TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD
April 21, 2026

The meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:03 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
John DeSimone Chief Bureau of Fire Prevention
Norah Hoefer, Communications and Technology Coordinator
Dahn Bull Superintendent of Highways
Megan Babendreier Director of Parks & Recreation
Michael O'Brien Collection System Manager
John Scavo Director of Planning & Zoning

MINUTES

MOTION by Councilman Manir seconded by Councilman Fantini to approve the Town Board minutes of the April 7, 2026 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Abstain: None

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Manir made two announcements. First, he noted that the Green Committee is hosting a Solar Power informational session at the library on Wednesday, April 22 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., and encouraged residents to review available informational pages left on the sign in desk. Second, he announced the upcoming Arbor Day celebration on April 25, marking the 50th anniversary of Arbor Day, to be held at Veterans Memorial Park, which will also include recognition of the Country's 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War.

Councilwoman Reid reported that the 4th Annual Clifton Park Restaurant Week is underway through April 26 in partnership with the Chamber of Southern Saratoga, featuring 13 participating restaurants, with additional details available on DiscoverCliftonPark.com. She announced the Shenendehowa STEM and Health Discovery Night on April 24 and noted the Parks Department's support of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge through pollinator seed distribution. She highlighted student achievements, including participation in a regional robotics competition and a mock State Assembly, and thanked volunteers for the Townwide parks and trails cleanup. She also noted recent improvements to the Riverview Road preserve, with a grand opening

planned, and announced an April 27 public workshop regarding potential east-side access. Councilwoman Reid further outlined activities for Historic Preservation Month in May and highlighted May 3 community events, including a free shredding event at Clifton Park Center Mall, kite flying at Clifton Common, and bike activities at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library, including a guided ride.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE 7:09 p.m.

Caryl Hugg of Johnathan Drive raised concern regarding the appointment to the Town Ethics Board, noting that under Clifton Park Town Code Chapter 17, members must be appointed by unanimous consent of the Town Board and that vacancies are to be filled within 90 days. She stated her understanding that the position has been vacant since the beginning of the year and questioned whether the 90-day timeframe has already been exceeded. She further asked how the Town Board is able to proceed with an appointment at this time given the provision that, if the Board is unable to fill a vacancy within the specified period, the responsibility would fall to the County Board of Ethics.

Attorney Dailey stated his opinion that the Ethics Board position remains vacant and noted that the County has not taken any action. He further indicated that, to his knowledge, the County does not have the authority to make the appointment, and therefore, the Town Board retains the ability to fill the vacancy. He concluded that the Board may proceed with appointing a member to the Ethics Board at this meeting.

Ms. Hugg questioned whether the Town Board was following its own law requiring vacancies to be filled within 90 days and asked why the law exists if it is not being followed.

Attorney Dailey disagreed, stating that the position remains vacant and can be filled by the Town Board.

Ms. Hugg stated that she was seeking the opinion of the Town Board, not the Town Attorney, and expressed frustration about being contacted the same day regarding her interest in the position. She noted that only Supervisor Reid and Councilman Manir had reached out to her, and said she found it disheartening to be asked about serving in a role that she believes may not be valid or available.

Councilman Manir stated that the Town received six or seven applications for the position and that he emailed the Town Board on March 18 requesting review of all candidates. He noted that he personally contacted each applicant to acknowledge their interest and willingness to serve the community, emphasizing the importance of respecting those who applied. He also clarified that any appointment requires a vote of the full Town Board and is not decided by one individual.

Councilman Fantini reiterated the Town Attorney's position, stating that while Town law includes a 90-day timeframe for filling vacancies, it does not prohibit the Town Board from making an appointment after that period. He clarified that the law allows for potential County involvement but does not grant the County authority to appoint, and therefore the Board may still proceed with an appointment beyond the 90 days.

Chad Gregory of Route 9 questioned Resolution No. 9 regarding the Town Hall receptionist position, stating that multiple Town Board members had requested it not be placed on the Agenda but that the request was ignored. He explained that the position is already budgeted and had previously been intended to combine an Armed Security Guard and receptionist role to address staffing and safety concerns, describing it as an efficient use of taxpayer funds. He objected to the current candidate being considered, noting the applicant is not a Clifton Park resident and referencing prior concerns about residency requirements and past hiring standards. He also raised concerns about a reference provided by the candidate's former employer and requested the resolution be tabled in favor of a more thorough and fair hiring process for Town residents. Additionally, he objected to the proposed Ethics Board appointment, arguing it violates the Town's 90-day appointment requirement and stating that, in his view, the matter should be referred to the County Board. He urged the Board to reject the appointment and emphasized the importance of adhering to local laws.

David Jones of Sandpiper Lane expressed concern regarding the Ethics Board appointment, noting that more than 90 days had passed without a discussion or vote on filling the vacancy, despite the requirement for a unanimous Town Board vote. He questioned why a vote was being taken at this time and suggested that the matter should instead be referred to the County Board, stating that the Town appears to be at an impasse and that no clear discussion or formal consideration of candidates had taken place at public meetings. He referenced comments that some applicants had been contacted but noted there had been no formal vote or public discussion of those individuals. He also commented on the Town Hall receptionist resolution, expressing concern about hiring outside of Clifton Park when qualified local residents may be available and suggesting a preference for prioritizing local candidates and keeping tax dollars within the community.

Supervisor Barrett noted that the Town received over 30 applications for the position, including many from qualified residents.

Councilman Fantini stated that the entire Town Board had the opportunity to interview the candidates, though he and Councilwoman Bellamy were the only members who participated. He said that, based on their evaluation, they believed Emily was the most qualified candidate. He added that if others disagreed, the matter would proceed to a vote by the Board.

Ann Connolly of Valdepenas Lane asked a question regarding the authorization of the appointment of the Acting Director of Safety and Security. She directed her question to councilwoman Reid, asking how she became aware of the appointment and whether she had an opportunity to provide input or discuss it. She further asked whether the appointment was discussed among the full Town Board prior to being authorized.

Councilwoman Reid stated that the appointment was not discussed by the Town Board. She explained that she became aware of it through the resolution request process when Councilwoman Bellamy submitted the resolution.

Ms. Connolly asked whether the authorization to hire Ms. Morse was discussed among the Town Board.

Councilwoman Reid responded that the authorization to hire Ms. Morse was not discussed among the Town Board.

Ms. Connolly asked about the appointment of Steven Wright to the Assessment Board of Review and whether Supervisor Barrett and Councilwoman Reid had the opportunity to discuss it with the Town Board. She expressed concern that certain appointments appeared to be made primarily by Councilwoman Bellamy and Councilman Fantini, while Supervisor Barrett and Councilwoman Reid were not consistently included in those discussions. She commented on the dynamics of Town Board participation in appointments and referenced the elected roles of Board members. She also stated she would not further question the Ethics Board matter, citing concerns regarding the 90-day timeframe, and concluded by indicating her questions had been answered.

No one else wished to heard.

Public Privilege closed at 7:25 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

John Scavo on behalf of Nan C. Stolzenburg who could not be in attendance tonight see attachment written and read by John Scavo AICP CEP, Principal, Community Planning and Environmental Associates on Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Proposed consideration a draft Plan to develop a Townwide Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.

Start 7:35 p.m.

Town Clerk Caitlin Fantini read the Public Hearing Notice advertised in the Times Union on April 8, 2026 and April 18, 2026.

Supervisor Barrett reported that work on the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan is nearing completion after a multi-year, comprehensive process with significant public and steering committee input. He thanked all participants for their contributions and noted that the Town has preserved over 2,000 acres of land over the past 26 years, including four permanently protected farm agreements. He stated that these efforts reflect the Town's commitment to preserving land and creating parks for future generations and expressed appreciation to everyone involved in the process. He then noted that the Board would begin accepting comments on the draft plan.

David Miller of Hidden Valley Lane see attachment written and read by Mr. Miller.

Supervisor Barrett explained that the Farmland Protection Plan focuses not only on preserving farmland but also on helping farms thrive long-term. The plan emphasizes partnerships with landowners, recognizing that individual goals may differ. When landowners are willing to collaborate with the Town to preserve their property or maintain working farms, the Town has demonstrated its ability to successfully complete such transactions. To date, approximately 2,000 acres and four working farms have been preserved, and the town intends to continue these efforts.

Councilman Fantini expressed appreciation to Jen Viggiani and John Scavo for their leadership, noting that the effort would not have been possible without them. He emphasized the importance of the initiative for the Town and its farms.

Ann Flower-Stitt of MacElroy Road thanked the Board for its work on the Farmland Protection Plan and for engaging the community in the process. Speaking as a landowner and small-scale farmer, she described her agricultural activities, including beekeeping and raising poultry, and expressed interest in expanding. She noted challenges such as development and competing land uses but voiced strong support for the plan and appreciation for its consideration of residents seeking to pursue farming locally.

Daniel Mathias Co-Chair of the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Steering Committee see attachment written and read by Mr. Mathias.

Ram Lalukota of Balsam Way expressed appreciation for both current and past Town Boards for their Farmland Preservation efforts and voiced strong support for the Farmland Protection Plan. He acknowledged the contributions of staff and Board members involved in its development. Mr. Lalukota emphasized the importance of setting clear, measurable targets to guide progress and ensure accountability, suggesting that goals can be adjusted over time based on outcomes. He also highlighted the value of community engagement events and encouraged the Town Board to approve the resolution and continue prioritizing land protection.

Anthony Morelli of Gloucester Street expressed gratitude to the Agricultural Steering Committee, co-chairs, consultants, and both past and present Town Board members for their significant investment of time and resources in developing the Farmland Protection Plan. He also thanked community residents for their active participation through workshops, meetings, surveys, and events, highlighting the inclusive and thoughtful public engagement process. He emphasized that the plan represents a proactive effort to preserve farmland and support the long-term viability of local farms, rather than reacting to unwanted development. Mr. Morelli noted that sustaining agriculture requires not only land protection but also economic viability, workforce development, and opportunities for future generations. He underscored the importance of the plan in maintaining farmland and preventing undesirable land-use changes and strongly urged the Board to approve it promptly.

Judy Morley of Wheeler Drive expressed strong support for the Town's Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, citing the importance of preserving farmland for the community's heritage, landscape, and quality of life. She raised concern about the limited amount of remaining and actively farmed land. Ms. Morley highlighted the plan's strategies, particularly emphasizing the importance of agricultural education and technical assistance to support and sustain current and future farmers. She echoed the goal of helping farms thrive and encouraged continued support for local agriculture.

Bill Connor of Vista Court see attachment written and read by Mr. Connor.

Raymond Seymour of Nadler Road reflected on the significant loss of farmland in neighboring communities and emphasized that the Farmland Protection Plan represents a critical moment for the Town. He stressed that the plan must be actively implemented rather than left unused and encouraged the Town Board to establish the proposed advisory committee to help guide and sustain its progress. Drawing on past success with the open space committee, he highlighted the importance of citizen involvement and urged the board to adopt the plan.

Don Harris of Orchard Park Drive expressed strong support for the Farmland Protection Plan and commended those who contributed to its development. Speaking as a representative of Friends of Clifton Park Open Space, he endorsed the plan as beneficial to all residents. He emphasized the need not only to protect existing farms but also to improve their efficiency, support expansion, and strengthen access to larger markets. Harris highlighted the broader importance of agriculture to public health, noting the role of fresh, locally grown produce and referencing the "food is medicine" movement, which connects farming to healthcare outcomes. He stressed that strengthening agriculture has both local and regional significance. Additionally, he raised concerns about potential health and environmental impacts related to a proposed concrete plant, urging the board to consider these risks and explore alternative locations.

Isabelle Prescott of Riverview Orchards expressed gratitude to the Town Board for supporting the Farmland Protection Plan and recognizing the importance of farming. She reflected on her family's long history on the land and noted the significant changes due to development. Ms. Prescott emphasized the need to preserve farmland to maintain the community's character and quality of life, and voiced optimism that the plan will positively impact on the Town's future.

Jason Meyor of Halfmoon stated that although he was not previously familiar with the farming initiative, he gained appreciation for it through the discussion. He emphasized that farming is a challenging profession and expressed support for encouraging and supporting farmers in any way possible.

Anne Dillenbeck of Droms Road expressed support for the Farmland Protection Plan, noting her appreciation for the scenic value of nearby conserved farms. She commended the extensive work that went into developing the plan and the role of the consultant and advisory committee in shaping it. Ms. Dillenbeck strongly encouraged not only adopting the plan but also promptly establishing the proposed advisory committee to ensure active implementation. She highlighted the importance of reviewing and acting on the plan's zoning and farmland-friendly recommendations, emphasizing the urgency of protecting remaining open space, supporting farmers, and reducing land-use conflicts. She concluded by stating that expanding farmland and open space protection would be broadly supported by the community.

Shannon Crosby of Crescent Vischer Ferry Road expressed support for the Farmland Protection Plan. She suggested expanding community gardens as a way to foster community engagement, build agricultural skills, and support individuals interested in farming while encouraging shared local food production.

Clerk Fantini informed the Board that the Town received five emails from residents in support of the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan and asked that this support be entered into the official record. See attached correspondence.

No one else wished to be heard.

End 8:16 p.m.

Proposed Local Law establishing a moratorium on Batch Concrete Mixing Plant facilities.

Start 8:16 p.m.

Town Clerk Caitlin Fantini read the Public Hearing Notice advertised in the Times Union on April 16, 2026.

Michael Spector of Ridgewood Drive see attachment written and read by Mr. Spector.

David Miller of Hidden Valley Lane see attachment written and read by Mr. Miller. Also attached is email from Mr. Miller to the Planning Board, which is an email mentioned in his speech.

Jason Meyor of Halfmoon speaking as a representative of Residents for Responsible Development, stated that the organization includes residents and businesses from Clifton Park, Halfmoon, and Mechanicville concerned about a proposed project. He thanked the Board for holding the public hearing and emphasized the importance of allowing time for review and public input. He advocated for the Board to approve a moratorium, citing concerns related to environmental impacts, public health, traffic, zoning, and procedural issues. Mr. Meyor stated that residents affected by the proposal have reviewed the public record and that their concerns reflect documented evidence rather than speculation. He also noted that additional research materials and correspondence would be submitted for the record, including analysis of zoning classifications and traffic impacts, see attached Research Memorandum. Mr. Meyor argued that a moratorium would allow the Town time to address potential legal, procedural, and environmental issues and to ensure proper review of industrial classification and site suitability. He concluded by clarifying that his group is not opposed to concrete batch plants in general, but believes the proposed location and process require further study and reconsideration.

Eric Berger of Milton a sales representative with over 30 years of experience in the aggregate and concrete industry, spoke in support of the proposed project. He described typical safety requirements and stated that modern batch plant operations use closed-loop systems with dust suppression and water recycling, minimizing environmental exposure. Mr. Berger noted that the aggregate industry is essential and widely used despite common opposition to nearby sitting. He referred to the zoning and classification of Route 9 as a State road and light commercial area, and stated that similar facilities operate in comparable locations. He concluded by expressing support for the project while acknowledging that opinions on it are divided.

Annie Friedman of Leonardo Drive stated that most of her points had already been raised by previous speakers, but she added concerns focused on environmental and health impacts related to the Dwaaskill Creek and surrounding areas. She expressed concern about potential effects on water quality and wildlife, including fish and domestic animals that may come into contact with the creek. Ms. Friedman emphasized the importance of considering potential safety and environmental risks to residents and local ecosystems. She also cited general zoning information, noting that concrete plants are typically classified as heavy industrial uses and are often restricted from lighter industrial zones under local zoning regulations.

Chad Gregory of Route 9 stated that he owns property along the Dwaaskill Kill and described the stream as a rare native brook trout habitat supported by natural springs. He expressed concern that nearby construction activity may have affected water temperature and, by extension, the local ecosystem. He clarified that he is not entirely opposed to a concrete batch plant, but raised environmental concerns related to the Dwaaskill Kill watershed and surrounding land use. Mr. Gregory also noted the presence of other heavy truck traffic in the area, including waste transfer operations and Route 9 traffic, as part of the broader context. He further commented on differences between cement and concrete production and described modern concrete plant operations as generally enclosed systems. In his closing remarks, Mr. Gregory criticized aspects of how the project and related public process are being handled, arguing that procedural issues could weaken the Town's legal position. He urged the Board to ensure proper process and governance, stating that failure to do so could lead to unfavorable legal outcomes and financial impacts for residents.

Luke Clemente the applicant, see attachment written and read by Mr. Clemente.

Michael of Old Dater Farm spoke about his personal responsibility as a parent, explaining that his decisions are guided by efforts to keep his children safe. He noted that while he is not an expert in environmental matters, he relies on professional input when evaluating potential risks. He expressed concern about the ability to ensure long-term safety and maintenance of proposed industrial development, particularly in relation to environmental and public health impacts. He highlighted that children are especially vulnerable to air pollution and noted the site's proximity to residential areas, parks, and the Shenendehowa School District. He referenced concerns raised by the Town's Environmental Conservation Committee regarding air quality and supported enacting a moratorium to allow for further review of potential health impacts before project advancement.

TJ Ruane, legal counsel for the applicant, see attachments read and handed in by Mr. Ruane.

Brian Carter of Commerce Drive(Milton CAT) spoke in opposition to the proposed moratorium. He identified as pro-business and expressed concern that the moratorium could hinder economic development and delay project progress. Mr. Carter stated that Route 9 is an appropriate industrial corridor with existing commercial trucking and business activity, making it a suitable location for the proposed batch plant. He emphasized the applicant's efforts to design a modern facility and suggested that the project reflects due diligence, including site adjustments to reduce environmental impact. He urged the Board to consider cost-effectiveness, regional business growth, and the importance of maintaining efficient project delivery. Mr. Carter concluded by encouraging the board to support continued development in the area without delays caused by the moratorium.

Councilman Fantini stated that while applicants often assert they have completed due diligence, his experience on the Planning Board included requesting a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which was not approved at the time. He noted that such an EIS could still be conducted regardless of that prior vote. He emphasized the importance of slowing the review process to allow a more comprehensive evaluation of the project's potential impacts.

Howard Litwak of Danforth Road expressed concern that concrete dust and related emissions do not remain confined to property boundaries and could impact nearby residential areas along Route 9. He cited potential sources of dust including mixing operations, truck traffic, and aggregate handling. He stated that these concerns have been raised by residents and the Town's Environmental Conservation Committee during the planning process. Mr. Litwak supported the proposed moratorium, saying it would allow the Town time to establish clearer performance standards and buffer requirements before approving any concrete batch plant near residential zones.

Jennifer Colazo of Hendrick Hudson Way spoke as a parent of a new Route 9 driver, emphasizing health and safety concerns for residents and children in the community. She described Route 9 as a heavily used commercial and residential corridor and raised concerns about whether it can safely accommodate increased heavy truck traffic associated with the proposed project. She cited engineering and traffic review materials indicating approximately 108 daily truck trips (54 inbound and 54 outbound) for the site, involving heavy commercial vehicles. Ms. Colazo noted that while the applicant's traffic analysis concluded impacts would be negligible, she argued it did not account for cumulative traffic from other major nearby developments. She referenced ongoing construction of a large Coca-Cola distribution facility in the area and stated that no cumulative traffic study has been completed. Ms. Colazo supported the moratorium as a means to allow time for a comprehensive traffic and safety analysis before any approval is granted.

John DelGiuduce of Halfmoon spoke both as a resident and as a representative of Residents for Responsible Development. He stated that communities in New York and other states have experienced negative impacts from concrete batch plants, including dust, noise, traffic, and water quality concerns. He referenced other municipalities that have denied or rejected similar projects, citing incompatibility with light industrial zoning. Mr. DelGiuduce noted that he had previously submitted suggested zoning language changes to explicitly exclude concrete batch plants from light industrial zones, as well as supporting documentation from other municipalities' studies. He stated that some studies indicate potential for dust release during system failures and that fine particulate matter can travel significant distances. He concluded by urging the Board not only to consider a moratorium but to prohibit concrete batch plants in light industrial zones altogether, expressing concern about long-term environmental and residential impacts. Please also see attachment.

Eric Grignon of Thunderbird Drive see attachment written and read by Mr. Grignon.

Chris Colazo of Hendrick Hudson Way argued that Clifton Park's Town Code (Article 9) clearly excludes heavy industrial uses from the light industrial district, noting that the prohibited uses list—while not exhaustive—specifically mentions asphalt plants and cement manufacturing as examples. He stated that a proposed concrete batch plant is directly comparable to these banned uses, as it involves large-scale industrial mixing of cement and aggregates. Mr. Colazo explained that the moratorium under consideration would allow the Town to clarify this restriction in the code, removing ambiguity for future applications and protecting the community from similar proposals. He urged the Board to approve the moratorium and concluded by highlighting the meeting's earlier emphasis on preserving open space and farmland, arguing that these priorities reflect the community's values and should take precedence over industrial development.

Robert of Halfmoon expressed strong opposition to the project, saying he was surprised it had progressed this far after recent Planning Board discussions. He emphasized that the proposal does not reflect the community's desires and shared personal concerns, noting that he and his wife might consider moving if it proceeds due to its impact on their quality of life and their young son. While acknowledging the importance of business development, he argued that this particular project is not suitable for the area and would negatively affect not only Clifton Park but also neighboring communities like Halfmoon and Stillwater. He also raised safety concerns about increased truck traffic along Route 9, predicting more congestion, hazardous road conditions, and potential accidents. He urged officials to set aside politics, prioritize community interests, and align decisions with the town's stated commitment to preserving open space and farmland.

Ann Connolly of Valdepenas Lane stated that while she opposes the proposed concrete batch plant, she believes the Town is handling the situation incorrectly and in a way that could backfire legally. She clarified that certain Town officials previously mentioned are not in favor of the project but are focused on stopping it through proper legal channels. Ms. Connolly warned that pursuing the proposed moratorium and public hearing without appropriate County approval could expose the Town to legal challenges and weaken its ability to defend against the project in court. She expressed concern that these actions may give residents a false sense of progress while ultimately increasing the likelihood that the project proceeds. Emphasizing fairness and due process, she noted that the applicant has legal rights and could challenge the Town through litigation, potentially using claims of unfair treatment. Ms. Connolly urged Town leadership to act responsibly and transparently, cautioning that failing to follow the law could lead to costly legal battles the Town is unlikely to win, despite widespread community opposition to the project.

Supervisor Barrett clarified that, based on guidance from the Town Attorney during the meeting, the public hearing would need to be adjourned and continued to June 5. He reiterated that at a previous meeting he had cautioned the Board that the proper procedures were not being followed when the hearing was initially established, noting that his concerns were dismissed at the time. In light of the Attorney's recommendation, he invited further explanation or context regarding the procedural issue.

Attorney Dailey explained that the public hearing is legally valid under general municipal law, but it cannot be formally closed until the Town receives feedback from the Saratoga County Planning Board. He noted that the matter had been referred to the County on April 6, but because the County meets only once a month and the April meeting deadline had already passed, the review was deferred to May. As a result, the Town must keep the hearing open and adjourn it to the June 5 meeting, at which point the County's comments will be returned, incorporated into the official record by the Town Clerk, and allow the hearing to be properly concluded in compliance with legal requirements.

Supervisor Barrett clarified that there will not be a vote on the proposed moratorium at this meeting.

Councilman Fantini expressed support for continuing the public hearing, stating that the additional time allows for further discussion and consideration of the issue. He emphasized the importance of hearing from the community and gathering more information in order to conduct proper due diligence before making a decision.

E. Berkcan of Winter Green Court expressed concern about the potential environmental and public health impacts of the proposed project, noting the contrast between the Town's commitment to open space and the introduction of a potentially harmful industrial use. He urged officials to approach the issue with a rigorous, fact-based analysis, emphasizing the importance of thoroughly evaluating risks rather than dismissing them due to the absence of current problems. Drawing on a scientific perspective, he cautioned that systems assumed to be safe can fail, and that potential future "emergencies"—particularly those affecting residents' health and safety—must be carefully considered. Mr. Berkcan advocated for taking the necessary time, including implementing a moratorium if needed, to fully study the issue and ensure informed decision-making, stressing that the community has a right to be involved and protected.

Supervisor Barrett asked John Scavo to provide an update on the status of the application within the Planning Board process, noting that several questions had been raised at the previous meeting and seeking clarification on where things currently stand.

John Scavo provided an update on the application's status in the Planning Board process, explaining that the Board had issued lead agency coordination letters to involved agencies, specifically requesting that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) assume lead agency status. However, DEC declined, stating that because the project lies outside the 100-foot regulated buffer of a classified stream, any permits related to air quality or species would be considered ministerial actions, meaning they do not involve discretionary judgment and therefore limit DEC's role. As a result, the application remains under the Town Planning Board's jurisdiction. Mr. Scavo noted that the Planning Board will now consider the outcome of the current meeting, particularly regarding the potential moratorium, before determining next steps in consultation with legal counsel. He also clarified that the nearby stream is a classified trout water with a regulated buffer intended to protect water quality, but the project does not fall within that protected area, reducing state-level regulatory involvement.

Supervisor Barrett asked for clarification on the stormwater review process and confirmed that it applies broadly to development projects such as residential and commercial construction. He then requested an update on where the application currently stands within the Planning Board process, referencing questions that had been raised at the previous meeting regarding its procedural status.

John Scavo explained that the application is still at the conceptual site plan stage, with outstanding questions that the applicant has begun to address through submitted documentation. He stated that the Planning Board is currently working to determine lead agency status; however, in the absence of DEC assuming that role, the Planning Board would need to decide the next procedural steps, which could include an appeal to the DEC Commissioner. He noted that, by default, the project would likely proceed as an unlisted SEQRA action, meaning coordinated review may not be required unless the Board pauses the process. If a pause or a positive declaration were issued, the project could require a full Environmental Impact Statement, including public scoping to identify and evaluate key environmental and community concerns related to the proposal.

Erica Hancocks of Mann Boulevard in Halfmoon stated for the record that she independently initiated a petition opposing the proposed project, which has gathered approximately 2,000 signatures. She clarified that she acted solely as a private citizen and resident of Halfmoon, and rejected any claims that the petition was organized in coordination with Town Board members or other officials, calling such assertions inaccurate. She explained that her intent in starting the petition was to inform the public about the nature of the proposed facility and what she believed was not being fully understood at the time. Ms. Hancocks also expressed support for holding a public hearing, stating that community input is essential and that excluding the public from the process would be unacceptable.

Anthony Morelli of Gloucester Street stated that the concerns raised throughout the meeting—including issues such as concrete dust, air quality, impacts to local water resources and wildlife, traffic, and roadway safety—are not currently reflected in the proposed legislation under consideration for the moratorium. He cautioned that if the measure is challenged legally, the absence of these issues in the legislative record could weaken the Town's position. Mr. Morelli noted that since the public hearing would remain open for approximately 40 days, the Town Board has an opportunity to incorporate concerns raised by residents and information already present in the Planning Board record into the proposed legislation. He urged the Board to consider amending and strengthening the draft before final adoption, including re-noticing if necessary, in order to create a more comprehensive and defensible moratorium aligned with community concerns.

Attorney Dailey clarified that the moratorium legislation is still in draft form and has not yet been finalized, meaning it can be amended as appropriate as the process continues. He noted that there is no legal barrier to continuing the public hearing, but the hearing cannot be closed until the Town receives the required referral and comments back from Saratoga County Planning. He reiterated that this procedural requirement is consistent with what was previously discussed at the last meeting.

Anthony Morelli reiterated that while there is agreement on the procedural path forward, the Town has a limited window—approximately 40 days while the public hearing remains open—to strengthen the proposed moratorium legislation. He emphasized that this time should be used to incorporate the environmental, traffic, and community concerns raised during the hearings into the text of the legislation itself, so that the final adopted measure more fully reflects the record and is better positioned for potential legal defense.

Attorney Dailey explained that one of the key purposes of keeping the public hearing open is to allow the Town Board to fully hear and consider public comments and the existing record, so that the moratorium can be properly and carefully drafted. He noted that this process is intended to ensure the legislation is crafted correctly based on input received during the hearing.

Adam Stiles of Ridgewood Drive spoke in support of the proposed moratorium, characterizing it as a prudent and temporary measure intended to allow the Town time to ensure its zoning code is clear, consistent, and defensible. He emphasized that the moratorium is not anti-development, but rather a "measured pause" to address uncertainty about whether certain industrial or processing uses are adequately defined and regulated under existing law. Mr. Stiles argued that proceeding without clarification could lead to inconsistent code interpretation, legally vulnerable approvals, and avoidable long-term issues. He urged the Town to use the pause to evaluate whether current zoning properly reflects intended land uses, whether performance standards are sufficient, and whether similar properties are being treated consistently. Citing prior case law involving the Town, he stated that courts have upheld temporary, planning-based development controls when they are reasonable and adopted for legitimate planning purposes, framing the moratorium as consistent with that precedent. Mr. Stiles also highlighted potential cross-jurisdictional impacts due to the project's proximity to municipal boundaries, arguing that both Clifton Park and neighboring communities could be affected. He concluded that a temporary moratorium represents responsible governance by allowing time to clarify the law before major development decisions are made, and he urged the Board to adopt it.

Paul Krump, an employee of the applicant, with 35 years of experience with the company operating multiple concrete plants, spoke in support of the proposed facility. He stated that similar plants he has worked with are regulated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and operate in compliance with applicable laws, with no known issues of violations. Krump described the cement handling process as a closed system, explaining that cement is transported in sealed tanks, transferred into silos without exposure to air, and mixed into concrete in a way that eliminates airborne hazards. He argued that concerns about environmental or health impacts are overstated and characterized some public concerns as "fear-mongering," noting that concrete is a widely used material found in everyday infrastructure. Mr. Krump emphasized his personal long-term experience working near such facilities without adverse health effects and stated his belief that the plant would not pose harm if properly operated. He also cautioned against changing or amending laws in response to the specific application, arguing that proposals should be evaluated under the regulations in place at the time of filing to ensure fairness and consistency in the review process.

Andrew Gaul of Blue Stone Ridge spoke in support of the proposed moratorium and as part of a residents' group advocating for Responsible Development. He stated that his position was informed by concerns about environmental and public health impacts, particularly exposure to fine particulate matter (PM2.5), which he described as being associated in scientific literature with respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses, including asthma, COPD, and increased risk of premature death. He referenced studies suggesting elevated health risks for populations living within proximity to concrete facilities and indicated he would submit supporting research to the Town Board for the record. **please see attached** Mr. Gaul argued that a temporary moratorium is an appropriate and lawful planning tool that allows municipalities to pause development decisions while reviewing and updating zoning regulations. He contended that such measures do not violate due process or constitutional rights and have been upheld in various court decisions as legitimate exercises of local zoning authority when used for a defined public purpose and limited duration. He further stated that a moratorium would provide the Town time to ensure its regulations are up to date, consistently applied, and capable of properly addressing potential impacts of the proposed use before final decisions are made. He concluded by urging the Board to adopt the moratorium and indicated he would submit additional materials previously presented at other meetings for inclusion in the record.

Hugh Clemente a partner in the family business and brother of Luke Clemente, spoke in response to community concerns about the proposed project. He acknowledged the worries expressed by residents, particularly regarding children and safety, noting that his own family has been involved in the concrete business for multiple generations and that many family members, including his children and nieces and nephews, have worked in the industry. Mr. Clemente described his personal and family history in the business, emphasizing long-standing involvement and suggesting that exposure to modern concrete plant operations has not resulted in harm to his family over time. He argued that concerns about industrial impacts are often based on outdated perceptions of the industry, stating that modern operations are conducted in a safer and more controlled manner than in the past. He concluded by expressing that, while he understands community concerns, he believes the risks being discussed are overstated and that his experience demonstrates the industry can be operated safely and responsibly under current practices.

Sheila Suozzo of Valencia Lane spoke in opposition to the previous comments, stating that her personal experience with family members has not been as fortunate and that health issues in the community are a real concern. She noted that certain illnesses appear to be increasing, including among non-smokers, and referenced her understanding that environmental factors may contribute to these trends. Ms. Suozzo added that she has reviewed research over time and believes there is evidence of harmful substances in the air. She concluded by indicating she could provide supporting information and thanked the board for the opportunity to speak.

Clerk Fantini stated for the record that she had received 12 emails from residents regarding the proposed moratorium.

No one else wished to be heard.

Supervisor Barrett stated that he would entertain a motion to adjourn the public hearing to June 5, consistent with the procedural requirements previously outlined during the meeting.

MOTION by Councilman Fantini seconded by Councilman Manir

End 9:47 p.m. and will continue on the June 5, 2026 Town Board Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 126 of 2026, a resolution scheduling a public hearing to consider amendments to the Town Code regarding short-term rentals.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board is aware that short-term rentals have become prevalent in Clifton Park and other communities, and

WHEREAS, short-term rentals are not currently regulated by the Town of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to obtain input from the public regarding the regulation of short-term rentals in the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing to consider amendments to §73-33 and §208-7 of the Town Code, related to Short-term rentals, will be held on May 5, 2026 at 7:08 p.m., in the Wood Memorial Room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York; and be it further

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

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. 127 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the continuation of the Town's support of the Monarch Butterfly conservation and authorizing Deputy Supervisor Agatha Reid to sign the Mayors' Monarch Pledge.

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

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park GREEN Committee, the Clifton Park Tree Committee, and the Clifton Park Open Space, Trails, and Riverfront Committee have discussed and support the efforts of the Town of Clifton Park to participate in the National Wildlife Foundation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge program to create public awareness and support for creating and sustaining habitats that support Monarch Butterflies, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has established a butterfly meadow area with educational signage in the center of the community on the public lands at the northwest area of the 146/146A roundabout; and

WHEREAS the Town of Clifton Park GREEN Committee has delivered multiple programs to advance the importance of pollinator habitat, including but not limited to free tree seedling giveaways over the years; and the development of a Pesticide-Free Landscaping Course through Northeast Organic Farmers Association (NOFA) during a week-long certification program delivered in February 2020 at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library to residents, landscaping businesses, and local institutions with the support of a state grant;

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Tree Committee has led the community in supporting native wildlife habitat, and has helped the Town of Clifton Park secure Tree City USA designation for five years in a row to date, through a National Arbor Day program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Open Space, Trails & Riverfront Committee for 20 years has been a proponent of and implemented meadow habitat management (for butterflies, birds, and small mammals that thrive in meadow habitats) in close consultation with and in support of the Town of Clifton Park at multiple locations on town-owned parks and nature preserves including: the front meadow at Garnsey Park, Veterans Memorial Park, and the town lands at the Town's Transfer Station on the slopes of the capped landfill;

WHEREAS, the Longkill #2 Park District has established a butterfly garden area at the George T. Smith Park and is interested in expanding the garden areas in the future in support of pollinator friendly plantings; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has demonstrated extensive community support over time through these various initiatives to date for supporting habitat for the monarch butterfly and other pollinators; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED the Town of Clifton Park Town Board is committed to pledging continued support of Monarch Butterflies in monarch butterfly conservation, and to collaborating with community groups, schools, and the overall public and engaging residents with creating more pollinator-friendly habitats through the community, and therefore, the Town Board hereby authorizes Deputy Supervisor Agatha Reid on behalf of the Town of Clifton Park to sign the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and receive community recognition on the National Wildlife Federation's website, https://www.nwf.org.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilwoman Reid stated that the "Mayor's Monarch Pledge" is a nationwide initiative aimed at encouraging municipalities to take practical steps to support and preserve monarch butterfly populations. She noted that Clifton Park already implements several related practices, such as pollinator-friendly planting and seed giveaways, and suggested that additional measures would be relatively easy to adopt. Councilwoman Reid added that participation in the pledge would also provide formal recognition from the National Wildlife Federation, and she indicated that it would be a positive fit for the community's ongoing environmental efforts.

Resolution No. 128 of 2026, a resolution proclaiming Saturday, April 25, 2026, as Arbor Day.

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

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day, April 29, is now observed throughout the Nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our Town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board urges all residents to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being for future generations; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby declare Saturday, April 25, Arbor Day in the Town of Clifton Park, to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

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. 129 of 2026, a resolution to amend Resolution No. 2 of 2026.

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

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park Town Board desires to amend portions of the Organizational Resolution, Resolution No. 2 of 2026, heretofore adopted on January 6, 2026, to extend the appointments of certain Town positions of employment; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following named positions are hereby extended, at a salary as budgeted, to December 31, 2026:

- Mark Heggen- Comptroller
- Cynthia Zlogar- Confidential Secretary to the Town Attorney
- Jody A. Ensel- Part-Time Clerk for Town Hall

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilwoman Reid expressed appreciation for Town employees, noting that they are dedicated, hardworking, and skilled in their roles, and acknowledged that prior uncertainty regarding six-month appointments had created stress regarding job security. She stated that the current action represented a positive step toward stability but raised a question regarding the reappointment list, specifically asking why Cheryl Reed—previously appointed to a six-month term in the building department—was not included for reappointment.

Attorney Dailey explained that Cheryl Reed had retired, and that the Town Board has been reviewing potential alternatives to address the resulting vacancy. He noted that there remains time to make an appointment prior to June 30, and indicated that alternative staffing options are still under consideration.

Councilwoman Reid clarified the employment history of Cheryl Reed, stating that she retired from full-time service on September 25, 2020, and was subsequently reappointed on November 9, 2020 to serve in a part-time capacity for the Town. Councilwoman Reid clarified that Cheryl Reed is not retired and remains a current employee of the Town, having been reappointed to a part-time position following her earlier transition from full-time service.

Attorney Dailey stated that Cheryl Reed is considered retired from full-time service and was subsequently rehired in a part-time capacity. He added that, in his view, this arrangement may not be a suitable long-term solution for the Town's staffing needs, but emphasized that determining staffing structure and long-term appointments is ultimately a decision for the Town Board.

Resolution No. 130 of 2026, a resolution reauthorizing reappointment of members to the Clifton Park Zoning Board of Appeals and Clifton Park Planning Board.

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

WHEREAS, that as a result of a failure to timely file an Oath of Office as is required by the Public Officers Law, that Zoning Board of Appeals members Chris Lemire, who was appointed on January 3, 2023 and John Klimes, who was appointed on January 6, 2025, resulted by law in these positions being open and vacant, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to fill these positions and to reappoint Chris Lemire and John Klimes to the Clifton Park Zoning Board of Appeals, and

WHEREAS, Planning Board member Emad Andarawis, who was appointed on January 6, 2025, also did not timely file an Oath of Office as is required by the Public Officers Law, resulting in this position being open and vacant, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to fill this position and to reappoint Emad Andarawis to the Clifton Park Planning Board; now; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Chris Lemire and John Klimes are reappointed to the Clifton Park Zoning Board of Appeals as of even date herewith, to serve the remainder of their respective terms, to wit: December 31, 2027 and December 31, 2029; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Emad Andarawis is reappointed to the Clifton Park Planning Board, as of even date herewith, to serve the remainder of his respective term, to wit: December 31, 2031.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Councilman Fantini stated that the matter at hand was an administrative task related to reappointments. He indicated that certain appointments had not yet expired their terms and suggested that the process should simply be completed again as part of routine administrative action.

Resolution No. 131 of 2026, a resolution correcting the hiring of Stacie Agostino as a Senior Account Clerk in the Buildings and Grounds Department.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 118 of 2026, Ms. Agostino was hired as a Senior Account Clerk for the department, and

WHEREAS, this resolution erroneously omitted that a Civil Service exam exists for the Senior Account Clerk position, and

WHEREAS, Saratoga County does not have a current Eligibles List for this position, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Agostino's hiring is provisional pending the next sitting of the Civil Service exam for this position; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that Stacie Agostino is hereby hired provisionally, pending Civil Service examination, for the position of Senior Account Clerk, in the Buildings and Grounds Department, at Grade 5, Step 3, $34.35/hr., at a salary of $62,757, effective immediately.

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. 132 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the correction of the provisional hiring of Ivan Francis as a Part-Time Security Officer in the Safety & Security Department.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 103 of 2026, Ivan Francis was hired provisionally as a Part-Time Security Officer in the Safety & Security Department, and

WHEREAS, this resolution erroneously included the hire as provisional, however this position is included on the NYS Civil Service HELPS Program list (Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Statewide), which allows agencies to fill critical positions without requiring Civil Service examinations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the permanent hiring of Ivan Francis, as a Part-Time Security Officer, to be paid at Grade 5, Step 1, $28.59/hr, from A-3120-E4010 (General Fund – Law Enforcement – Part-Time Security Officer), effective immediately.

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. 133 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the appointment of an acting Director of Safety & Security.

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

WHEREAS with the untimely death of Lou Pasquarell, the position of Director of Safety & Security is vacant, and

WHEREAS it will take time to appoint a Director of Safety & Security; and

WHEREAS there is a need for someone to temporarily manage the Public Safety Department on a day-to-day basis until a new Director of Safety & Security is appointed; and

WHEREAS Sharon Simmons has the most seniority having worked for the Public Safety Department for 14+ years and has the necessary experience to manage the Public Safety Department on a day-to-day basis until such time as a new Director of Safety & Security is appointed; and

WHEREAS Lou Pasquarell had informed Council Member Bellamy that he would recommend without hesitation that the Town should appoint Sharon Simmons as his replacement when the time came when he was no longer serving as the Director of Safety & Security; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that Sharon Simmons is hereby appointed as the Acting Director of Safety & Security at her current salary until such time as a permanent Director of the Department of Public Safety is appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Sharon Simmons is added to the list as an authorized purchaser pursuant to the Town's Procurement Policy for the period that she is acting Director of Safety & Security.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: Supervisor Barrett

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated that, based on his oversight of the department, the Town should move quickly to post the position and begin the process of hiring a new director. He emphasized that there are upcoming major events requiring attention and suggested that administrative focus should remain on those priorities. Supervisor Barrett concluded that, in his view, the proposed reappointment action was not necessary at this time.

Resolution No. 134 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the hiring of Emily Morse as Receptionist for Town Hall.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for the position of Receptionist at Town Hall, and

WHEREAS, after interviewing Emily Morse, Waterford, NY, and reviewing her qualifications, the Town Board has recommended that Ms. Morse be hired to fill the position, and

WHEREAS, this position is included on the NYS Civil Service HELPS Program list (Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Statewide), which allows agencies to fill critical positions without requiring Civil Service examinations, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board hereby authorizes the hiring of Emily Morse, Waterford, NY, to fill the position of Receptionist, at Grade 3, Step 1, $26.73 per hour, $48,922 annually, effective immediately.

Supervisor Barrett stated that he did not believe the receptionist position was necessary, noting that the position has remained vacant without disrupting Town operations. He suggested that, if additional staffing support is needed at the front desk, the Town should instead consider a full-time security officer. Supervisor Barrett explained that this could potentially be handled internally through public safety staff or through contracting with an outside firm for an armed security presence. He added that, in his view, a security-focused role would provide a greater level of protection for employees and Town Hall and was a concept previously supported by members of the Board.

Councilwoman Reid stated that during a prior Agenda discussions, Councilwoman Bellamy had raised the idea of pursuing an armed guard for front desk coverage, and that she and Councilwoman Bellamy had worked with Lou Pasquarell to draft and issue a bid for such a position. She explained that the bid included expectations for the armed guard to also perform limited reception duties, effectively combining security and front desk responsibilities. Councilwoman Reid expressed surprise that the current resolution was introduced before the bid results were available, noting that she and Councilwoman Bellamy had both emailed the Board requesting that the resolution be delayed until the procurement process was completed and the results reviewed.

Councilman Fantini stated that earlier in the year the Town had passed a resolution to hire a receptionist, and that the Town subsequently conducted interviews for the position. He noted that all Board members were invited to participate in the interview process, the interviews have now been completed, and a candidate was selected. Councilman Fantini explained that the Board is therefore moving forward with the corresponding resolution to formalize the hiring decision.

Councilwoman Reid stated that, despite multiple Board members requesting that action be delayed, the resolution to proceed was still moving forward. She clarified that the request from those members was not necessarily to cancel the process, but to wait until the bid results for the armed guard position were received before making a final decision.

Councilman Fantini stated that the receptionist position is a Civil Service role and therefore cannot be replaced by an armed guard or similar alternative arrangement. He explained that the Board had already previously passed a resolution authorizing the hiring of the position, and that interviews were conducted with participation open to all Board members, with all resumes shared for review. Councilman Fantini said that, based on his participation in the interview process, he was confident in the selected candidate's qualifications and reiterated his support for moving forward with the hiring resolution.

Supervisor Barrett stated that existing public safety officers are Civil Service employees and drew a comparison between that structure and the civil service nature of the receptionist position. He reiterated that his understanding from prior public meetings was that the Board had been discussing moving forward with a security officer role, either armed or unarmed, which could be filled by an internal public safety employee or through a new hire designated as a public safety officer. Supervisor Barrett added that, in his view, the receptionist position is not necessary. He stated that if the Town chooses to fill a role at the front desk, it should instead be a position with a security presence, background, and appropriate credentials, such as a public safety or security-focused officer.

Councilwoman Reid stated for the record that prior discussions included consideration of hiring an armed guard or security personnel for Town Hall. She then directly asked Councilman Fantini whether he was opposed to having security at Town Hall.

Councilman Fantini responded by distinguishing between informal discussion and formal Board action, stating that discussion of alternatives is not the same as passing a resolution. He reiterated that the Board had already passed a resolution specifically to hire a receptionist and asked for acknowledgment of that prior formal action authorizing the position.

Councilman Manir reiterated that the position in question was established as a receptionist role, referencing the January meeting at which the Board passed a resolution to hire for that position. He stated that interviews had already been conducted, including participation by Councilwoman Bellamy, and noted that there appeared to be agreement on the selected candidate. He concluded by urging that the Board proceed with hiring the receptionist as previously authorized.

Councilwoman Bellamy confirmed that during the interview process, the candidate was asked whether she would be willing to assist not only in the receptionist role but also to help the Town Clerk's office and the Parks and Recreation department as needed, and the candidate indicated willingness to do so.

Councilman Manir stated that the receptionist position was not a newly created concept, but rather an existing role being filled due to a vacancy. He noted that interviews had already been conducted by members of the Board, including Councilwoman Bellamy and Councilman Fantini, while he personally chose not to participate since the process was already being handled by others. He added that discussion of an armed guard or security position should be considered separately and not confused with the receptionist hiring process, stating that both ideas could potentially coexist. Councilman Manir concluded that the Board should proceed with filling the receptionist position as originally intended, characterizing it as a straightforward replacement for an existing vacancy.

Councilwoman Reid stated that part of the rationale for exploring an armed guard position was to evaluate the cost of having a security presence stationed at the front desk who could also assist with receptionist duties. She noted that some employees had expressed support for increased security in the building and suggested that combining roles could be a cost-effective approach.
She also referenced broader budgetary decisions, questioning prior cost-saving measures such as the removal of the Deputy Supervisor stipend, and indicated that fiscal considerations should be applied consistently when evaluating staffing and security options for Town Hall. Councilwoman Reid added that the intent was to explore whether one individual could perform multiple functions, such as combining a security presence with receptionist duties, in order to achieve cost savings. She noted that such a combined role would not align with a Civil Service classification. She further stated that the receptionist position, as defined under Civil Service, has a specific job description and does not include duties such as working in the Parks and Recreation Department or assisting in the Town Clerk's office.

Councilman Manir argued that the Town is effectively replacing an existing receptionist position with another receptionist role and questioned why additional duties or changes are being considered beyond the original job classification. They emphasized that a receptionist position and an armed security role are fundamentally different in both function and compensation, and stated that combining the two would not be appropriate. He also raised concerns about the hiring process, noting that interviews were conducted in accordance with the established procedure and that some Board members participated while others chose not to. Councilman Manir questioned whether it was fair or consistent to proceed through the full interview process and then reconsider the hiring decision afterward, suggesting that the board should remain consistent with the original resolution to hire a receptionist.

Supervisor Barrett reiterated that the Board was addressing two separate issues: the previously authorized hiring process for a receptionist and the broader discussion about whether the position is necessary. He stated his position that the receptionist role is not needed, noting that it has remained vacant without affecting Town operations. Supervisor Barrett emphasized that earlier discussions had also included the idea of providing a security presence at Town Hall, potentially in a role that could combine security functions with any remaining duties. He concluded by acknowledging that the Board had already completed the interview process and passed a resolution to hire a receptionist, and stated that, from a procedural standpoint, the Board should proceed with the action as originally authorized.

Councilman Manir questioned the timing of the shift in direction regarding the hiring process. He asked why concerns about potentially considering a different type of position were not raised earlier, either before or at the start of the interview process, suggesting that the process should have been paused or reconsidered at that point if there was an intention to change the role.

Councilwoman Reid stated that she, along with Councilwoman Bellamy, had previously asked the Town Board on April 16 to delay proceeding with the resolution until the bid results for the security/armed guard proposal were received. She questioned why the Board could not simply wait until those bids were available before moving forward with the current hiring decision, emphasizing the request for timing and process alignment.

MOTION to table the resolution by Councilwoman Reid, seconded by Supervisor Barrett.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION TO TABLE

Ayes: Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir

MOTION DENIED

Councilwoman Reid asked for clarification before the vote on the resolution, noting that it states “effective immediately.” She inquired about the intended start date for the appointee, Ms. Morse, and whether she currently holds a position that would require a two-week notice period before beginning the new role.

Councilman Fantini responded that the resolution’s wording could be adjusted if needed, suggesting that the start date language could be modified to specify a commencement within approximately two weeks rather than immediate effect, to account for any notice period requirements.

Councilwoman Reid noted that the Town’s hiring resolutions typically include a specific start date and suggested that the resolution should follow that standard practice to ensure clarity and consistency regarding the appointee’s commencement of employment. Councilwoman Reid asked whether the appointee, Ms. Morse, currently holds another job that would require a standard two-week notice period before beginning the new position, indicating concern about coordinating an appropriate start date.

Councilman Fantini stated that the appointee is currently employed.

Councilwoman Reid asked whether the appointee would be given a two-week notice period.

Councilman Fantini responded that he did not understand the purpose of the discussion regarding notice periods, stating that employment transition matters such as providing notice are between the employee and her current employer.

Councilwoman Reid responded that the question is relevant to the Board's decision-making, explaining that Members voting on a hiring resolution have a reasonable interest in understanding when the appointee will actually begin employment and how their transition from current employment may affect the start date. She emphasized that this information is pertinent to setting expectations for the receptionist's commencement of duties and overall staffing continuity.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir

Noes: Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 135 of 2026, a resolution appointing Julia Luning Tristan as a member of the Ethics Board.

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Ethics Board, and

WHEREAS, Julia Luning Tristan, Clifton Park, NY, has been recommended to fill the position, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tristan's presence on the Ethics Board will confer a benefit to the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Julia Luning Tristan is hereby appointed to the Ethics Board for a 3-year term, term to expire December 31, 2028.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir

Noes: Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

DECLARED DENIED

Councilman Fantini stated that the candidate, Julia, had presented herself to the full Board approximately four weeks earlier and that all Members had the opportunity to become familiar with her. He noted that the Board had received her resume, spoken with her, and observed her presentation before the Board. Councilman Fantini concluded that, based on these interactions, he considered her to be an excellent candidate.

Supervisor Barrett stated that he had no personal objection to the candidate but had not yet had an opportunity to meet her. He raised concern that the proposed appointment may not align with the Town's Code, referencing prior discussion during the Agenda Session and noting what he viewed as a potential conflict with existing Code requirements. Based on that concern, he stated that he did not support the appointment.

Councilman Fantini responded that if Supervisor Barrett's objection related to the Town Code, then the proposed Code change was already being considered and could be removed from the current action. He stated that he would be willing to take it off the table so the Board could separately address the concern about Code compliance.

Supervisor Barrett stated that he was not concerned whether removed, moved, or tabled—and indicated that his position on the matter remained unchanged regardless of those options.

Councilwoman Reid stated that the Town Code—specifically section 17-3(F) through (G)—requires the Town Board to fill vacancies within 90 days of a term expiring or a vacancy occurring. She further noted that if the board is unable to fill such vacancies within the required timeframe, the responsibility to appoint individuals shifts to the County Board of Ethics. Councilwoman Reid emphasized that the matter had been discussed previously, including during earlier public hearings on potential code amendments. She clarified that her opposition was not personal toward the candidate, whom she described as qualified and welcome in Town service, but rather based on her interpretation that proceeding with the vote would be inconsistent with the Town Code. As a result, she stated she could not support the resolution, characterizing it as a vote that would conflict with existing law.

Councilman Fantini made a motion to remove the resolution from the table, formally bringing it back before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor Barrett clarified that the matter was already under discussion.

Attorney Dailey stated that there is an opening on the Ethics Board and noted that appointment actions related to that Board typically require unanimous consent not to proceed with an appointment. He explained that there is uncertainty regarding the County Ethics Board's role or authority in the matter, and that the Town has not received any formal communication from the County regarding involvement. Attorney Dailey concluded that, absent clear direction from the County, the Town Board has a properly made motion on the table that has been seconded and is currently pending consideration.

Councilman Manir sought clarification on Attorney Dailey's interpretation of the Town Code and procedural requirements. He stated that, based on the explanation provided, he understood that the Board could proceed with a vote on the resolution.

Attorney Dailey explained the procedural history of the Ethics Board vacancies, noting that there have been two openings since January. He summarized that the Town Board previously considered a proposal to amend the law to allow appointments by majority vote, which has remained pending. He further stated that a prior resolution to appoint two members was introduced but not finalized due to concerns raised during the process, including discussion regarding representation. Attorney Dailey continued that the Board subsequently conducted interviews and identified a qualified female candidate, aligning with prior expressed preferences from speakers and board discussions. He stated that a motion to appoint a woman to the Ethics Board had been made and seconded, and concluded that, as a result, the Board was procedurally in a position to proceed to a vote.

Councilwoman Reid stated that between the prior action to table earlier appointment resolutions and the present discussion, a key factor had changed: the 90-day deadline required under the Town Code had now passed. She emphasized that this deadline was a critical procedural requirement that she believed impacted the board's authority to proceed with the appointment as currently proposed.

Attorney Dailey stated that he had reviewed the local law multiple times and acknowledged the 90-day provision referenced. However, he reiterated that there is no clear information regarding the County Ethics Board's authority, role, or involvement in the Town's appointment process, and he did not believe the Town Board needed to coordinate with the County on that issue. He further stated that because the County Ethics Board had not taken any action and the positions remain unfilled, the vacancies are still open. On that basis, he concluded that the Town Board retains authority to proceed and may vote on the appointment.

Councilman Fantini made a motion to remove the resolution regarding the Ethics Board from the table and bring it back for consideration. He noted that paper copies of the resolution were available and asked whether any Board member would second the motion.

Councilwoman Reid stated that Councilman Manir had previously indicated on the record that the public would be given notice if the resolution were to be taken off the table. She referenced this expectation of public notice as part of her procedural concern regarding the motion being brought forward at that time.

Caryl Hugg stated that, under Robert's Rules of Order, a motion that has been tabled typically remains on the table only until the end of the next regular business session. She explained that, based on that procedural standard, the motion in question would be considered to have expired and is no longer active.

Attorney Dailey stated that, in his view, notice requirements apply to the matter and expressed the opinion that the resolution should not be taken off the table at that time due to procedural concerns related to notice.

Resolution No. 136 of 2026, a resolution appointing Steven Wright as a Member of the Assessment Board of Review.

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Clifton Park Assessment Board of Review due to the resignation of Marlys McGinnis, and

WHEREAS, Steven Wright, Clifton Park, NY, has been recommended to fill the position, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wright's presence on the Assessment Board of Review will confer a benefit to the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Steven Wright is hereby appointed as a Member of the Assessment Board of Review for the remainder of a five-year term, term to expire on 09/30/2026.

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. 137 of 2026, a resolution authorizing four (4) Sewer Department employees to attend driver training classes to obtain Class B Commercial Driver Licenses.

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

WHEREAS, Mike O'Brien, Collection Systems Manager, is recommending that current Sewer employees seek Class B Commercial Driver Licenses as they are necessary to operate the Department's vehicle, and

WHEREAS, in addition to Mr. O'Brien, there are three (3) current department employees, Brady Craver, Michael Grimmer, and Robert Van Buskirk, who are interested in seeking Class B Commercial Driver Licenses, and

WHEREAS, WSWHE BOCES is offering a 15-hour Class B Driver License training, at a cost not to exceed $2,750 per license, and the training occurs based on a student's and instructor's availability; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Collection Systems Manager, Mike O'Brien, and employees Brady Craver, Michael Grimmer and Robert Van Buskirk, are hereby authorized to attend 15 hours of one-on-one in-cab instruction to obtain a Class B Commercial Driver's license, through WSWHE BOCES, located at 267 Ballard Road, Wilton, NY, at a total cost of $11,000, to be paid with a transfer of $11,000 from G7-8111-200 (Clifton Park Sewer District #1 – Sewer Contractual – Equipment) to G7-8111-001 (Clifton Park Sewer District #1– Sewer Contractual - Training & Conferences).

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. 138 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign an Outside User Agreement for the Clifton Park Sewer District No. 1, Ext.#2 for property located at 758 Plank Road, currently owned by Elaine Yarbrough.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board as Commissioners of the Clifton Park Sewer District No. 1, Ext. #2 has received a request to extend service to land owned by Elaine Yarbrough at 758 Plank Road, more particularly identified as SBL: 265.-2-38, and

WHEREAS, the real property is located outside the current service area of the Clifton Park Sewer District No. 1, Ext. #2, and

WHEREAS, Mike O'Brien, the Collection Systems Manager, has determined that sufficient capacity exists within the Clifton Park Sewer District No. 1, Ext. #2 to provide service to the property, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the environmental, planning and policy objectives met by approving sewer service over alternative plans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board as Commissioners of Clifton Park Sewer District No. 1, Ext. #2 hereby approves the outside user connection to the District's facilities for property located at 758 Plank Road, Clifton Park, NY; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute the attached Outside User Agreement for the property at 758 Plank Road; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Outside User Agreement shall be assigned to the residence at 758 Plank Road, SBL: 265.-2-38, and connected to the Clifton Park Sewer District No. 1, Ext. #2 facilities.

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. 139 of 2026, a resolution renewing Existing Term Easements pursuant to Section 125-10 C Conservation Easement Renewals of the Town Code.

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

WHEREAS, the Town initiated a Term Conservation Easement Program in 1996, with Term Easements issued with a Minimum 15-Year Term thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the first Term Conservation Easements issued pursuant to Town Code Chapter 125 expired in 2011, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 100 of 2020, the Town Board adopted Local Law No. 5 of 2020 eliminating the requirement for a public hearing on renewal applications of existing Term Conservation Easements, and

WHEREAS, three applications were received from individual holders of existing Conservation Easements expiring in 2026 to renew the existing Conservation Easement, and

WHEREAS, the individuals and parcels listed on the attached Schedule A have applied for renewal of Term Conservation Easements for properties and terms as listed, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 125-10 (C) the Town Board wishes to renew all applications for renewal of Term Conservation Easements as listed on Schedule A; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the expiring renewal applications submitted to the Assessor as shown on Schedule A are hereby renewed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated support for continuing an existing program, noting that it has been in place for a considerable period of time and has produced positive results. He added that the Town has benefited from valuable properties associated with the program and expressed a desire to see it continue.

Resolution No. 140 of 2026, a resolution reappointing Todd Hess as a Member of the Assessment Board of Review.

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Clifton Park Board of Assessment Review due to the expiration of Mr. Hess's appointment on 09/30/2025, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Barrett recommends reappointing Todd Hess, Ballston Lake, NY, for the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Todd Hess is hereby reappointed as a Member of the Assessment Board of Review for a five-year term, term to expire on 09/30/2030.

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. 141 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the installation of new flooring in the Locust Lane Clubhouse.

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks and Recreation, has requested authorization to replace the vinyl composition tile in the Locust Lane Clubhouse side room, hallway and vestibule, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemens advises that Northeast Commercial Interiors, Clifton Park, NY, be authorized to supply and install the flooring, for an amount not to exceed $9,890 under NYS Contracts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the replacement of vinyl composition tiles in the Locust Lane Clubhouse side room, hallway and vestibule is awarded to Northeast Commercial Interiors, Watervliet, NY, at a cost not to exceed $9,890, under State Contract #PC70838 and #PC70837, to be paid from A-1625-200 (General Fund - Locust Lane Clubhouse – 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. 142 of 2026, a resolution to authorize the purchase of new sound system for use in the Town Hall Wood Memorial Meeting Room, to improve sound quality in the room as well as for the live streaming of any meeting held in the room.

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks and Recreation, solicited bids for a new sound system to be supplied and installed in the Wood Memorial Meeting Room at Town Hall, and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were opened on March 26, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Live Sound, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid in an amount not to exceed $28,665; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the bid of Live Sound, Inc for the supply and installation of a new sound system in the Wood Memorial Meeting Room at Town Hall, in an amount not to exceed $28,665, to be paid from A-1620-200 (General Fund – Town Hall Operations – Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett expressed skepticism about the cost-effectiveness of the proposal, stating that he was unsure it would meaningfully address the issues it was intended to solve despite the significant expense involved. He questioned whether related or alternative materials were worth preserving or transferring into the current proposal for consideration.

Councilman Fantini stated that multiple residents have raised concerns about difficulty hearing Town meetings online and issues with audio quality. He noted that Town staff, including Dan Clemens, coordinated the process and solicited bids from qualified vendors. Councilman Fantini stated that the selected bidder met qualifications and offered a reasonable price, and emphasized that improving transparency and public access to meetings is important, indicating that the value of such improvements should not be discounted solely on cost.

Resolution No. 143 of 2026, a resolution accepting the bid for Town buildings cleaning and maintenance and to authorize the Town to enter into an agreement with Laundrozone, LLC for said services, and to make a transfer from Contingency.

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

WHEREAS, bids for the cleaning contract for Town Hall and other Town-owned facilities were solicited and opened on April 14, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Laundrozone, LLC, 2009 Morrow Ave, Niskayuna, New York, submitted the lowest conforming bid in an annual amount not to exceed $66,875 for cleanings, per the attached bid documents, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, recommends that Laundrozone, LLC be hired as cleaners for town-owned buildings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Laundrozone, LLC is awarded the bid to provide janitorial services for Town-owned buildings, per the breakdown by building on the attached Schedule A, in a total annual amount not to exceed $66,875, which for the eight (8) months of 2026 will total an amount not to exceed $44,583, for cleanings beginning May 1, 2026, to be paid as follows:

Town Hall	$11,433	A-1620-23
Public Safety Building	$8,067	A-1621-23
Sewer Building	$1,333	G7-8111-23
Buildings & Grounds	$1,433	A-7110-23
Grooms Tavern	$1,833	A-1627-23
Highway Garage	$2,200	A-5010-23
Sheriff Office	$767	A-1622-23
Locust Lane Clubhouse	$5,767	A-1625-23
Transfer Station	$1,250	A-8160-23
Senior Center	$10,500	A-1624-23

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the attached contract for cleaning services for the Town-owned facilities, as listed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the attached budget transfers be made to the corresponding accounts, along with a transfer from Contingency A-01990-00015 for $558; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of the contract is May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027 and the contract may be extended for one (1) additional year upon mutual consent of the parties involved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilwoman Reid stated that, in accordance with the Town's procurement policy, the contract was required to be bid out and awarded to the lowest qualified bidder. She noted that the selected vendor's bid was slightly lower than the town's previous cleaning contract, resulting in a modest cost savings. Councilwoman Reid expressed optimism that the new vendor would perform well and help maintain a high standard of cleanliness in Town facilities. She also referenced the contract terms, noting that it includes a provision allowing for termination if performance does not meet required standards, and sought confirmation that this was correct.
Councilman Fantini thanked Councilwoman Reid for her comments and acknowledged her work on the matter, stating that she did a great job.

Resolution No. 144 of 2026, a resolution authorizing budget transfers for calendar year 2025 as specified in Schedule A, attached.

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

WHEREAS, the Comptroller has recommended that certain year-end budget adjustments contained in the attached Schedule A be made to provide for the completion of financial statements for Fiscal Year 2025, and to file the Annual Update Document with the NYS Comptroller; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the budget transfers specified in Schedule A be adopted per the Comptroller's recommendations.

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. 145 of 2026, a resolution awarding the contract for Fireworks, for the Town of Clifton Park's 4th of July celebration to Santore's World Famous Fireworks and authorizing the Supervisor to sign the agreement for same.

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

WHEREAS, bids were solicited for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display and opened on April 4, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Santore's World Famous Fireworks LLC, Stillwater, New York, has submitted the sole quote, in the amount of $23,500, for a twenty-minute musically choreographed pyrotechnic display, and

WHEREAS, Santore's Fireworks has successfully staged the fireworks display for the Town's 4th of July celebration for several years, and the price quote for the show is in line with prior years, and

WHEREAS, Megan Babendreier, Director of Parks and Recreation, has recommended that the quote of Santore's World Famous Fireworks in the amount of $23,500 be accepted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the bid for the 4th of July fireworks display be awarded to Santore's World Famous Fireworks, Schaghticoke, New York, at a cost not to exceed $23,500, as budgeted from (A-7550-00052) (General Fund- Festivals-July 4th Fest); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign an agreement reflecting the above terms, subject to review and approval of the agreement by the Town Attorney.

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. 146 of 2026, a resolution hiring seasonal staff for the 2026 Parks & Recreation Programs.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to retain new and returning seasonal staff members for operation of the Barney Road Golf Course, the Town's three (3) pools, and 2026 Summer Camps including the Adventure Challenge Course staff, and

WHEREAS, Megan Babendrier, Director of Parks and Recreation, has recommended that James Ciani be rehired as Supervisor of the Barney Road Golf Course, and the hiring of the individuals listed in the attached Schedules A, B, C, A-1, B-1, C-1, D-1, E-1 and F-1; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that James Ciani be rehired as Supervisor of the Barney Road Golf Course, to be paid at Step 6, $19.85/hr from A-07190-E7195, (General Fund – Barney Road Golf Course – Golf Course Starters), and the individuals listed in the attached Schedules A, B, C, A-1, B-1, C-1, D-1, E-1 and F-1, be accepted as staff for the Town's three pools and the Town's 2026 Day Camp Programs including the Adventure Challenge Course, to be paid as indicated on the schedules through the end of the respective seasons.

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. 147 of 2026 a resolution authorizing the Department of Building & Development to purchase two (2) Ford vehicles from State Contract.

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Building & Development, Wade Schoenborn, has requested authorization to purchase two (2) 2026 Ford Broncos to replace two (2) older Jeep vehicles (2013 and 2015 models) that are currently used by the department, and

WHEREAS, two (2) Ford Bronco Sport Big Bend vehicles, at a cost of $31,978 each, are available from Nielsen Ford of Morristown, Inc., through a mini-bid process under the NYS Office of General Services Mini-bid #PC69843; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Building & Development is authorized to purchase the above-referenced vehicles for use by the department, to be charged to A-03620-200 (General Fund – Building & Development – Equipment).

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. 148 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit to the Gillette Shows, Inc, to sponsor a carnival at Clifton Park Center.

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

WHEREAS, the Gillette Shows, Inc., has requested that the Town issue a Mass Gathering Permit for the purpose of sponsoring a carnival at Clifton Park Center in front of the Center from Thursday, May 28 to Sunday, June 7, 2026, and

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby directs that a permit be issued to Gillette Shows, Inc., for a public assemblage to be held in the front of Clifton Park Center, from Thursday, May 28 through Sunday, June 7, 2026 for the sole purpose of sponsoring a carnival, provided that the Town is given a Certificate of Insurance in the amount of $1 million, naming the Town of Clifton Park as additionally insured.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to heard.

New Business

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE 10:43 P.M.

Julia Luning Tristan of Barney Road thanked the Board for their consideration of her appointment to the Ethics Board. She stated that she understands and supports the importance of proper planning and adherence to government procedures and noted that she applies these principles in her professional role. She expressed that she respects the need for all required procedures to be completed before appointments are finalized and indicated that she hopes to be considered again in the future once the process is fully resolved. She also offered to make herself available for follow-up discussion with board members and concluded by thanking the Board again for their consideration.

Anthony Morelli of Gloucester Street stated that, regarding the Ethics Board appointment, the Town Code uses mandatory language ("shall") requiring that if a vacancy remains unfilled beyond 90 days, it must be referred to the County Board of Ethics. He asserted that this threshold had been met and that the matter has therefore been referred to the County. He further noted his role on the County Ethics advisory council and indicated he would follow up directly with Julia Luning Tristan in that capacity. Mr. Morelli stated that the County Ethics Board is expected to make the relevant appointments to the Town in May and concluded by indicating that he would help facilitate appropriate communication and recommendations through the county process.

Councilman Fantini asked Mr. Morelli, in his legal capacity, whether the County Ethics Board has the authority and capability to make the appointments in question.

Mr. Morelli responded that, in his view, the County Ethics Board does have that authority under the Town Code. He stated that this interpretation is based on the applicable code provisions governing vacancies and referral to the County Ethics process.

Michael Grimmer Grievance Coordinator shared a personal reflection about his early experience in an audio-visual (AV) program in high school, noting that it helped him build skills that led to internships in broadcasting, including at WRGB Channel 6. He then suggested that the Town consider the possibility of involving AV interns—potentially from a program such as CAPTAIN—to assist with managing and improving meeting audio quality, including adjusting sound levels in real time to address issues like feedback or high-pitched audio. He presented the idea as a practical suggestion based on his own positive experience with similar training opportunities. Michael Grimmer followed up by asking about Sharon's temporary appointment, specifically requesting an estimate of how long she is expected to remain in that role. He clarified that he was looking for an approximate timeframe in days for how long she would continue serving in the temporary position.

Supervisor Barrett responded that he did not know how long Sharon would remain in the temporary position. He shifted the focus to the broader staffing issue, stating that the Town should prioritize hiring a new director and moving forward with that recruitment process as soon as possible, emphasizing that it is important to address it promptly.

Michael Grimmer asked whether the hiring of a new director would be handled through an emergency meeting that could be called at any time, or whether it would instead need to be placed on the agenda and voted on at the next scheduled meeting.

Supervisor Barrett responded that the hiring process would need to be conducted through a formal vote at a public meeting. He added that, in his view, the process to fill the position should already be underway and the board should prioritize moving quickly to appoint a new director rather than delaying action.

Michael Grimmer stated that he would urge the Board to review applicable Union regulations regarding temporary assignments and higher classifications, particularly in relation to pay rates that had been discussed earlier. He then shared his professional perspective from 15 years of experience in security work, expressing concern about the use of contract security services. He argued that, in his view, contract security would not provide long-term benefits to the Town, citing a perceived lack of long-term commitment from contracted personnel. Mr. Grimmer further suggested that while contract security might appear cost-effective in the short term, he believed it could create liability concerns and prove problematic for the town over time, even acknowledging that insurance coverage exists.

Councilwoman Reid explained that there was an internal applicant—a current Town employee—interested in serving as a full-time security guard at the front of Town Hall. She stated that the Town went out to bid after reviewing the position requirements and consulting with the County Civil Service office, particularly because there is no existing Civil Service classification for an armed guard in that specific Town Hall role (noting that armed guards currently exist only in the courts). Civil service officials advised that, given the absence of an established classification, contracting for the service may be the Town's most appropriate option. She acknowledged the concerns raised about contract security, including issues of continuity and commitment, and indicated she understood those concerns even while explaining the procedural reasoning behind the decision.

Caryl Hugg of Johnathan Drive offered remarks criticizing the timing and preparation of Board resolutions, stating that multiple resolutions were being submitted very late in the evening and questioning what urgency required such late submissions. She emphasized the importance of more careful preparation in advance, referencing the idea of "more discipline up front," and suggested that greater deliberation could reduce the need for later corrections. She also noted that she reviewed the full meeting packet and expressed concern that, despite extensive documentation, issues still appeared during deliberations. Additionally, Ms. Hugg commented on the dynamics of the meeting room itself, suggesting that the seating arrangement may be influencing discussion flow and interaction among board members. She observed what she perceived as reliance between members for responses and informally suggested that changing seating arrangements might alter how discussions unfold.

No one else wished to be heard.

Public Privilege closed at 10:54 P.M.

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 10:54 P.M.

Caitlin Fantini
Town Clerk