

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

January 20, 2026

The meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:04 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 Hoefer, Communications and Technology Coordinator
Terri Cook, Animal Control Director
John Scavo, Director of Planning & Zoning
Susan Leonard, Director of Clifton Park Senior Community Center
Michael O'Brien, Collection System Manager

MINUTES

MOTION by Councilman Manir, seconded by Councilman Fantini, to approve the Town Board minutes of the January 06, 2026, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Abstain: None

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE 7:06pm

Elaine Hughes of Pumpkin Lane expressed that she is a longtime member of the community. Ms. Hughes expressed strong concerns regarding the tone, conduct, and level of conflict displayed during the previous Town Board meeting. She stated that Board members argued, that discussion was not conducted respectfully, and that opportunities for certain members to speak were limited. Ms. Hughes described feeling upset and disappointed by the atmosphere of the meeting and urged the Town Board to conduct meetings in a more professional and collaborative manner. She concluded by expressing hope that the Board would work together to improve the Town.

Supervisor Barrett- Explained that department heads and employees are aware of daily operations and that no defense was necessary regarding interactions with staff. Supervisor Barrett explained that the matter involving Councilwoman Bellamy was handled in accordance with established procedure, noting that she was advised to place the item on the table to follow the required process of a motion, second, and vote. The Supervisor stated that this did not prevent any action and that a review of the meeting recording would reflect that proper procedure was followed.

Nick Solowski of Solowski's Greenhouses, located at 570 Grooms Road, addressed the Town Board regarding challenges encountered in obtaining approvals to construct a 24 x 24 pavilion on the property. Mr. Sokolowski explained that the business is a small, family-owned, seasonal agricultural operation and that timing is critical to meet operational deadlines for the upcoming season. Mr. Sokolowski stated that the pavilion is intended to address increased customer demand, improve safety, and better manage traffic on the property. Concerns were expressed regarding delays and limited communication from the Building Department, which may prevent completion of the project prior to March. Mr. Sokolowski requested clear guidance, defined next steps, and improved communication, including a designated point of contact or follow-up meeting, in order to move the project forward in compliance with Town requirements.

Supervisor Barrett- Questioned as to what stage of the process they are at, questioning if it was Zoning.

Mr. Sokolowski confirmed that is correct, providing an overview of the application process for the proposed pavilion project, stating that initial discussions began in August and a formal application was submitted in November. The project was expected to be a straightforward approval but was delayed due to the identification of pre-existing structures that required additional review for setbacks and compliance. Mr. Sokolowski stated that the project remains in the zoning and planning review process and that required approvals may include county review, followed by Zoning Board and Planning Board consideration. Concerns were expressed regarding timelines, lack of clear guidance, and uncertainty about required documentation, including whether surveys or engineering plans are needed. Mr. Sokolowski emphasized the importance of meeting seasonal business deadlines and requested clearer direction to move the application forward while remaining in compliance.

Kris Fitzgerald of Thoroughbred Way addressed the Town Board and stated that she was present at the previous meeting and had concerns regarding actions taken by the Board. Ms. Fitzgerald noted that she was listed for a five-year appointment to a board on which she had not served and stated that she received no prior communication regarding the appointment. She further commented that while the appointment was later rescinded, there had been no follow-up regarding her expressed interest in continued service on the Ethics Board. Ms. Fitzgerald also raised concerns regarding a recently adopted resolution removing from the public record an investigative report related to alleged employee misconduct, questioning the rationale for the action and the role of legal counsel. Additional concerns were expressed regarding recent appointments, board authority, removal of a previously approved stipend, and overall governance practices. Ms. Fitzgerald stated that, in her opinion, certain actions appeared to be motivated by personal issues rather than the best interests of the Town. She concluded by urging the Town Board and Town Attorney to govern collaboratively and professionally and to continue focusing on strengthening the community.

Councilman Fantini- Clarified that the resolution in question did not remove the Bond, Schoeneck & King report, but rather pertained to a separate McCarthy report. He stated that the Bond, Schoeneck & King report was never released by any Town Board, while the McCarthy report had been released and the resolution was intended to address the issue of due process related to that report.

Ann Connolly of Valdepenas Lane addressed the Town Board regarding recent actions and appointments. She referenced her prior public comment in December and stated that she had provided the McCarthy report regarding Amy Standaert to the Town Board. Ms. Connolly expressed concern over resolutions passed in January related to the removal of the McCarthy report from public record and the creation of a new confidential administrative assistant position. She questioned the necessity of the position and expressed concern about the reallocation of a full-time position within the sewer department. Ms. Connolly also raised concerns about control of the Town's website and social media, and stated that board members were not being treated as part of the team. She emphasized that residents are watching the Board's actions and indicated that she expects increased public attention. Ms. Connolly also referenced potential changes to the Ethics Committee and questioned whether ethics complaints were anticipated. She concluded by expressing her commitment to the community and stating her intent to continue attending meetings.

Councilman Manir- Addressed the public comment regarding the McCarthy report. He stated that the document that was available on the Town website is a legal report prepared by the Town

Attorney and not an investigative report. Councilman Manir expressed the opinion that the report should not be posted on the Town website.

Ms. Connolly questioned the allocation of multiple positions to Amy Standaert and expressed concern about the reassignment of a previously held position within the Sewer Department. Ms. Connolly asked whether the position was being filled, whether it was a “no-show” job, and requested clarification regarding the salary and job description for the newly created administrative assistant position to the Town Board.

Councilman Fantini -Responded to questions regarding the salary of a Town employee, stating that the employee, Jean, earns \$79,000 per year. He noted that this salary is higher than several other town positions, including the Legal Secretary, Deputy Clerks, Parks and Recreation Program Director, Senior Center Director, Animal Control, Highway Superintendent, and Assistant to the Planning Department. Councilman Fantini stated his opinion that it is detrimental to employee morale for an individual to work the same hours and receive two paychecks and expressed that he did not believe it was appropriate for the employee to receive a stipend for work performed during regular working hours.

Supervisor Barrett- Explained that the stipend structure was originally established as a cost-saving measure to avoid hiring additional full-time staff. Stipends were provided to employees who took on time-consuming administrative duties that did not always fall within their standard workday. Supervisor Barrett noted that the stipend system was not applied evenly across the board, as some stipends were retained while others were removed, including the position referenced in the Sewer Department. He stated that stipends should either be applied fairly and consistently across all employees or eliminated entirely.

John DelGiudice of Mann Boulevard, Halfmoon see attachment written and read by Mr. DelGiudice.

David Miller, Chair of the Clifton Park Open Space, Trails, and Riverfront Committee, introduced himself and provided an overview of the committee’s activities and priorities. He noted that the Open Space program has protected over 2,000 acres since 2000 and is considered a regional model. Mr. Miller reported that the committee’s annual goals are being finalized and will be provided to the Town Board by the end of the week, and shared with other committee chairs. The goals include the land preservation strategy and key parcels for acquisition, implementation of the farmland preservation plan, stewardship of existing preserves, trail planning (including potential trails at Fisher Ferry Historic Preserve), and communication and outreach efforts. Mr. Miller stated that he may return in March to provide a more detailed update on projects and emphasized the importance of preventing ill-conceived projects and protecting natural resources while continuing to invest in open space and infrastructure.

Supervisor Barrett- commented on the town’s Open Space planning process, noting that he is proud of initiating the program in 2000 and of the progress made since then. He highlighted the involvement of many community members over the years and the preservation of significant property for future generations, as well as the expansion of parks and recreational land. Supervisor Barrett stated that this accomplishment is something he will be most proud of as he prepares to leave office.

Terri Cook, Director of Animal Control, addressed the Town Board to describe the scope and demands of the Animal Control Department. She noted that the department consists of two part-time staff and one additional full-time employee, and that their work is often misunderstood by the public. Ms. Cook provided recent examples of calls handled by the department, including responding overnight to a lost dog in Halfmoon and assisting the Sheriff’s Office by removing a dog from a crime scene following the death of a child. She noted that Animal Control also responds to situations involving deceased individuals with animals present and handles dog bite incidents that may require court appearances. Ms. Cook emphasized that the work is challenging and emotionally difficult, particularly when incidents involve children, and urged the Board and public to recognize the seriousness of the department’s responsibilities.

Jason Moyer of 54 Splicemill Road, Halfmoon, spoke in support of the request to review the proposed concrete batch plant location. He encouraged residents to stay informed and watch for upcoming local news coverage regarding the project. Mr. Moyer noted concerns related to health, environmental impacts, and community welfare, and urged the public to monitor developments and seek additional information.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)**Proposed Local Law establishing and extending a moratorium on Batter Energy Storage Systems facilities.**

Start 8:34pm

Town Clerk Caitlin Fantini read the Public Hearing Notice advertised in the Times Union on January 8, 2026.

Supervisor Barrett- Provided an overview of the Town's existing moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and noted that the moratorium has been discussed at multiple meetings with input from residents. He explained that BESS is a newer technology and that other communities have recently acted on this issue. Supervisor Barrett stated that the moratorium is set to expire and introduced two items on the agenda: a local law to extend the BESS moratorium and a separate local law to prohibit BESS. He explained that the extension is necessary due to the pending expiration, while the prohibition is intended to initiate discussion based on information gathered over the past year. Supervisor Barrett then opened the floor for public comment on whether the moratorium should be extended.

David Alexander of Berkshire Drive West addressed the Board regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). He provided background on his experience in environmental and energy fields and noted that he is not opposed to battery plants in all circumstances, but expressed concern about safety and fire risks associated with lithium-ion battery storage. Mr. Alexander cited recent incidents involving major fires and emphasized that battery fires can be difficult to extinguish and may reignite, requiring extended emergency response and monitoring. He stated that the Town needs sufficient technical knowledge to evaluate and require appropriate safety measures, including emergency response plans, chemical hazard plans, adequate insurance, and decommissioning funds. Mr. Alexander supported extending the moratorium to allow time for the Town to develop a comprehensive regulatory approach and to determine necessary expertise and requirements for developers.

Will Acker, of Pine Grove Lane and of the New York Energy Storage Technology Association, addressed the Town Board regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). He emphasized the importance of energy storage for grid reliability and cost efficiency, noting that modern electrical systems were originally designed without storage and that batteries can reduce the need for overbuilding generation and transmission infrastructure. Mr. Acker acknowledged safety concerns but stated that incidents are rare and that the industry has improved safety measures. He noted that New York State has developed stringent codes and requirements, including emergency response plans and firefighter training. Mr. Acker stated that he is not strongly opposed to extending the moratorium if the Town needs more time to learn, but he opposed a complete ban on BESS, emphasizing that properly designed and regulated systems can be safe and beneficial.

Chief Tim Kimball of the Vischer Ferry Fire Department, accompanied by Chiefs Rich Craver (Jonesville), Kenny Bowman(Vischer Ferry), addressed the Town Board regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Chief Kimball disagreed with statements that BESS does not produce toxic runoff or off gassing, stating that heavy metals and other contaminants from such systems could impact local waterways and fisheries. He noted that BESS fires can last multiple days, citing recent incidents, and require extensive resources including air monitoring and prolonged emergency response. Chief Kimball emphasized that infrastructure upgrades are necessary regardless of BESS installations and expressed concern about the strain such fires would place on volunteer fire departments. He stated that BESS fires are considered hazardous material incidents and that response can deplete volunteer resources for extended periods. Chief Kimball opposed the introduction of BESS in the town at this time, but acknowledged that the technology may become safer in the future.

Councilman Manir- Commented on recent correspondence from Kevin Bowman regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). He noted that the Governor has removed state budget funding for firefighter training related to battery storage incidents and stated that, if the Town chooses to allow such systems, firefighters would need to be trained to respond safely.

Chief Tim Kimball stated that there is currently no effective method to stop a battery system fire once it enters thermal runaway. He explained that fires can spread from one unit to another until the fuel is exhausted. Chief Kimball emphasized that training alone will not prevent these incidents, as containment is limited to keeping the fire within a fenced area and maintaining distance. He noted that firefighting efforts focus on minimizing water use to reduce runoff and that air monitoring would be required. Chief Kimball further warned that the release of hazardous gases, such as hydrogen fluoride, could necessitate large-scale evacuations extending for miles, depending on wind conditions.

Supervisor Barrett - Noted the difficulty of locating Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in town. He explained that placing a system in rural areas may leave firefighters without sufficient resources to respond effectively, while siting them near Exit 9 presents other risks. He stated there is no clearly safe location in town and that the issue requires thorough analysis. Supervisor Barrett acknowledged that New York State has developed new codes and regulations, but emphasized that state rules represent only one part of the overall safety equation.

Kurt Swartz of Ashdown Road see attachment written and read by Mr. Swartz.

Supervisor Barrett - Noted that some applications seek to incorporate Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) into existing or new solar projects, though this would not apply to all solar developments. He emphasized that the funding for green energy projects—including wind, solar, and battery storage—comes from residents through utility bills and state tax dollars. He stated that while public support for these initiatives varies the financial impact on residents is an important factor in the overall discussion.

Michael Murphy of Macelroy Road spoke regarding the proposed solar farm on Moe Road adjacent to his property. He expressed concern over the loss of productive farmland, noting that land previously farmed has remained vacant in anticipation of development. Mr. Murphy stated that battery energy storage systems pose safety risks in the event of a fire and expressed concern about living within close proximity to such a facility. He also cited potential environmental impacts and questioned resident displacement during an emergency. Mr. Murphy referenced materials he previously submitted to the Planning Board outlining land-use and environmental concerns and urged the Town Board to adopt a moratorium on battery energy storage facilities.

Bill Cartier of Callaway Court thanked the Board for its leadership and stated that, based on his personal research and experience in another community, a ban is critically important. Mr. Cartier warned that proposed state actions, specifically potential inclusion of battery storage under the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES), could override local control if adopted. He expressed serious safety concerns, particularly related to thermal runaway and firefighter exposure, and stated that the technology is not yet sufficiently developed. Mr. Cartier urged the Board to take all possible action to prevent battery storage projects in town and cautioned that additional state-level challenges may arise in the future. Mr. Cartier continued his comments by stating that battery energy storage projects are often structured through shell LLCs with no assets, while parent companies retain profits and limit liability. He expressed concern that, despite assurances, such entities may lack financial responsibility if issues arise. Mr. Cartier warned that developers may attempt to overturn local bans through legal challenges, including Article 78 proceedings, as occurred with solar projects. He urged the Town Board to maintain a firm ban and actively oppose any effort to place battery storage under the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES), which he stated could eliminate local control. He emphasized that the issue is ongoing, encouraged advocacy at the state level, and reiterated his belief that the technology is not yet viable.

David Jones of Sandpiper Lane stated that he was new to the discussion regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and asked for clarification as to whether such facilities are intended solely to store energy generated from solar farms.

Bill Cartier clarified that Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) may be used to store electricity generated from multiple sources, including solar, wind, and hydroelectric power, as well as other electric generation sources. Mr. Cartier further explained that battery energy storage systems are charged during periods of low electricity demand and discharged during peak demand, allowing operators to sell power at higher prices. He stated that, in his view, some large facilities can

generate significant profits, estimating revenues of several million dollars per day due to multiple recharge cycles.

Will Acker added that Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) can reduce the need to overbuild transmission lines by shifting electricity usage to off-peak hours, which can lower overall grid infrastructure costs.

A resident stated that a moratorium on battery energy storage systems is insufficient and expressed concern about the hazards of battery fires. The resident noted limited personal experience but referenced training and emphasized that once a battery fire begins it can be extremely dangerous and destructive. The resident also suggested nuclear power as the most efficient, cost-effective, and safe long-term energy solution, noting personal experience with nuclear technology while serving in the U.S. Navy. The resident further stated opposition to solar and wind energy, citing space and efficiency concerns, and encouraged consideration of nuclear power for future energy needs.

Kyle Hull of Sorrel Court and employee of T Capture Energy, spoke regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). He stated that he manages battery storage facilities in New York State, including the facility in Stillwater and a facility in Buffalo, and conducts annual training with local fire departments. Mr. Hull acknowledged safety concerns raised by other speakers and noted that the industry has made significant improvements through collaboration with the New York Fire Code. He stated that he monitors facilities regularly and emphasized his commitment to community safety. Mr. Hull added that, personally, he does not believe Clifton Park has suitable zoning for industrial battery storage facilities but indicated he would support facility management if his company pursued a petition. He noted that the industry is growing and improving, with increasing numbers of facilities and decreasing incident rates, and stressed that no energy industry is completely risk-free. He concluded by emphasizing the importance of education and collaboration with emergency service providers to ensure safe operation.

End time 8:34 p.m.

Proposed amendments to Chapter 92-8 C – Dogs, relating to regulation of damage, injury, destruction or nuisance to property or person

Start 8:35 p.m.

Town Clerk Caitlin Fantini read the Public Hearing Notice Advertised in the Times Union on January 8, 2026.

No one wished to be heard.

End 8:37 p.m.

Proposed Local Law prohibiting Battery Energy Storage Systems facilities within the Town of Clifton Park.

Start 8:38pm

Town Clerk Caitlin Fantini read the Public Hearing Notice advertised in the Times Union on January 8, 2026.

Daniel Mathias of Birch Hill Road, Chair of the Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC) Mr. Mathias thanked the Town Board for addressing Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and noted that the ECC submitted a letter on the issue. He stated the central question is whether the Town is willing to assume the risk of BESS installations, noting that roughly 100 New York municipalities have enacted moratoriums or bans. Mr. Mathias highlighted concerns including fire hazards, risks to nearby schools and major roadways, limitations of volunteer fire response, water supply constraints, and potential environmental impacts such as toxic runoff and contamination of groundwater and the Mohawk River. He also noted that BESS installations would conflict with the Town's Comprehensive Plan goals to preserve rural and agricultural character. He concluded that, in the ECC's view, current state fire codes are insufficient to ensure safety, and he encouraged the Town Board to consider banning BESS.

Mr. Acker clarified that early lithium-ion battery failures caused thermal runaway cascades, but the industry has since adopted strict standards and testing. Modern battery systems are housed in containers designed to prevent fire propagation, and recent incidents show fires stopping within a single unit. He also noted that New York fires produced no harmful runoff or air emissions, though firefighters should still exercise caution. Mr. Acker supports continuing a moratorium to ensure proper rules are in place, but he cautioned against an outright ban. He stated the technology has matured, is increasingly common, and that banning a legal use could expose the town to legal challenges. He also noted that energy storage was originally developed to support nuclear power and that storage improves grid efficiency across all energy sources.

Raymond Seymour of Nadler Road stated he supports extending the moratorium because the Town still needs time to work through the issue. He worries that an outright ban without clear rationale or acceptable alternatives could be legally weak. He noted that battery chemistry is volatile, sharing his own experience with a phone battery thermal runaway. He also referenced major ship fires involving batteries, emphasizing the danger of the chemistry involved. Seymour argued that safer battery technologies exist (e.g., molten salt) and that the Town should consider allowing storage only when safer options become marketable and scalable. He believes battery storage will eventually be widespread, so any ban should include clear conditions and criteria. He also stressed that the Town's comprehensive plan provides a strong legal basis for defending a ban, since battery storage conflicts with the Town's stated goals.

Tom Piwinski of Inverness Lane stated he supports extending the moratorium but is unsure about a full ban. He noted that the Town currently lacks a clear plan for inspecting battery storage systems and suggested forming a committee to develop inspection standards and review the proposals in detail. He explained that lithium-ion batteries may become outdated within 10 years as safer technologies (like solid-state batteries) emerge. A ban without clear criteria for future updates could lock the town into outdated rules. Mr. Piwinski also highlighted the economic reason for storage: it reduces the need for oversized transmission infrastructure that is only used during peak demand. He suggested exploring alternative storage methods, like chilled water systems, and urged the town to consider evolving technology before making permanent decisions. Finally, he cautioned against assuming nuclear energy is risk-free, citing the long-term impact of the Three Mile Island accident.

Supervisor Barrett- Noted that utility and property taxes are rising due to the high costs of unreliable green energy projects. He emphasized that residents are paying for these initiatives through their bills and taxes. Supervisor Barrett argued that the Town is moving away from more reliable, proven, and cost-effective energy sources that would be more economical for taxpayers.

Ms. Connolly praised the volunteer firefighters and asked why the Town would be comfortable with battery storage if the firefighters are not. She questioned whether open space should be sacrificed for such facilities. She urged the board to consider the greater good of the community and residents' concerns when deciding between a ban or a moratorium, emphasizing the importance of protecting open space and supporting volunteer firefighters.

Councilwoman Bellmay- Read a letter from Kevin Bowman, see attached letter written by Mr. Bowman.

David Alexander explained that each Independent System Operator conducts an annual Cost of New Energy (CONE) study to establish baseline costs for different generation types, including gas, coal, wind, solar, battery storage, and hydro. These unitized costs determine a baseline price against which existing resources bid into the market. Generators are compensated for both capacity and energy produced. He stated that current data show battery storage as the most expensive resource, while gas turbines, coal, and hydro are the least expensive. Solar and wind fall between gas turbines and batteries and are competitive primarily when subsidies are included. These cost rankings are updated annually and may change over time.

Mr. Acker affirmed Mr. Alexander's point that the ISO develops a Net Cost of New Entry (Net CONE) to establish capacity prices. He stated that the Net CONE calculation is based on the lowest-cost available generation technology.

Mr. Alexander clarified that Net Cost of New Entry (Net CONE) calculations are based not only on lowest cost but also on resource availability, including capacity factor. He noted that most battery plants are modeled as four-hour resources, which limits how often they can cycle. He explained that achievable charge and discharge cycles depend on whether batteries are operated with deep or micro cycles and that results vary based on how the model plant is defined.

Mr. Acker stated that, under the ISO tariff, the ISO is required to select the lowest-cost model plant when calculating Net CONE. He noted that, in this case, the lowest-cost model plant selected was a battery resource.

End 9:16 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 15 of 2026, a resolution adopting a local law to establish and extend a 180-day moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems facilities within the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the interest in battery energy storage systems facilities, as well as their potential impacts on the Town's infrastructure, environment, and community character, and

WHEREAS, the Town is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, and to the proper regulation of land uses within Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town deems it prudent to temporarily pause the approval or establishment of any new battery energy storage systems facilities to provide sufficient time to study and address any concerns, including, but not limited to, zoning, environmental impacts, public safety, and economic implications of such operations, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has held two Public Hearings on proposals to impose a moratorium on establishing any new battery energy storage system facilities to provide sufficient time to study and address any concerns, including but not limited to, zoning, environmental impacts, public safety, and economic implications of such operations, and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 5 of 2025 set the end of the moratorium as January 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, additional time is necessary to review the approval or establishment of any new battery energy storage facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Planning Board has reviewed the proposal pursuant to Section 239-m of the NYS General Municipal Law, finding that the proposal serves the community's interest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, the Town Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2026 extending the moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems facilities until July 19, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to file same with the Office of the Secretary of State and to provide appropriate notice of same, and that the Local Law be posted prominently on Cliftonparkny.gov.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: Supervisor Barrett

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilwoman Reid- Thanked members of the public for their participation and stated that the board had received substantial input on the issue. While acknowledging the goals of renewable energy and innovation, she emphasized that progress should not come at the expense of public safety, environmental protection, or residents' quality of life. She expressed concern about the safety risks associated with large-scale battery storage facilities, including fire, explosions, toxic fumes, and impacts on first responders. She also raised concerns regarding environmental impacts related to battery production, disposal, and fire suppression methods, as well as potential effects on farmland, open space, property values, and community character. Councilwoman Reid urged the board to prioritize safety, transparency, and a thorough investigation of risks before proceeding, and called for continued public engagement to protect the town's long-term well-being.

Councilman Manir - Thanked the presenters and stated that the information from the current presentation, prior public hearings, and independent review informed his comments. He identified several areas of concern, including economic impacts, environmental risks, health and safety issues, technological readiness, and the adequacy of regulations and safety data. He expressed concern about potential long-term health effects, environmental impacts, and the presence of hazardous materials, noting insufficient data to fully assess these risks. He also questioned whether the technology is sufficiently mature and whether emergency responders, particularly firefighters, have the necessary training and equipment to manage potential incidents. Councilman Manir further raised concerns about the Town's capacity to oversee, monitor, and safely manage such a facility. He urged the council to carefully consider these issues before voting.

Supervisor Barrett- Reiterated his previously stated position in favor of prohibiting Battery Energy Storage Systems in Clifton Park. He stated he will vote against the proposed moratorium and instead support the option for prohibition.

Resolution No. 16 of 2026, a resolution adopting a local law to amend the Town Code regarding Chapter 92, Dogs.

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

WHEREAS, Town Code §92-8 C. regarding damage or destruction of property caused by dogs requires clarification based upon proceedings in the Town Justice Court, and

WHEREAS, the Town Animal Control Officer and the Town Attorney have proposed to amend §92-8 C of the Town Code to include injury to persons and pets caused by dogs as prohibited behavior pursuant to the Town Code, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a public hearing to consider these amendments to Chapter 92, §92-8 C of the Town Code on Tuesday, January 20, 2026; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 2 of 2026 amending Town Code Chapter 92, §92-8 C, to include injury to persons and pets caused by dogs as prohibited behavior, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to heard.

Resolution No. 17 of 2026, a resolution adopting a local law to prohibit Battery Energy Storage Systems facilities within the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the interest in battery energy storage systems facilities, as well as their potential impacts on the Town’s infrastructure, environment, and community character, and

WHEREAS, the Town is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, and to the proper regulation of land uses within Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has held two Public Hearings on proposals to impose a moratorium on establishing any new battery energy storage system facilities to provide sufficient time to study and address any concerns, including but not limited to, zoning, environmental impacts, public safety, and economic implications of such operations, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has held two Public Hearings on proposals to impose a moratorium on establishing any new battery energy storage system facilities to provide sufficient time to study and address any concerns, including but not limited to, zoning, environmental impacts, public safety, and economic implications of such operations, and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Planning Board has reviewed the proposal pursuant to Section 239-m of the NYS General Municipal Law, finding that the proposal serves the community’s interest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 3 of 2026 a local law to prohibit Battery Energy Storage Systems within the Town of Clifton Park, per the attached, is hereby adopted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this local law shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: Councilman Fantini

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilman Manir- Stated that a 180-day moratorium would require the council to revisit the issue after its expiration. He indicated that, for this reason, he would support prohibiting battery storage systems at this time, with the option to reconsider the matter in the future if circumstances change.

Councilman Fantini – Noted that the council had already voted to adopt a six-month moratorium and stated that, as a result, he did not believe an additional ban was necessary while the moratorium is in effect.

Supervisor Barrett -Stated that the council’s options were either to extend the moratorium or to prohibit battery energy storage systems. He noted that prohibition would allow continued study of the issue while eliminating the need for an ongoing moratorium.

Councilman Manir- Asked whether the moratorium could be extended for a period longer than 180 days.

Supervisor Barrett- Responded that the moratorium could not be extended beyond 180 days, as that timeframe was established through the public hearing process.

Councilwoman Bellamy- Asked whether, if alternative technologies such as molten salt or non-lithium battery systems became viable, the Town could reverse a prohibition to allow those technologies in the future.

Supervisor Barrett- Explained that a prohibition would remain in effect unless changed by a future town board, noting that legislation can be amended and nothing is permanent. He clarified that a moratorium temporarily prevents the siting of battery energy storage systems during the study period and expires after 180 days unless ended sooner. He noted that extending the moratorium would provide temporary protection for an additional 180 days. Supervisor Barrett stated that he favors adopting a resolution to prohibit battery energy storage systems and therefore opposed extending the moratorium.

Councilman Fantini -Stated that the Town has already undergone a lengthy review process and expressed concern that adopting a prohibition could increase the likelihood of legal challenges. He noted that conducting due diligence through continued review, including monitoring changes in technology, would be a more prudent approach to reduce litigation risk.

Supervisor Barrett- Stated that the Town could face legal challenges under either approach, noting that extending a moratorium does not exempt the town from potential lawsuits. Adding that the state has established updated codes and regulations that provide a framework for battery energy storage systems. He noted that these codes and regulations would apply to any such project proposed in Clifton Park or other towns.

Councilwoman Reid - Emphasized that the board must take residents' concerns seriously and noted that at least a dozen other municipalities, including several in New York State, have enacted strict regulations or permanent bans on battery energy storage facilities. She urged the board to follow those examples, citing specific municipalities, and recommended approving a townwide ban rather than delaying action.

Councilman Fantini- Reiterated that he voted in favor of a moratorium because he believes the Town is not ready for battery storage at this time. He clarified that he does not support a permanent ban, noting that the moratorium already reflects his position that the Town is not prepared to proceed with such facilities.

Resolution No. 18 of 2026, a resolution authorizing an Assignment and Assumption of Condemnation Award/Temporary Easement agreement related to the Hubbs Road Multi-Use Path project and authorizing the renewal of the condemnation award/temporary construction easement for the project.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23 of 2022, the Supervisor was authorized to execute a master grant contract for the Hubbs Road Multi-use path and the Town Board committed to funding in the first instance of up to \$556,542 to plan, design and construct the project, as well as the local match commitment of \$278,271, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 75 of 2024, the Town Board authorized the approval of Just Compensation amounts for the acquisition of properties necessary for the completion of the trail project, and by Resolution No. 175 of 2025, authorized the Just Compensation amounts for the renewals of temporary construction easements that expired July 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS, by Order of Condemnation dated February 21, 2025, and entered in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Saratoga County, Index No. EF20242750, (the "Condemnation Order"), the Town acquired a temporary easement over a portion of certain real property formerly owned by Richard B. Meyer, for purposes of a temporary easement for the purpose of a work area in connection with the construction or reconstruction of the sidewalks and appurtenances on the property, and

WHEREAS, the Condemnation Order provides that the temporary easement shall remain in effect and exercisable during the construction or reconstruction of the highway and terminating upon the approval of the completed work, unless sooner terminated if deemed no longer necessary for highway purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Condemnation Order further provides for compensation to be paid on an annual basis for the duration of the temporary easement in the amount of \$700.00 per year, and

WHEREAS, title to the affected property was conveyed to the current Owner by deed dated May 9th, 2025, and recorded in the Saratoga County Clerk’s Office on May 19, 2025, in Instrument # 2025013090 (the “Deed”), and

WHEREAS, the construction contractor achieved 90% completion of the project prior to winter shutdown in December 2025, and needs to return in the Spring 2026 to finish the work, thus necessitating a renewal of the condemnation award/temporary easement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute the attached Assignment and Assumption of Condemnation Award/Temporary Easement agreement for the property at 994 Main Street, Clifton Park, NY 12065 to ensure the new owner receives the payment for the temporary easement on his property; and be it further

RESOLVED that the comptroller is authorized to compensate the current owner the amount of \$700 for a one-year renewal.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to heard.

Resolution No. 19 of 2026, a resolution in connection with the appointment of the Clifton Park Town Attorney and Deputy Town Attorneys.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 1 of 2026, the Clifton Park Town Board has appointed a Town Attorney and Deputy Town Attorneys, as follows:

RESOLVED that Kevin M. Dailey shall serve a term ending on December 31, 2027 as Town Attorney, at a salary as budgeted, with duties to include all legal matters relating to the Town Board and shall include all contracts and agreements on behalf of the Town, supervision of all litigation matters, special districts, improvement districts, Labor and Employment Law, tax certiorari matters, the Department of Building and Development, the Ethics Board, and such special projects as may be delegated by the Town Board; and be it further

RESOLVED that Kevin Luibrand shall serve for a term ending on December 31, 2027 as Deputy Town Attorney at a salary as budgeted, with duties to include legal matters related to the Zoning Board of Appeals, representing the Town in all litigation matters and such special projects as may be delegated by the Town Board or Town Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED that Stefanie DiLallo Bitter shall serve for a term ending on December 31, 2027 as Deputy Town Attorney at a salary as budgeted, with duties to include all legal matters related to the Town Planning Board and Planning Department, and representing the Town Attorney's Office at Justice Court and such other duties as may be delegated by the Town Board or Town Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 1 of 2026 is restated, ratified and re-affirmed, as set forth herein.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir

Noes: Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett- Stated that the 2026 budget includes a line item for part-time attorney salaries, but those salaries are typically based on the attorney's tenure with the Town. He noted that new attorneys generally start at a lower salary than their predecessors. He expressed concern about the proposed salaries for the new Planning and Zoning Board attorneys, Kevin Luibrand and Stefanie Bitter, because they are new to the Town and would not yet have the same time-in-grade as previous attorneys.

Councilman Fantini- Stated that Kevin Luibrand is recognized as a top 100 litigation attorney in the United States and argued that he, along with Stefanie Bitter, are being underpaid relative to their qualifications and typical billing rates. He disagreed with the view that their salaries should be reduced based on tenure. Councilman Fantini also explained that he brought the resolution to reaffirm the appointments of the Town Attorney and Deputy Attorneys in response to a lawsuit involving the Town Board and the Town Attorney.

Councilman Manir- Asked whether Supervisor Barrett's concern about the lawsuit and attorney appointments also applied to the judge's opinion in the case.

Supervisor Barrett- Responded that elected officials' private practice billing rates are not relevant to their public service compensation. He noted that if officials believe they are underpaid, they accepted the position and salary when they took the job. He discussed the ongoing lawsuit involving former Town Attorney Paul Pelegalli, noting that the case appeared legally strong and aligned with a legal opinion from the Association of Towns regarding election timing. Supervisor Barrett explained that Mr. Pelegalli chose not to continue the lawsuit, in part to avoid prolonged uncertainty for the town and because he prioritized the Town's interests over the legal dispute. He praised Mr. Pelegalli's long service as Town Attorney and former county judge and stated that the case was moving favorably toward Mr. Pelegalli before it was discontinued.

Councilman Fantini- Noted that Kevin Luibrand has prior experience as a Town Attorney for Clifton Park and questioned whether it was accurate to treat him as a new, entry-level hire. He also asked whether the salary of Judge Ryback is the same as that of Judge Jeram, noting that Jennifer's salary appears lower and that judicial compensation typically reflects seniority, with the senior judge earning more than the junior judge.

Supervisor Barrett- Acknowledged Councilman Fantini's question regarding judicial salaries and stated that he would review the budget to verify the compensation figures.

Councilwoman Reid- Stated that she will continue to perform due diligence and raise concerns as needed, and she declined to be discouraged from doing so. She clarified that the discussion concerned not only the two deputy attorney salaries but also the Town Attorney position. She asked Attorney Dailey to confirm the office hours he will maintain.

Attorney Dailey- Stated that he is available 24/7 for town board members and that he intends to spend as much time as possible at Town Hall. He confirmed that board members have his contact information.

Resolution No. 20 of 2026, a resolution in connection with the reorganization of the Town of Clifton Park government for the calendar year 2026.

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

WHEREAS Resolution No. 2 of 2026 contained some errors, and

WHEREAS the Clifton Park Town Board wants to correct these errors and omissions, and

WHEREAS that Resolution No. 2 of 2026 is hereby amended and modified as follows: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the paragraph relating to the terms for the Confidential Secretary to the Town Board and the Town Clerk to post items on the Town’s website and the Town’s Facebook page on Page 2 be changed to read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Town Board or the Town Clerk shall, after consulting with the Town Board, be solely responsible for posting any item on the Town’s website and the Town’s Facebook Page for the term ending December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED that the paragraph relating to the Emergency Services Advisory Board on Page 7 be changed to read as follows:

RESOLVED that the following individuals be appointed to serve on the Emergency Services Advisory Board as the representative or alternate representative of the listed Fire Departments for a term ending on December 31, 2028:

- James Grant Keeler Representative, Vischer Ferry Fire Department
- Dennis Ayotte Representative, West Crescent Fire Department
- Andrew Casuscci Alternate Representative, Vischer Ferry Fire Department
- Leonard Casper Alternate Representative, Jonesville Fire Department
- Aaron Cote Alternate Representative, Rexford Fire Department

; and be it further

RESOLVED that the paragraph on Page 7 relating to the Board of Assessment Review is hereby rescinded; and be it further

RESOLVED that the paragraph relating to the Clifton Park Highway Safety Committee on Page 8 be changed to read as follows:

RESOLVED that Thomas Werner, Anthony George, Leonard Casper, Philp Clark, James Allen and Robert O’Connell be appointed to members of Clifton Park Highway Safety Committee with terms ending on December 31, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED that the paragraph relating to the Mohawk Towpath Byway Project on Page 8 be amended to read as follows:

RESOLVED that John Scherer and Lawrence Syzdek be reappointed to serve as the Clifton Park Representatives to the Mohawk Towpath Byway Project for a term ending on December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Paragraph relating to rates charged by the Department of Building and Grounds on page 11 be changed to read as follows:

RESOLVED that the Department of Building and Grounds will perform maintenance and other labor for park districts for the year 2026 for the following flat labor rates: Laborer/MEO @ \$35 per hour, Supervisor @ \$40 per hour and Director @ \$50 per hour; and be it further

RESOLVED that Resolution No. 2 of 2026 is hereby amended and modified as set forth above and is restated, ratified and re-affirmed in all respects.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir

Noes: Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett- Stated that he would vote against the resolution. He clarified that he supports all of the appointments presented, noting that Fire Department appointments were either recommended by the departments or involved individuals he has personally recruited or supported. He emphasized that his opposition was limited to the proposed Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Town Board position, which he believes would infringe upon his authority as Supervisor. For that reason, he stated he could not support the resolution.

Councilman Fantini- Stated that the purpose of the resolution was to correct minor errors in a previous resolution and to reaffirm the actions taken by the board on January 6.

Councilwoman Reid- Requested clarification regarding apparent inconsistencies in the resolution, noting that the same position was referred to by two different titles: Confidential Secretary and Confidential Administrative Assistant. She asked for confirmation of the official job title and requested an official job description for the position.

Councilman Fantini - Stated that the discrepancy in the job title was a minor clerical error and indicated that it would be corrected.

Councilwoman Reid - Stated that the job title discrepancy could be corrected immediately by motion. She reiterated her request for an official job description for the position and asked for clarification on the expected work hours.

Councilman Fantini - Stated that Councilwoman Reid had previously questioned why volunteers were required to submit resumes and job descriptions and suggested that her current request was inconsistent with that position. He noted that Amy Standaert would not receive a salary for the role and that the position is strictly voluntary.

Supervisor Barrett- Responded that, following the election, some volunteers and long-term town employees were asked to reapply for their positions through a private email account, which prompted dissatisfaction and public comment. He stated that this situation differed from the current matter, which involves an appointment approved by a majority of the board. He indicated that, while questions are valid, the two situations are materially different.

Councilwoman Reid - Stated that she wished to address prior comments regarding the individual in question. She noted that nothing previously stated was untrue, that her concerns had been validated, and that the individual was a public figure who accepted responsibility to be accountable to the public.

Resolution No. 21 of 2026, a resolution to set a public hearing to consider a local law establishing and extending a 180-day moratorium on commercial and industrial cannabis warehousing, processing, and cultivation operations in the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and the proper regulation of land uses within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the evolving regulatory landscape regarding cannabis warehousing, processing, and cultivation operations and their potential impacts on the Town's infrastructure, environment, and community character; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems it prudent to temporarily pause the approval or establishment of any new commercial or industrial cannabis warehousing, processing, or cultivation operations to provide sufficient time to study and address any concerns, including but not limited to zoning, environmental impacts, public safety, and economic implications; and

WHEREAS, a 180 moratorium on such operations will expire on February 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board seeks public input and discussion regarding the establishment and extending of a 180-day moratorium on such operations within the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park hereby sets a public hearing to consider the establishment of an additional 180-day moratorium on commercial and industrial cannabis warehousing, processing, and cultivation operations within the Town; and be it further

RESOLVED that the public hearing shall be held on February 3, 2026, at 7:02 p.m., at the Clifton Park Town Hall, located at 1 Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York, to hear all interested persons on this matter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the attached proposal be referred to the Saratoga County Planning Board for its review pursuant to Section 239-m of the New York State General Municipal Law; and be it further

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett- Stated that the Town has been engaged in a process to better understand the emerging commercial cannabis industry. He noted that if such uses are to be allowed in Clifton Park, they must be implemented correctly. He emphasized that the town currently does not permit cannabis dispensaries, a position he supports. He explained that the action under discussion would extend the existing moratorium on commercial and industrial cannabis warehousing, processing, and cultivation operations, which are typically large-scale facilities.

Resolution No. 22 of 2026, a resolution appointing Councilwoman Agatha Reid to liaison positions on committees within Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to appoint liaisons to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan Steering Committee for 2026, and

WHEREAS, Agatha Reid has requested reappointments to continue in her roles as co-liaison to the Parks and Recreation Department, along with Councilwoman Bellamy, as liaison to the ECC, and as liaison to the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan Steering Committee, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Reid has the background experience, education and training to act effectively as a committee member; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Agatha Reid is hereby appointed as Town Board liaisons to the above committees for the 2026 calendar year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: Councilman Fantini

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett -Thanked Councilwoman Reid for her work with multiple committees and praised her diligence, collaboration, and contributions. He acknowledged that her efforts have led to meaningful successes in the town and expressed appreciation for her service.

Councilman Fantini -Referenced the January 5 organizational chart and asked whether Councilwoman Reid or he had been assigned any liaison positions in that chart. He noted that the chart proposed by Councilwoman Reid and Supervisor Barrett indicated that neither he nor Councilwoman Bellamy had liaison roles, and he stated that the Board subsequently split liaison duties evenly. He then asked Councilwoman Reid how many ECC meetings she attended during the prior year.

Councilwoman Reid- stated that she attended a few ECC meetings during the previous year, but noted that many meetings overlapped with board meetings.

Councilman Fantini- Stated that he reviewed meeting minutes and did not see evidence of Councilwoman Reid attending any ECC meetings and questioned the appropriateness of her serving as liaison given that record. He then asked how many Water Authority meetings she had attended.

Councilwoman Reid- Replied that she has attended several Water Authority meetings.

Councilman Fantini- Noted that Councilwoman Reid attended five out of nine Water Authority meetings and questioned why she should be appointed liaison if she does not attend all meetings.

Councilwoman Reid- Responded that liaison assignments were not evenly split, noting she had requested only one additional committee assignment. She explained that several liaison positions became available after two board members left and that there were still vacancies. She acknowledged schedule conflicts and stated that overlapping meeting schedules sometimes prevent attendance. She emphasized that being a liaison involves more than attending meetings, including serving as a point of contact for residents, and said she has strong rapport with committee volunteers and staff. She also stated that Councilman Manir had asked her for a list of committees she served on during the transition and assured her the transition team would not interfere. Councilwoman Reid requested that the Board support her continuation as co-liaison to Parks and Recreation and her roles with the ECC and Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan Steering Committee.

Councilman Manir -Stated that he had requested information from Councilwoman Reid and received it after their discussion. He clarified that he does not recall commitments regarding the ECC or Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan Steering Committee assignments and could not confirm those roles. He also stated he did recall a request related to the Office of Parks and

Recreation, and Historic Preservation. He emphasized that he intended to honor any commitments he made and wanted to ensure his position was accurately represented.

Councilman Manir -Made a motion to table the matter. Second by Councilman Fantini.

Councilman Manir - Stated that he had submitted the requested committee information and noted that he initially served only on the IT committee, indicating he had limited prior experience with other committees. He emphasized that being new or experienced should not affect assignments. He reiterated his motion to table the liaison assignment discussion for later. He also noted that Councilwoman Reid has extensive experience with farmland issues and suggested that her continued role is appropriate. He acknowledged concerns about ECC participation and indicated that this could be addressed separately.

Councilwoman Reid- Stated that when she began her term, she reviewed committee vacancies and sought assignments based on openings rather than displacing others. She noted she has three years of experience working with the committees and said that Councilman Manir could remove the ECC assignment and still vote to retain her on the other two committees. She clarified that she is currently co-liaison, not the official liaison, to the committees she previously served. She expressed concern that the discussion felt like political retribution and emphasized that she had provided the requested information and was seeking to fill gaps created by departing board members.

Councilman Manir- Stated that he accepted the information provided by Councilwoman Reid and noted that two board members had left, creating vacancies that need to be filled by the remaining board members.

Councilwoman Reid- Responded that the departing board members were filling positions that had been previously occupied, and she argued that tabling the matter would leave additional committees without liaison representation.

Councilman Manir- Stated that he was not seeking an all-or-nothing outcome and suggested a compromise approach. He proposed that if Councilwoman Reid's ECC liaison assignment is removed due to attendance concerns, he would support her serving as liaison for other committees such as Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan Steering Committee. He emphasized that his decision would be based on fair consideration of committee attendance records and that he was willing to adjust assignments accordingly. He reiterated that this was the basis for his position.

ROLL CALL VOTE- TO TABLE

Ayes: Councilman Fantini

Noes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

DECLARED DECLINED

Councilman Manir – Made a motion to Amend Removing the ECC from the Resolution.

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

Noes: Councilman Fantini

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution 23 of 2026, a resolution authorizing reappointment of members to the Clifton Park Water Authority (CPWA) Board of Directors.

Introduced by _____, who moved its adoption, seconded by _____.

WHEREAS, the Supervisor reappoints Helmet Gerstenberger to serve as Chairman of the CPWA, and

WHEREAS, Peter Taubkin and Kenneth Bowman are reappointed to serve as members of the CPWA, and

WHEREAS, the presence of Mr. Gerstenberger, Mr. Taubkin and Mr. Bowman on the CPWA will confer a benefit to the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Helmet Gerstenberger, of Clifton Park, NY, is hereby reappointed as the Chairman of the Clifton Park Water Authority (CPWA) Board of Directors for a term to expire 12/31/2026, and Peter Taubkin, Clifton Park, NY and Kenneth Bowman, Rexford, NY, are hereby reappointed to the CPWA Board of Directors for five-year terms, terms to expire December 31, 2030.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir

Noes: Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION TABLED

Councilman Fantini- made a motion to table the matter, seconded by Councilman Manir.

Councilman Fantini- Stated that he had not been given sufficient time to review the candidates and alternative options for the board. He indicated that it would be prudent to continue discussions and consider additional candidates before making a decision.

Supervisor Barrett- Stated that Mr. Gerstenberger has served as Chairman of the Clifton Park Water Authority for many years and has effectively led the organization. He commended the individuals appointed to the Water Authority Board over the years and specifically credited Peter Taubkin and Kenny Bowman for their strong performance. He indicated that he is recommending their continued appointment in the current resolution.

Councilwoman Reid- Suggested that board members should attend Water Authority meetings to observe how the current appointees operate. She noted that if anyone believes the appointees are not qualified, they can consider appointing different members when the current terms expire.

Resolution No. 24 of 2026, a resolution authorizing an agreement for the replacement of the HVAC circulator pump at Town Hall by Postler & Jaeckle Corp.

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks, and Recreation, requested quotes for the replacement of one (1) circulator pump and related diffuser and valves for the HVAC system at One Town Hall Plaza, and

WHEREAS, two quotes were received by December 23, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Postler & Jaeckle Corporation, Mechanical Contractors, 9 Krey Blvd. Rensselaer, NY, submitted the low bid for the contract for a circulator pump, in the amount of \$11,647, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemens recommends the project be completed by Postler & Jaeckle, as lowest conforming quote; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Director Buildings, Parks, and Recreation is authorized to sign an agreement for the project in an amount not to exceed \$11,647, to be paid from A-1620-0200 (General Fund - Town Hall – Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wishes to be heard.

Resolution No. 25 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the purchase of a drum mulcher attachment for the Buildings and Grounds Department.

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

WHEREAS, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, Daniel Clemens, requested authorization to purchase a drum mulcher attachment for the department’s T-770 compact track loader to help maintain the tree canopies on Town trails, and

WHEREAS, Bobcat of Schenectady, Burnt Hills, NY, has the drum mulcher attachment, per the attached quote, at a total cost not to exceed \$47,498 for purchase under NYS Contract #PC70868, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens has recommended the equipment be purchased from Bobcat of Schenectady, pursuant to the NYS Contract identified above; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation to purchase the drum mulcher attachment from Bobcat of Schenectady, under NYS Contract #PC70868, to be paid in a total amount not to exceed \$47,498 from A-7629-200 (General Fund - Trails - Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 26 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the purchase of a soil conditioner attachment for the Buildings and Grounds Department.

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

WHEREAS, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, Daniel Clemens, requested authorization to purchase a 72-inch soil conditioner attachment for the department’s skid steer loaders, and

WHEREAS, Bobcat of Schenectady, Burnt Hills, NY, has the soil conditioner attachment, per the attached quote, at a total cost not to exceed \$10,606 for purchase under NYS Contract #PC70868, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens has recommended the equipment be purchased from Bobcat of Schenectady, pursuant to the NYS Contract identified above; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation to purchase the soil conditioner attachment from Bobcat of Schenectady, under NYS Contract #PC70868, to be paid in a total amount not to exceed \$10,606, from A-7112-200 (General Fund – Clifton Common - Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 27 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the purchase of a mower attachment for the Buildings and Grounds Department.

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

WHEREAS, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, Daniel Clemens, requested authorization to purchase a 3-point hitch, 72-inch mower attachment for the department, and

WHEREAS, Bobcat of Schenectady, Burnt Hills, NY, has the mower attachment, per the attached quote, at a total cost not to exceed \$3,460 for purchase under NYS Contract #PC70868, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens has recommended the equipment be purchased from Bobcat of Schenectady, pursuant to the NYS Contract identified above; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation to purchase the 3-point hitch, 72-inch mower attachment from Bobcat of Schenectady, under NYS Contract #PC70868, to be paid in a total amount not to exceed \$3,460, from A-7112-200 (General Fund – Clifton Common - Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 28 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the purchase of a Toro mower for the Buildings and Grounds Department.

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

WHEREAS, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, Daniel Clemens, requested authorization to purchase a Toro model #72507 Grandstand HD Turbo Force mower with 52-inch deck for the department, and

WHEREAS, Grassland Equipment & Irrigation Corp. has the Toro mower, per the attached quote, at a total cost not to exceed \$10,382, for purchase under NYS Contract #PC69682, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens has recommended the equipment be purchased from Grassland Equipment & Irrigation Corp. of Latham, NY, pursuant to the NYS Contract identified above; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation to purchase the Toro model #72507 Grandstand HD Turbo Force mower, under NYS Contract #PC69682, to be paid in a total amount not to exceed \$10,382, from A-7112-200 (General Fund – Clifton Common - Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 29 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Highways to promote Todd Spinner to the role of Motor Equipment Operator (MEO) in the Highway Department.

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

WHEREAS, as of December 10, 2025, Todd Spinner successfully completed his training courses, theoretical and practical, while passing his Driver’s Test to earn a Class A Commercial Driver’s License, and

WHEREAS, Superintendent of Highways, Dahn Bull, has recommended the promotion of the Todd Spinner, Waterford, NY, to the position of MEO at Grade 5, Step 2, Year 1, at a rate of \$29.20/hour and a salary of \$60,970; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the promotion of Todd Spinner to the position of Motor Equipment Operator, to be paid at Grade 5, Step 2, Year 1 in accordance with the CSEA Union Contract, Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO valid through December 31, 2027, per the attached Schedule A.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett- Noted that the Highway Superintendent was not present to speak on the matter. However, he stated that he knows Mr. Spinner and considers him a solid individual, and therefore he can support the appointment.

New Business

Councilwoman Reid- Said she takes her role seriously and will do her due diligence by asking questions and raising concerns when needed. She expressed deep concern about recent actions by fellow Board Members. She learned about a Town Board statement only after seeing it posted on the Town’s Facebook page and found it unacceptable that she was not copied, consulted, or asked to approve the statement or include her name. She also raised concerns that the statement referenced a lawsuit against the Town, about which she had not been notified. She learned about this through residents sharing it in Facebook groups. She said making decisions behind closed

doors and taking public actions without informing other Board Members shows a lack of collaboration and transparency. As a result, she feels left in the dark about Town business, which she called unproductive and unprofessional. She concluded by saying she would like to collaborate and work together, but she cannot do so if she is not included. She questioned how the Board can work effectively if members are uninformed.

Councilman Manir- Stated he believes all communications should include everyone. He noted that the document in question is public and official, so there is nothing to hide. He emphasized that if he were working on an issue, especially a controversial one, he would keep the Supervisor and all Board Members informed to ensure everyone stays on the same page.

Councilwoman Reid- Asked Councilman Manir about his experience when he was in the political minority. She asked whether he ever felt excluded or if the rest of the board was intentionally working against him.

Councilman Manir- Responded to Councilwoman Reid's comments by stating that he does not wish to be categorized as a political minority or majority. He emphasized that his communication style is direct and transparent, and that he speaks openly during public meetings. He noted that public service requires integrity and honesty, and that his focus is serving the residents of Clifton Park rather than any individual or group. Councilman Manir reiterated his belief that all Board Members should be included in communications regarding Town decisions, especially on matters that are public and potentially controversial. He acknowledged that the Board may need time to adjust and work together more effectively, and he stressed the importance of correcting misunderstandings as they arise. Councilman Manir also expressed concern about public disagreements during meetings, stating that such conflict is unproductive and reflects poorly on the Board. He mentioned that during a break, residents approached him and questioned when the Board would act more maturely, which he found embarrassing. He concluded by affirming that all actions and decisions are public, and that the board should work collaboratively.

Councilwoman Reid- Agreed that the Board represents all residents regardless of party and emphasized that everyone deserves to be heard and respected. She asked whether Councilman Manir ever felt the Board was working against him and stated she does not believe he can honestly claim that. She noted that while he calls for setting politics aside and working together, the current situation suggests otherwise, and she questioned whether his statements were sincere.

Councilman Manir- Responded that he works with all Board Members regardless of party and asked that he not be pressured into answering repetitive questions. He emphasized the importance of open communication and stated he prefers to speak directly and honestly without being pushed into discussing past experiences. He asked the Board to move forward and work together.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE 10:47pm

Mike Shahan of Pebble Beach Drive stated the meeting was an improvement over the prior week, though the final minutes were disappointing. He responded to earlier criticism of Supervisor Barrett, noting that town board members historically held full-time jobs and relied on a Town Administrator to manage departments. Drawing on his own experience as Town Administrator starting in 1994, he explained that as he took on additional responsibilities over time, the Town Board recognized this through added stipends. He argued it is unfair to reduce compensation when a position has expanded responsibilities.

Pamela Koniszewski of Main Street questioned who initiated a Town Board communication that appeared on Facebook without including all Board Members, noting agreement with prior statements that communications should include everyone. She suggested the exclusion appeared politically motivated and raised concerns about the involvement of a Confidential Administrator. She criticized what she viewed as inconsistent priorities, noting that time was spent scrutinizing Councilwoman Reid's meeting attendance while insufficient time was given to review other appointments. She stated that Board Members' actions are being closely watched by the public and requested a direct answer to her question.

Councilman Fantini- Stated that he initiated the communication, received agreement from fellow Town Board members, and explained that the statement was issued because the Town was sued and the Board needed to inform the public about the status of the matter.

Ms. Koniszewski questioned why Councilwoman Reed and Supervisor Barrett were excluded from being informed about the referenced Town Board matter. She asked why they were not notified directly and why the information was shared only via Facebook rather than communicated to all relevant board members.

Councilman Fantini- Stated that the Board's position was to explain what occurred. He acknowledged there had been a lack of communication and emphasized that the Town was involved in a lawsuit, so it was important for people to be informed. He clarified that the lawsuit was withdrawn without prejudice, meaning it cannot be brought back, and said the information shared was clear, factual, and accurate.

Ms. Koniszewski stated that Councilman Manir indicated he agreed with Councilwoman Reid that all parties should have been informed. She questioned whether Councilman Manir had prior knowledge of the matter, suggesting his statement appeared contradictory.

Juliano Febo of Clifton Park stated he had a question for the Town Attorney. He asked whether the Attorney reviewed the communication before it was released and, in the Attorney's honest opinion, whether that communication was legal.

Attorney Dailey- Stated that the communication originated from three members of the town board and that those members were identified in the communication.

Mr. Febo asked whether the information in the communication was correct and whether the Board acted lawfully. He referenced a Supreme Court ruling and stated that the communication specifically indicated the Board acted lawfully in its actions, asserting that residents were misled.

Attorney Dailey- Responded that the information in the communication was correct.

Attorney Dailey- Stated that the Board acted lawfully in appointing him as the town attorney on January 6th.

Mr. Febo questioned how the Board could claim it acted lawfully when the Supreme Court had initially ruled in favor of the lawsuit and granted temporary relief.

Attorney Dailey- Explained that the town was served on January 7 with a temporary restraining order. Only one party appeared before the judge seeking this temporary relief. A temporary restraining order requires proof of irreparable harm. Attorney Dailey provided an example, noting that in a divorce situation a temporary restraining order may be sought to prevent a parent from taking a child out of the country. In this case, however, no irreparable harm was demonstrated, making the temporary restraining order inappropriate. The town government was not informed of the temporary restraining order until it was served on the Town Clerk on January 7th. The previous day, January 6, Attorney Dailey had been lawfully appointed as Town Attorney by the majority of the Town Board. The following day, a judge signed an ex parte order, likely issued improperly and without notice to the Town, reinstating the previous Town Attorney and prohibiting the Town from appointing a new attorney. However, the new attorney had already been appointed the previous day.

Mr. Febo referenced the Town's statement that Clifton Park residents expect elected officials to act thoughtfully and within the bounds of the law. He noted that the statement asserts the board has followed the law, relied on sound legal guidance, and focused on governing responsibly. Mr. Febo then raised a question regarding Attorney Dailey's appointment following the lawsuit, asking who provided the legal guidance referenced in the Town's statement.

Attorney Dailey- Stated that the legal guidance was provided by Assistant Town Attorney Kevin Luibrand. Mr. Luibrand filed court papers, including a memorandum of law and a cross motion opposing the temporary restraining order. Attorney Dailey indicated that after

the opposing party reviewed these filings, they realized they would not be successful and subsequently withdrew the lawsuit.

Mr. Febo responded to Attorney Dailey's comments, challenging the implication that the lawsuit being withdrawn validated the lawfulness of the Board's actions. He stated that the absence of a legal loss does not prove that the Board acted lawfully. He maintained that without a court ruling in their favor, the Board did not act lawfully, did not follow legal guidance, and was misleading the Town and its residents.

Attorney Dailey- Stated that he disagreed with Mr. Febo's assessment.

Councilman Manir- Clarified that his agreement on better communication referred to moving forward. He noted he was unaware Councilwoman Reid had not received a copy of the information until she mentioned it and emphasized that all Board Members should be included in future communications. He also stated he initially did not know about the lawsuit because town attorney email account was disabled and he learned about it from public sources, stressing that as a Councilman he should have been informed and that accusations against either side are not appropriate.

Councilwoman Reid- Addressed the issue of communication and clarified that she and the Supervisor were not included in the Facebook announcement referenced earlier. She stated that when Councilman Manir had emailed the board asking for more information after the announcement, but she did not know what it was referring to and was unaware of any modifications. She asked for clarification so she could investigate the matter. Councilwoman Reid noted that when she informed Councilman Manir that she was unaware of the situation, the response was that it was "okay" because Councilman Manir had received the information the next day. Councilwoman Reid then requested that the information be shared with her as well so she could stay informed.

Councilman Manir- Responded that he had provided the requested information to Councilwoman Reid and emphasized that it was "nothing serious." He stated that he had been told someone's account was disabled. Councilman Manir reiterated that he was the one who initiated the communication and had shared the information when asked.

John DelGiudice of Mann Boulevard, Halfmoon, offered two comments. First, he noted that during his past experience on a contentious school board, he observed that alliances and agreements often shift depending on the issue. He advised the Board to be aware that similar shifts may occur in the future. Second, he commended Councilwoman Reid for her advocacy regarding community health and safety related to battery operations and encouraged her to apply the same level of intensity to the concrete issue.

Councilwoman Reid- Thanked John DelGiudice and stated that she shares his concerns, adding that she feels the same way about data centers as well.

Brady Ozimek of Tracey Court asked Councilwoman Reid about the role of a liaison, confirming it means a Town Board Member works with a committee. He then asked if any Board members have experience in agriculture or with committees related to farmland and agriculture. He suggested that having two liaisons work with the same committee and argued the move to remove Councilwoman Reid the committee, was politically motivated. Mr. Ozimek criticized the Board for excluding members from communications and issuing false statements, asserting this has caused public distrust and large attendance at meetings. He urged the Board to work together and recommended reinstating someone with agricultural experience to the relevant committee.

Anthony Morelli of Gloucester Street thanked the Board for their service and acknowledged that the role is difficult and often underappreciated. He then referenced New York State Town Law Sections 52 and 29, noting they outline the duties and responsibilities of the Town Supervisor. He stated that Resolution Number 6 contradicts the supervisor's duties regarding communication with residents. Mr. Morelli addressed the role of liaisons, explaining from his experience that being a liaison does not always require attending committee meetings, but rather involves understanding the committee's purpose, staying informed, and supporting their work. He shared that in the past, Board Members would back

each other up when unable to attend committee meetings, ensuring committees received support. He commended the Board for reinstating Councilwoman Reid to the Parks and Recreation committee, noting it was a good decision, especially given recent staffing losses in that department. Finally, Mr. Morelli urged the Board to consider reinstating the stipend for Deputy Supervisor at the next Board Meeting. He expressed concern that some board actions appeared retaliatory toward Councilman Reid, which he said could be problematic legally and for residents' perception.

Jim Basley of 22 Barkwood Lane stated he has attended approximately 98% of meetings over the past 13 years and said he is familiar with how the Board has operated historically. He expressed strong dissatisfaction with the last meeting and the current meeting, calling them a "joke" and saying such proceedings would not have occurred in previous years. He criticized the Board for excessive discussion and debate, saying members should not feel the need to justify themselves and instead should vote and move on. He also noted that agendas are no longer posted publicly on the Board, which he believes contributes to the problem. Mr. Basley remarked that new residents may not yet understand the Board's operations, but after several meetings they will. He emphasized that Board Members should focus on governance rather than control or titles and dismissed the idea that holding a position grants special authority or importance. He concluded by criticizing the current tone and conduct of the Board.

No one else wished to be heard.

Public Privilege closed at 11:15 PM.

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

Motion carried at 11:16 PM

Caitlin Fantini
Town Clerk

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Good evening,

My name is **John DelGiudice**, and I live at 49 Mann Boulevard.

I'm here tonight to request that the Board consider a zoning code amendment to **prohibit concrete plants in the Light Industrial district**.

Over the past several months, residents from both Clifton Park and Halfmoon have raised serious concerns about the application for a batch plant at 1910 Route 9. What has become clear from the public hearings is that this type of facility is usually considered **industrial use**—one that produces significant emissions, noise, truck traffic, and environmental impacts that go far beyond what the Light Industrial zone is intended to allow.

Our LI district is supposed to support *low-impact* industrial and commercial uses that are compatible with nearby neighborhoods, schools, and senior communities.

My request is straightforward:

Amend Chapter 208 Article IX section 208-64 C (1)

Add (1.a) Concrete Plant

This would provide clarity for residents, guidance for future applicants, and protection for the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Thank you very much for your time and for considering this request.

Kurt Swartz, Battery Storage comments,
January 20, 2026, Town Board Meeting.

My purpose this evening is to call attention towards human factors, as Clifton Park does not have expanses of wild west like frontier to place these out-of-sight, out-of-mind storage facilities. Figuratively, they either become in-your-face or in your backyard.

The purchase of a home is often the single largest investment any family will incur in their lifetime. Ask yourself, would you feel safe if one of these battery structures became your next-door-neighbor, or perhaps a neighbor some quarter mile distant? How would these new battery storage neighbors effect homeowner market values? How might individual homeowner insurance policies change once the new neighbors begin their habitation?

Residents are heartened when Town leaders pronounce Clifton Park as having near to the lowest taxation rates of any community in NY. They cherish values of rural and protected open space existing within the western Greenbelt; a dynamic vision statement to land management which supports quality-of-life inspirations.

How then can Clifton Park establish supportable public policy, maintaining agriculture, open space and valuable affiliated land uses, while confronting a conceivable tidal wave of solar project expansion, as we witness in neighboring communities, becomes a rational question. The projects themselves constitute industrialization of broad open spaces we seek to preserve.

A way forward is not rocket science! Sound techniques can be applied to yield unbiased guidance toward responsible planning and siting of solar facilities themselves.

The Ag & farmland protection planning process has already achieved a parallel practicality. Geographic Information Systems analysis, coupling multiple assessment criteria, to a weighted variable schema, discloses priority farmland parcels vital to furthering long term agricultural presence. The outcome yields basic and credible information, critical for any decision process to successfully prevail.

There is a road map should we choose to follow it.

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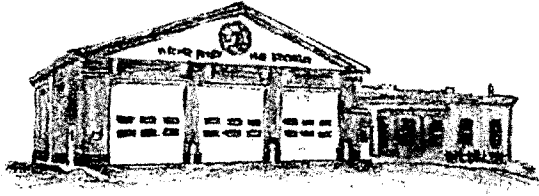
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January 15, 2026

Members of the Clifton Park Town Board,

I'm writing to you as I'm out of the country on a mission trip and unable to attend the public hearing to be held on Tuesday 1/20/26, on the proposed extension of the moratorium on battery storage facilities.

I have been a member, officer and currently Chairman of the Board of the Vischer Ferry Fire District for 45 years. Many things have changed over the years but our mission of protecting life and property remains the same.

The Governor has removed all training for firefighters from the state budget in regard to handling battery storage fires. She states that the money isn't there, however at the same time she doled out millions of dollars to public transit corporations to purchase electric buses. How does this even remotely make sense? It's not that the money isn't there, but rather the technology to deal with these incidents does not yet exist. Typical government putting the cart before the horse.

At the present time, the only way to deal with fires at solar/battery storage facilities is to let them burn. That is not anything that I would want in my district, and that does not go along with our mission of protecting life and property.

On January 16, 2025 a fire at the Moss Landing facility in California burned for days. Residents were instructed to stay inside and turn off all ventilation systems. Closer to home June of 2023, a fire at a Warwick, NY location burned for days and only involved 2 battery storage cabinets. Schools and homes had to be evacuated. Just last month on December 15, 2025, another fire in Warwick, NY, became a 3-day incident. Fire crews could only stand by and watch it burn.

There is no doubt that solar energy, tied in with battery storage facilities, will have a place in our future. I would ask that the board continue to wait until those systems are safe and we have the proper techniques to deal with these incidents.

Perhaps those that are in favor of these facilities, would like them on their personal property, perhaps they will apply and join their local fire departments, to deal with these incidents but my guess is probably not.

I would ask this Town Board to continue to deny these facilities in our Town, until such a time that the technology has improved, and we can have a way to safely, and efficiently deal with emergency incidents at these facilities.

Let's not allow Clifton Park to put the cart before the horse.

Firematically Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin K. Bowman".

Kevin K Bowman
Chairman Vischer Ferry Fire District