

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

May 19, 2025

The meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:00 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
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

Supervisor Barrett – Reminder that Pool season is starting and the Buildings and Grounds Department is preparing the pools to be ready for the upcoming weekend, despite the unfavorable weather forecast. Additional information is available on cliftonpark.org or through the Parks and Recreation Office.

PRESENTATION

Proclamation recognizing the Honorable James F. Hughes – 7:01pm

Supervisor Barrett – Introduced the town’s highest honor, the Key to the Town, which recognizes exceptional volunteerism and community service. Noting it is rarely awarded and reserved for truly deserving individuals. Judge James F. Hughes was selected as the latest honoree, and a proclamation was prepared to honor his significant contributions to the community. (Insert)

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposal to Amend Town Code Chapters 152 & 153 to address the use of e-bikes in Town nature preserves and parks – 7:20pm

Supervisor Barrett – Were opening this public hearing as part of our ongoing review of current regulations and consideration of best practices used by other municipalities. As new technologies and industries emerge, such as battery storage systems, cannabis cultivation, and e-bikes, it’s important for our community to address them proactively. This hearing is part of that effort. Discussions like this are happening across New York State, and we appreciate your participation. Personally, we’ve learned a lot about the technology behind e-bikes and believe this process will be informative for all of us.

Councilman Morelli – Currently, e-bikes are not defined in the Clifton Park Town Code, and under New York State law, their use is prohibited on public lands and sidewalks outside local control. The proposed legislation aims to allow Class 1,2, and 3 e-bikes in pedal-assist mode on town parks and preserves, while throttle-only use would remain prohibited. There’s already an exemption in place for mobility devices used by individuals with disabilities. The proposal also highlights the need for education and enforcement to ensure safe use.

Town Attorney Paul Pelagalli – The original proposal banned all e-bikes on town property, following state law. After research and public input, it was recently amended to allow Class 1,2 and 3 e-bikes in pedal-assist mode on parks, trails, and nature preserves. Throttle-only use is still prohibited, and exceptions remain for individuals with disabilities.

Supervisor Barrett – E-bikes are not currently defined in the town code, so defining them is a necessary first step. No vote or action will be taken tonight, and any decision on this issue will take time as part of a longer review process.

Councilman Manir – Multiple emails have been received, and there appears to be some confusion. To clarify, we are not conducting any ban on e-bikes.

Ed Brennan – A statewide e-bike safety educator, emphasized the importance of e-bikes, especially Class 1 and 2 for seniors and those using them for transportation. He clarified that Class 3 e-bikes aren’t allowed outside cities and raised legal questions about e-bike use of multi-use paths. Instead of restricting e-bikes, he recommended regulating speed and using signage in congested areas to ensure safety while supporting responsible use.

Bob Olenek – A former Trails committee member, urged the town to allow Class 1 e-bikes on all trails, sharing that he relies on his e-bike for exercise due to a heart condition. He emphasized that the trails were built for multi-use, and that banning e-bikes would make it unsafe for many, especially seniors, to ride given high-speed local roads. He called New York’s e-bike laws inconsistent and encouraged the town to adopt sensible, inclusive regulations that reflect current needs and realities.

Supervisor Barrett – Acknowledges the challenge of aligning actions with New York State law, given the varying approaches by other municipalities, but expresses satisfaction that recent changes have been well received.

Bill Belfort – A 40 year Clifton Park proud resident, expressed support for responsible e-bike use, especially by seniors. He noted that issues stemming from user behavior, not the bikes themselves. He rarely sees e-bikes in parks and supports enforcement through signage and fines, similar to existing leash laws. He praised the town and county for their strong management.

Mario Fantini – Thanked the board for reversing the e-bike ban but criticized the lack of public awareness and transparency. He urged better communication, noting that many residents didn’t know about the proposed law and public hearing, due to the public hearing not being posted on Facebook. He called for improved outreach and emphasized the importance of safety and community involvement.

Norah Hoefler – Emphasized that public hearings are not posted on Facebook but on the town website.

Supervisor Barrett – Noted that the e-bike policy is a multi-month process shaped by public input, praised officials for their work, and emphasized the importance of clear definition, safety measures, and addressing behavioral concerns.

Jane Cardill – Rexford resident, called for a bike trail along Riverview Road, citing safety concerns due to traffic and lack of space for cyclists. She described using alternate routes through neighborhoods to reach Clifton Park and expressed frustration with unclear or restrictive state regulations on road biking.

Jeff Ebert – A longtime Clifton Park resident and avid cyclist, said he has no issues sharing trails with e-bikes when proper etiquette is followed. He opposes restricting e-bikes to roads, citing safety concerns, and questioned the practicality of enforcing speed limits on trails.

Patrick Long – Clifton Park resident, emphasized the need for more bike trails in southern Clifton Park. He uses both Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes due to health issues and poor road conditions, noting that throttle assist helps him safely navigate hills and rough terrain. He supports e-bikes for seniors and shared positive experiences using them in other regions.

Darlene McGraw – Clifton Park resident with a disability, spoke in favor of e-bikes, highlighting their importance for people with health issues like asthma. She shared personal experiences, including a traffic accident and using her e-trike for work and community service. She urged the town to consider how e-bike regulations affect those who rely on them for mobility, safety, and independence.

Joanne Coons – Urged the town to base e-bike decisions on data, not isolated complaints. She warned that restricting e-bikes could reduce safety by pushing riders onto dangerous roads and harm accessibility for seniors. She advocated for education, better signage, and trail etiquette instead of bans, emphasizing fairness, safety, and inclusive use of public spaces.

Terri Cook – Clifton Park Animal Control Officer raised concerns about irresponsible e-bike riders in Kinns Park, especially unsupervised children riding recklessly. The issue is not the bikes but the behavior which poses safety risks to pedestrians and dog walkers. She warned that an accident is likely if the problem continues.

Christopher Bishop - Recognizes concerns about e-bike use on trails. Acknowledged potential safety issues but emphasized that many riders, including professionals, use e-bikes responsibly and stress the need for safe, designated areas rather than broad restrictions. He supports e-bikes, noting their benefits for people with health issues and for work purposes, like his brother's delivery job. Emphasizing the need for separate bike paths to avoid trail conflicts and reduce liability. He pointed out the difficulty of enforcing speed in wooded areas.

Andrew Neil – Clifton Park resident and Open Space Committee member, expressed concern about e-bikes on natural trails, citing risks like erosion, wildlife disruption, and liability. While not against e-bikes, he stressed they should be limited to appropriate areas and not allowed in parks like Garnsey or Dwaas Kill, which aren't designed for motorized use.

Alan – Longtime resident and avid e-bike rider, emphasized that he and his wife have safely used Class 2 e-bikes for years without issues. He noted that problems on trails are rare and typically involve dog leashes, not bikes. Alan stressed that rider behavior, not the type of bike, is the real concern and cautioned against unfairly targeting e-bikes.

Town Attorney Paul Pelagalli – Under New York State Law, e-bikes are prohibited on public lands unless a town passes a local law allowing them. Class 3 e-bikes are banned outside New York City, and riders must be at least 16. The Town Board can authorize e-bike use on specific roads and trails through local legislation.

Clifton Park Resident (name inaudible) – Expressed frustration about how e-bikes are being categorized or treated differently from regular bikes. They emphasized that e-bikes can be operated manually like traditional bicycles and questioned how enforcement or differentiation would work in public areas. There is concern over how rules will be applied fairly.

Councilman Morelli – Agrees that New York State law lacks clarity on e-bike usage modes and noted the town is working to address this by passing local legislation to better define and regulate e-bike use.

Clifton Park Resident (name inaudible) – Argued that rider behavior, not the type of bike, determines safety and trail impact. Noting that traditional bikes, especially mountain bikes with aggressive tires can cause more damage than many e-bikes. He emphasized the importance of properly defining e-bikes, distinguishing them from gas powered bikes that are sometimes misrepresented as electric. He is advocating for fair treatment of e-bikes and thoughtful regulation based on actual use and rider responsibility. States that educating riders is more

effective than bans in preventing damage or safety issues. He encourages inclusive community use of public spaces.

Gail Noell – a Clifton Park resident with serious knee issues, emphasized that her e-bike is essential for mobility and staying active. She cautioned against overemphasizing e-bike classifications, noting enforcement challenges and the need for fair, practical regulations. Gail urged the town to consider senior’s needs, follow established trail guidelines, and use clear signage to manage trail access responsibly.

Mark Sendick – a Clifton Park resident compared Clifton Park to Greenville, SC highlighting missed opportunities for a connected, bike friendly infrastructure. He emphasizes the benefits of safe trails for community, commerce and safety, and shared personal experiences of traffic dangers. He urged the town to prioritize trail development to reduce road exposure and build stronger community connections.

Supervisor Barrett – Noted that the Zim Smith Trail does not yet connect to Clifton Park, with the nearest access points in Round Lake and Halfmoon. Highlighting ongoing county efforts to expand the trail northward and mentioned existing connections to local businesses and amenities along the route. Clifton Park has transitioned from a car-focused community to one with growing trails and park infrastructure. Over the past 20 years, the town has preserved over 2,000 acres and added numerous parks and trails, including the 700-acre Vischer Ferry Preserve. Several new pedestrian and trail projects are underway, reflecting continued efforts to improve connectivity and recreation.

Ann Connolly – Clarified that Clifton Park is not banning e-bikes but working to expand access. She supports responsible use by residents and warned against allowing e-bike and scooter rentals, citing safety issues in Central Park NYC, where rentals led to serious injuries and misuse. She also noted that state regulation prohibits e-bikes in certain areas and urged the town to carefully evaluate which trails are appropriate for e-bike use.

Al Bishop – Praised e-bikes for enhancing family outings and making it easier to enjoy Clifton Park’s trails with his grandchildren. He shared positive personal experiences, highlighted their convenience for older adults, and expressed appreciation for the community and the meeting.

Chantel Smith – Clifton Park Animal Control Officer, raised concerns about e-bike use in Kinns Road Park, especially by children. She noted that e-bikes are heavier than regular bikes and harder to stop quickly, increasing the risk of accidents with off-leash pets.

Supervisor Barrett – Thanked all the participants and emphasized that regulating e-bikes is a multi-month process focused on clarifying definitions and aligning town code with New York State law, which currently restricts e-bike use on public property unless locally permitted.

Councilman Morelli – Reiterated that the goal is to allow and define e-bikes in the town code, not restrict them. Emphasizing the process is ongoing, evolving with public input, and encouraged residents to continue sharing feedback and stay engaged.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 122 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign a Lease Agreement with Fruitful Vine Christian Church, for rental of the top floor of the Burning Bush Clubhouse.

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Law 64 2 (a) the Town Board is authorized to lease Town- owned property; and

WHEREAS, Fruitful Vine Christian Church wishes to rent the top floor of the Burning Bush Clubhouse for a term of twelve (12) months, lease to expire on May 19, 2026, at an annual rent of \$21,600; and

WHEREAS, the Tenant may elect to remain in possession of the property after May 19, 2026, as a month-to-month Tenant for up to twelve (12) consecutive months; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the attached Lease Agreement with Fruitful Vine Christian Church for rental of the top floor of the Burning Bush Clubhouse, pending the Town Attorney’s review of a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town of Clifton Park as certificate holder.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 123 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the sale of equipment declared surplus by the Town Board and authorizing the Buildings and Grounds Department to sell the surplus equipment at public auction.

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Buildings, Parks, and Recreation, Daniel Clemens, has identified items within several Departments, noted on the attached Schedule A, as surplus property, and

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendation of Mr. Clemens, the Town Board declares the items on Schedule A as surplus; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Buildings and Grounds Department to sell the surplus equipment noted on the attached Schedule A, as is, through an upcoming online public auction.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 124 of 2025, a resolution in connection with the Town of Clifton Park for determination of a SEQRA Negative Declaration for the Miss Shen ‘Deanna Rivers’ Softball Training Pavilion at the Clifton Common.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park proposes to construct the Miss Shen ‘Deanna Rivers’ Softball Training Pavilion, a wood-framed structure supported by concrete foundations, adjacent to the existing masonry maintenance building at Clifton Common Blvd. in Clifton Park, NY, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is subject to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and has been classified as an Unlisted Action under 6 NYCRR Part 617, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has caused a Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) to be prepared and has duly considered the criteria for determining significance as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.7, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the project plans and specifications, including site location, scope of work, and potential environmental impacts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park, as Lead Agency, hereby determines that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and hereby issues a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign the SEQRA Negative Declaration and file the Notice of Determination of Non-Significance in accordance with the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 617.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett – The town is moving forward with building the Deanna Rivers Softball Training Pavilion at Clifton Commons, a project delayed by state red tape since before COVID. Originally funded by a \$100,000 grant, additional support and town funds are now needed due to rising costs. The pavilion honors Deanna Rivers, a cherished community member, and will include personalized touches reflecting her legacy.

Councilman Morelli – Highlighted the importance of the Deanna Rivers Softball Training Pavilion as a lasting tribute and a valuable year-round facility for Miss Shen athletes. He thanked Dan Clemens and his team for helping reduce costs by handling site work and electrical tasks, noting that construction costs have increased since the original grant was secured.

Supervisor Barrett – Acknowledged the valuable prep work done by Dan Clemens and his team for both the new playground at the Commons and the upcoming Deanna Rivers Softball Training Pavilion. Thanks were extended to the Miss Shen organization, the Rivers family for their input on the design, and Senator Tedisco for helping secure the grant that made the project possible.

Resolution No. 125 of 2025, a resolution to retain MA Schafer Construction, Inc. for construction of the Miss Shen “Deanna Rivers” Softball Pavilion at the Clifton Common.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to retain services associated with the construction and installation of a pavilion at the Clifton Common, in conjunction with Miss Shen Softball, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution Nos. 252 and 279 of 2024, authorization was granted to utilize American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) for engineering services related to the construction of the pavilion, and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were opened on April 28, 2025, with MA Schafer Construction, Inc. submitting the lowest conforming bid for an amount not to exceed \$163,750, for construction and installation of the pavilion at the Clifton Common, and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Town was awarded grant reimbursement funding of \$100,000 from the DASNY State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM), to be used toward the cost of the project, and

WHEREAS, Miss Shen Softball has committed \$10,000 to this project and the Deanna Rivers Foundation has committed \$12,500, and

WHEREAS, there remains a balance of \$41,250 to be paid from Unassigned Fund Balance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign an agreement with MA Schafer Construction, Inc., Altamont, NY, for construction and installation of the Miss Shen “Deanna Rivers” Softball Pavilion at the Clifton Common, for \$163,750; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to increase revenues in the following manner: \$100,000 to A-3089 (General Fund – NY State Revenues) and an increase of \$22,500 in A-2705 (General Fund – Gifts and Donations); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$41,250 from A-914 (General Fund- Unassigned Fund Balance); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to increase expenditures by \$163,750 to A-7112-200 (General Fund – Clifton Common – Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 126 of 2025 a resolution authorizing the hiring of a part-time seasonal laborer for the Buildings and Grounds Department.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for part-time seasonal help in the Buildings and Grounds Department; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings Parks & Recreation, has recommended that Luke Mahoney of Clifton Park be hired to fill the seasonal position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Luke Mahoney be hired as a part-time seasonal laborer for the Buildings and Grounds Department for the 2025 Season, at \$16.50 per hour, effective immediately, to be budgeted from A-07110-E4000 (General Fund – Buildings & Grounds - Part-time Employee).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 127 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the Highway Superintendent to retain Precision Trenchless, LLC to work on behalf of Advanced Rehabilitation Technology to perform repairs and restoration to a manhole structure in Northcrest Village.

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

WHEREAS, Dahn Bull, Superintendent of Highways, has identified a deteriorated manhole located within Northcrest Village off State Rt. 146, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103 (16), municipalities in New York are authorized to "piggyback" from competitively bid contracts of other municipalities within the state, so long as the bid process from the original contracting entity was conducted through a sealed bid process pursuant to the statute, and the bid notice provided for such piggybacking, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bull has now requested authorization to enter a contract with Precision Trenchless, LLC, 1710 Erie Blvd., Schenectady, NY, using the piggyback option from the 2025 Contract #B23009 of Ontario County, attached, with prices valid through December 31, 2025, according to bid documents and correspondence reviewed from the Ontario County Purchasing Department, and

WHEREAS, according to information provided by the Highway Superintendent, Advanced Rehabilitation Technology has provided quotes in the amount of \$10,250 for Precision Trenchless, LLC to repair the manhole structure, per Exhibit A, using prices as bid in the Ontario County contract; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent is authorized to execute a contract with Precision Trenchless, LLC, for a total amount not to exceed \$10,250 subject to receipt by the Town Attorney of insurance certificates as required by the Ontario County contract documents; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to charge \$10,250 DA-05110-00210 (Highway Fund – General Construction – Material & Supplies – Highway).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilman Morelli – Not related to the resolution but he thanked the Highway Department and Dahn for hosting a car care skills program for teenagers, praising the event for its educational value and the strong engagement from participating youth.

Resolution No. 128 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the promotion of a seasonal employee from Lifeguard to Head Lifeguard, the hiring of Alternate Lifeguards and Camp Counselors for the 2025 Season and the correction of the pay rate for a Locust Lane Counselor for the 2025 Season.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for a Head Lifeguard at Locust Lane pool, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks and Recreation, Mike Woerner, wishes to promote Kyle McQuade from Lifeguard to Head Lifeguard, and

WHEREAS, openings exist for Alternate Lifeguards for the Town pools, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woerner, recommends that the individuals listed on the attached Schedule A be accepted as Alternate Lifeguards and Camp Counselors for the 2025 Season, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woerner wishes to make a pay rate adjustment for the following counselor at the Locust Lane Summer Camp, reflecting his correct pay, as listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Pay Rate</u>	<u>2025 Original Hire Pay Rate</u>
Harrison Tidgewell, Locust Lane now, therefore, be it	2	\$15.50	\$15.75

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the promotion of Kyle McQuade from Lifeguard to Head Lifeguard at Locust Lane pool for the 2025 Season, at Step 4, \$17.00/hr., to be paid from A-7152-E4690 (General Fund – Locust Lane – Lifeguards); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the attached Schedule A be accepted as the list of Alternate Lifeguards, and Full Day Camp Counselors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Alternate Lifeguards, to be hired if needed, shall be paid \$15.80/hr. from the appropriate fund: A-7150-E4690 (Barney Road Life Guards), A-7152-E4690 (Locust Lane Life Guards), or A-7151-E4000 (Country Knolls Pool Guards), and the Full Day Counselors shall be paid \$15.50/hr. from A-7320-E4500 (General Fund – Full Day – Counselor); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the correction of the pay rate for Harrison Tidgewell, as it was listed in Resolution No. 80 of 2025, and that he be paid the adjusted rate for the 2025 Season, as listed above, to be paid from A-7310-E4500 (General Fund – Locust Lane - Counselor).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett
Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 129 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the transfer of Justin Brooks from part-time Security Officer in the Safety and Security Department to the position of full-time Senior Van Chauffeur for the Town.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for a full-time Senior Van Chauffeur due to the retirement of Betsy Bollton, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 108 of 2022, Justin Brooks was hired as a part-time Security Officer, and

WHEREAS, after interviewing Mr. Brooks and reviewing his qualifications, the Town Supervisor has recommended that he fill the position of full-time Senior Van Chauffeur; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the transfer of Justin Brooks, to fill the position of full-time Senior Van Chauffeur, at Grade 4, Step 2, Year 1, \$29.15/hr., to be paid from A-06772-E6057 (General Fund- Senior Van -J. Brooks); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer funds as outlined in the attached Schedule A.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett
Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett – Justin is a part-time security officer with strong training and a great demeanor, was recommended for a full-time position assisting seniors with transportation. Emphasized his qualifications and professionalism and expressed confidence in his ability to succeed in the role.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Susan Moore – requested transparency on a landscaping project awarded to Dirt and Décor, expressing concerns about the contractor’s capabilities and the exclusion of the committee from the process. She asked for detailed documentation and invoices, criticized the decision not to hire a more experienced vendor, and stressed the need for a lasting cost-effective solution.

Supervisor Barrett – Explained that the landscaping vendor was chosen based on the procurement policy, with Dirt and Décor offering a significantly lower bid than Mr. Trenka. Both vendors had positive past performance, and maintenance followed Mr. Trenka’s guidance. The committee was kept informed and clarified that the selected landscaping vendor has not yet started work and is scheduled to begin next week, questioning early criticism, noting that concerns about performance are premature.

Nancy Bellamy – Shared there was word this evening that Senator Jim Tedisco plans to meet with their water committee to explore additional grant funding for bringing water to their street.

Ann Connolly - Voiced strong frustration over ongoing flower and landscaping issues in the Park District, criticizing decisions to remove perennials and plant high-maintenance annuals like petunias and mums. She defended town staff and Dan Clemens for working to restore perennials and improve the district’s appearance, and urged a focus on long-term, cost-effective solutions instead of repeated debates.

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

Motion carried at 9:42 PM

Stephanie Ranze
Town Clerk