May 28 through Sunday, June 1, 2025 for the sole purpose of sponsoring a carnival, provided that the Town is given a Certificate of Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000, naming the Town of Clifton Park as additionally insured.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Scott Reese – Notes that contracted security personnel are being hired to be present at the start of the event and coordination is underway with the fire chief to address emergency planning and necessary barricades. During the application process important questions were asked and answered in advance to ensure the upcoming event would be well organized and smoothly run.

Resolution No. 119 of 2025, a resolution designating that the new Vischer Ferry Nature Preserve Photo Contest proceeds go towards maintenance of the Preserve.

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

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Department of Parks and Recreation offered the first annual photo contest for residents to submit photos of the Vischer Ferry Nature Preserve (VFNP), and

WHEREAS, starting with the 2025 VFNP Photo Contest, contestants will be asked to sign a release to waive proprietary rights to their photos and agree to permit the Town to sell their photos so long as the proceeds be used to maintain the VFNP, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to identify the net proceeds of the sale of the pictures in the accounting records; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all proceeds realized from the sales of photos from the annual Vischer Ferry Nature Preserve Photo Contest go towards maintenance of the Preserve; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to establish certain accounting records which will segregate the proceeds to establish a Town Board Designated Fund to account for the proceeds of the Photo Contest.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilwoman Reid – Funds raised from the sale of photographs taken during last year’s photo contest featuring the Vischer Ferry Preserve will be used to enhance the preserve. Proceeds will support projects like trail improvements, signage, habitat restoration, and educational programs. This initiative celebrates local artistic talent while investing in environmental preservation. Additionally, the next photo contest will launch in June, with details to be shared on cliftonpark.org.

Resolution No. 120 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the hiring of Scott Skinner as a part-time armed Court Officer.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for a part-time armed Court Officer, and

WHEREAS, Lou Pasquarell, Director of Safety and Security, has recommended that Scott Skinner be hired to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to hire Scott Skinner as a part-time armed Court Officer, at Grade 6, Step 1, \$30.24/hr., effective immediately, to be paid from A-3120-E4030 (General Fund – Security – Part Time Court Officer).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Lou Pasquarell – Scott has extensive experience in emergency response, including roles as a fire chief, security officer, and current Director of Malta/Stillwater EMS. He is recognized as a leader in the EMS community in Saratoga County and is seen as a strong addition to the team.

Supervisor Barrett – Scott has a great deal of experience and with current staff changes, one on medical leave, one retiring and another with reduced availability, the town is looking to strengthen its team.

MOTION BY Councilman Morelli, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to release the tabled resolution, from the April 21, 2025, Town Board Meeting. A resolution contracting for paving services and paving related materials for the Town's Highway Department,

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Resolution No. 121 of 2025, a resolution contracting for paving services and paving related materials for the Town's Highway Department.

Introduced by Councilman Morelli, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 103 (16) of the General Municipal Law, municipalities in New York may acquire services through contracts let by the State, or another political subdivision of the State, through a public bidding process which was held in compliance with the statute, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has requested authorization to enter into contracts with Evolution Construction Services, Mechanicville, NY, to establish services rates for equipment and labor associated with paving services based on bids awarded by the County of Saratoga after a competitive process, in compliance with GML 103, and

RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent is authorized to enter a pavement services contract with Evolution Construction Services, Mechanicville, NY, per Saratoga County Contract 24-PWPSR-46R, and to obtain paving related materials, in an amount up to \$1,650,000, with invoices to be paid from DA-5110-030 (Highway Fund – Highway Construction – Paving & Blacktop), \$1,000,000 and \$650,000 from DA-05112-00015 (Highway Fund – Permanent Improvements – Other Contractual).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

OTHER BUSINESS - NONE

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Brady Ozimek – Thanks the Town Board for supporting efforts to challenge a New York State policy that prohibits individuals under 14 from serving as referees and umpires. Drawing from his own experience, starting at 13 he emphasized how officiating teaches leadership, responsibility, conflict resolution, and work ethic. He argued that the policy would hurt local youth sports by creating official shortages and removing valuable growth opportunities for teens. Calling on state lawmakers to revise the law to include youth officials as an exception, like those for child performers or newspaper carriers. This policy would ultimately hurt kids and the communities that support them.

Ann Connolly – Thanks Dan Clemens and the Town Board for approving the resolution for landscape work for the Clifton Knolls Park District, expressing excitement about the improvements and praises the decision to opt for a more cost-effective equipment option. By saving taxpayer money now in hope it will allow for future purchases, such as playground

equipment for older children. She would like to thank the Board for its prudent budgeting and is looking forward to continued development.

Marlys McGinnis - Would like to bring attention to the lack of signage on the Valencia Pond. Recounting an incident on June 19, 2024, where on a hot day about 40 people gathered at the local ponds with boats, kayaks, and canoes, including parents allowing children to swim in the pond despite warnings about algae and long-term chemical treatment of the water and claiming there was no signage. Later the child who swam developed a skin condition resulting in costly medical bills, which highlights the need for clear signage to prevent similar incidents.

Suzanne Moore – Expressed strong disappointment with the town’s decision to select Dirt & Décor over Kurt Tranka for a landscape project. She praised Tranka’s superior work, regional reputation, and willingness to collaborate with town staff for long-term maintenance. She criticized past mismanagement of plantings, specifically the mishandling of mums that cost the district thousands of dollars and upset the community, emphasizing that the issue isn’t about money but about choosing quality and professionalism to enhance the neighborhood’s appearance. She urged the board to reconsider and prioritize excellence in the project.

Supervisor Barrett – In the past couple of years, there’s been ongoing discussion about why we need to put projects like this out to bid. The answer lies in our town’s procurement policy, which all departments, including Dan Clemens’ team, must follow. The difference in bids was significant. The lowest was \$8,130, followed by \$13,290, and then \$31,355, Mr. Tranks’s being the highest. Based on our procurement rules, we are required to consider the lowest responsible bid. The company awarded the bid based in Clifton Park, and they’ve been professional and reliable in past work with the town.

Dan Clemens - Regarding mum maintenance, our crews follow proper care, cutting back dead material and shaping as they grow throughout the season. We also implemented the maintenance schedule recommended by Mr. Tranka.

Supervisor Barrett – Credit to Dan for being proactive when we couldn’t meet the initial mum demand through usual suppliers, he found a qualified alternative who could deliver. It’s hard to justify spending \$31,000 when we have a solid, professional offer at just over \$8,100. All vendors bid on the same scope of work, and we remain committed to encouraging community volunteerism across all park districts, whether for beautification or cleanup efforts.

Kimberly (Clifton Knolls Resident) – Shared excitement about the neighborhood flower project but shared concerns about the heavy use of mums in the fall, noting it left little room for perennials. It is important to have a sustainable, year-round planting plan and was happy that a reasonable bid was accepted, hoping it would allow for more diverse and balanced landscaping in the future.

Mildred Smith – Expressed concern about ongoing flower maintenance issues and emphasized the need for a long-term, sustainable approach using perennials. She noted poor soil conditions and lack of upkeep, despite past efforts with a recommended contractor. She also raised broader safety and cleanup concerns, urging better collaboration between the town and the advisory committee to address these issues effectively.

Sharon Straney – Expressed concern over the removal of once-beautiful perennials that had been well-maintained before 2018. She also raised safety and maintenance issues along the fence line near her home, including a fallen tree that caused a power outage and damaged the fence. She voiced frustration with the lack of preventive action and cleanup, calling for clearer responsibility and better maintenance from the town and utility companies.

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

Motion carried at 9:50 PM

Stephanie Ranze
Town Clerk