

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

July 7, 2026

The meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Barrett presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Also Present: Town Attorney Dailey
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Daniel Clemens, Director of Parks, Buildings & Recreation
Norah Hoefer, Communications and Technology Coordinator
Michael O'Brien, Collection System Manager
Planning & Zoning Director John Scavo
Susan Leonard, Director of Clifton Park Senior Community Center
Wade Schoenborn Director of Building and Development

MINUTES

MOTION by Councilwoman Reid to amend minutes from June 16, 2026 First by Councilman Fantini seconded by Councilman Manir approve the Town Board minutes of the June 16, 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

Councilwoman Reid reflected on the Town's successful Fourth of July celebration, highlighting the parade, carnival, craft fair, food trucks, live entertainment, and fireworks display. She thanked the event sponsors for their support and recognized Town employees from the Parks and Recreation Department, Buildings and Grounds, Public Safety, and the Senior Community Center for working throughout the holiday to ensure the event's success. She noted it was wonderful to see so many residents celebrating together in honor of the nation's 250th birthday. She also announced the upcoming summer concert featuring Petty Thieves at Clifton Common on Sunday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m., encouraging residents to bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the performance. Finally, Councilwoman Reid invited the community to attend a Declaration of Independence reading at Grooms Tavern on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. as part of the nationwide Sharing the Spirit of America initiative organized by America250, during which municipalities across all 50 states will simultaneously read the Declaration to promote reflection and unity.

Councilman Fantini thanked Daniel Clemens for overseeing the installation of the Town Board's new audio system, noting that it addressed ongoing audio issues that had generated complaints since January. He also recognized the replacement of the boardroom countertop,

expressing appreciation to Mr. Clemens for his work in improving the meeting room's functionality.

Councilman Manir thanked Councilwoman Reid for her remarks recognizing Independence Day and reflected on the nation's 250th birthday celebration, expressing pride in the Country. He also thanked all Town employees for their outstanding work during the celebration, noting that their teamwork contributed to its success. Councilman Manir announced several upcoming community and environmental initiatives, including a Repair Café on July 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., encouraging residents to repair small household items instead of discarding them; a Green Committee educational program at the public library on solar energy; and participation in Plastic-Free July, encouraging residents to reduce plastic use. He also recognized the Green Committee's efforts to engage youth in environmental initiatives, thanking Amanda Ford, participating children, parents, and the Childhood Tribe for their contributions to a recent community event. Finally, he commended the Green Committee and Tree Committee for promoting electric vehicles and environmental awareness, thanking both committees for their continued dedication and service to the community.

Councilman Manir presented his findings regarding the proposed expansion of parking at the Senior Center, explaining that he researched the issue in response to differing opinions and public inquiries. He stated that his resolution was intended only to authorize obtaining cost estimates for two potential parking configurations, with no commitment to proceed until the Town Board reviews the information. He provided background on the Senior Center, noting its continued membership growth, high attendance at programs and events, significant daily usage, and financial activity generated through trips, rentals, and memberships. Based on the data, he said additional parking could improve safety, accessibility, and accommodate increasing attendance while reducing congestion and potential slip-and-fall risks. Councilman Manir outlined two possible parking options. The first would expand parking behind the Senior Center by removing trees, which he said would allow for future expansion but would involve higher costs, environmental concerns, tree removal, and utility infrastructure considerations. The second option would add parking in front of the building near the existing fence, which he said would have lower construction costs, provide closer access to the entrance, and require less time to complete, while presenting potential conflicts with the Town's Master Plan and reducing a portion of the open field. He also suggested incorporating two electric vehicle charging stations into the project, noting that grant funding could offset a significant portion of the installation cost. Councilman Manir proposed obtaining estimates for both options before considering funding through the current or future Town budget as a potential infrastructure improvement project. He thanked Senior Center Director Susan Leonard, Planning and Zoning staff, the Town Attorney, the Comptroller, the Highway Superintendent, Councilwoman Bellamy, and other Town staff for their assistance in gathering information and evaluating the proposal. He concluded by noting that existing parking demand has resulted in vehicles parking on the grass, illustrating the need to further evaluate additional parking options.

John Scavo provided an update on the Town's electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, reporting that usage has continued to increase since their installation in 2022. He stated that, during the first six months of 2026, charging sessions increased by 22% compared to the same period in 2025, with energy delivered increasing by 79%. He noted that, based on EPA calculations, the increased EV charging activity resulted in the equivalent of approximately 15,682 vehicle miles of greenhouse gas emissions avoided. Mr. Scavo also reported that the Town's EV charging stations have maintained 100% operational availability since becoming operational in 2023. He attributed increased usage in part to visitors utilizing chargers at Town Center Park and Clifton Common while patronizing local businesses and attending athletic tournaments. Regarding the Senior Center parking proposal, he stated that two EV charging stations could be incorporated into any future parking expansion, provided additional parking spaces are created and existing parking capacity is not reduced.

Councilman Manir stated that the Senior Center continues to experience membership growth and increasing demand. He said that approving the resolution would authorize the Town to obtain project cost estimates for potential parking improvements, allowing the Board to evaluate options to enhance safety, accessibility, and future capacity as a possible infrastructure improvement project. He thanked Town staff and Board members for their assistance and consideration of the proposal and encouraged the Board to support moving forward with the cost estimate process.

Supervisor Barrett expressed pride in the continued growth and success of the Senior Center, noting that when the Town assumed its operation in late 2016, the facility had approximately 620 members and has since grown to nearly three times that number. He stated that the Senior Center has become an important recreational and educational resource for both Clifton Park residents and the greater Capital Region and affirmed the Town's commitment to maintaining its quality and services. Supervisor Barrett also thanked Town staff for their work in organizing and executing the Town's July 4th celebration. He noted that the event required extensive planning and coordination and was pleased that it concluded safely and successfully. Reflecting on his 27 years of involvement with the celebration, he recognized the significant effort of Town employees and volunteers and expressed his appreciation for their dedication in making the event a success.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE 7:28 p.m.

Kevin Goggins of Thoroughbred Way commented on proposed Resolution No. 13 concerning public comment procedures. Referring to the nation's 250th anniversary, he expressed concern that the resolution could restrict public speech at Town Board meetings. He requested that the Board postpone action on the resolution and hold a public hearing to allow additional public input. Mr. Goggins also recommended revising the resolution to include more objective and clearly defined standards, expressing concern that certain provisions were vague and subject to interpretation. He further suggested establishing an appeal process for decisions made under the policy and questioned why the proposed standards did not also address the conduct of Town Board members during meetings. He concluded by stating that he believed the resolution required additional review and revision.

Joanne Coons of Balsam Way reflected on the nation's 250th anniversary and emphasizing the importance of freedom of speech. She stated that the right to express one's views is strengthened when exercised respectfully and with relevance to the business before the Town Board. Ms. Coons expressed concern about what she described as inappropriate and disruptive behavior by some speakers at recent meetings and encouraged that public comments remain relevant, respectful, and focused on Town business. She concluded by stating that maintaining civility would help ensure effective meetings and allow all residents to feel represented and heard.

Mike Bendetti of Leuconia Court spoke during public comment and expressed his support for improvements related to emergency communication coverage in the Town. He shared his appreciation for Supervisor Barrett's responsiveness to past concerns and stated that he believes improved cell service and additional towers are a matter of public safety rather than financial or development considerations. Mr. Bendetti described experiencing unreliable cell service, including difficulty making emergency calls, and expressed concern for seniors and residents who may need to contact emergency services. He shared personal experiences involving emergency situations where communication challenges created concerns and stated that improved coverage could help protect residents. Mr. Bendetti encouraged the Town to continue pursuing solutions to address cell service issues and emphasized the importance of public safety.

Supervisor Barrett clarified that the Town held an informational meeting regarding a proposed cell tower in the Clifton Knolls neighborhood. He stated that the proposed location is on the golf course, positioned as far away from residences as possible. He further noted that there is also interest in placing a tower in Country Knolls and confirmed that the discussion during public comment related to the proposed Clifton Knolls cell tower project.

Gina and Todd Pereira of Holbrook Drive addressed the Board regarding proposed Resolution No. 13. They referenced their comments at the May 19 meeting concerning the proposed lacrosse fields behind their Windover Farms home and expressed appreciation that the proposal did not move forward. They stated that their intent had been to respectfully voice their neighborhood concerns and emphasized the importance of allowing the public to speak and be heard. While acknowledging the need to address disruptive behavior at meetings, they stated that any policy should also provide assurance that residents will not be removed simply for expressing disagreement. They indicated that they do not oppose the resolution provided it does not limit free speech.

Bob Wilcox of Northcrest Drive addressed the Board regarding proposed Resolution No. 13. Speaking as an attorney with 50 years of legal experience, he expressed concerns that terms used in the proposed resolution, including "disparaging" and "impertinent," were not clearly defined and were overly broad and vague. He stated that the lack of objective standards could lead to subjective interpretation and could impair First Amendment rights. Mr. Wilcox also noted that the resolution contained language allowing a single Board member to remove an individual from a meeting but further down in the resolution it states that a majority vote would be needed. He recommended revising the language to just require action by a majority of the Board instead of a sole member.

Jim Viola of Holbrook Drive addressed the Board regarding proposed Resolution No. 13. He noted that audience applause had occurred during the meeting and stated that such expressions of support would not be permitted under the proposed resolution. He expressed the view that applause can provide positive encouragement to residents who may be hesitant to speak during public comment. Mr. Viola also stated that he appreciated the Board's practice of holding public privilege at the beginning of meetings, describing it as the right approach and thanking the Board for adopting that format. Regarding the proposed resolution, Mr. Viola stated that the emotions displayed at prior meetings reflected residents feeling betrayed by the Town. He expressed concern that the resolution would expand the authority of the Town Supervisor, would not make meetings more efficient, could discourage public participation, and was unnecessary and potentially counterproductive.

Ann Connolly of Valdepenas Lane addressed the Board regarding proposed Resolution No. 13, questioning the need for a code of conduct for public participation at Town Board meetings. She stated that residents' frustration has grown in response to decisions on projects affecting neighborhoods and expressed her belief that this has contributed to mistrust of Town government. Ms. Connolly also raised concerns about provisions of the proposed resolution that would allow a majority of the Town Board to direct enforcement of the rules, override the Supervisor's decisions regarding enforcement, and authorize the removal of individuals from meetings. She stated that these provisions could diminish the Supervisor's discretion and expressed concern that residents might feel discouraged from speaking at meetings. She concluded by stating that she believed the resolution would create further division rather than bring the community together.

Pamela Koniszenski of Main Street addressed the Board regarding proposed Resolution No. 13 and expressed her opposition to its adoption. She stated her belief that the proposed policy could be unlawful and expose the Town to legal challenges. Ms. Koniszenski cited recent court decisions and argued that public comment policies cannot require civility, prohibit speech based on vague or subjective terms, or restrict speech solely because it is considered offensive. She expressed concern that the proposed language could constitute viewpoint discrimination and stated that speakers should only be removed if their conduct causes an actual disruption to the meeting. She concluded by reiterating her opposition to the resolution.

Caryl Hugg of Jonathan Drive questioned why no Town attorney attended two scheduled court conferences referenced in publicly circulated correspondence, noting the Town's legal staffing and asking for an explanation. Regarding proposed Resolution No. 13, Ms. Hugg questioned when residents would have an opportunity to address concerns if discussion during meetings is limited. She expressed concern that comments and reactions by public officials and the Town Attorney can create an atmosphere in which residents feel challenged rather than heard, and stated that elected officials should be held to a high standard of professionalism and remain open to criticism without retaliation. She concluded by expressing concern that social media posts by Town employees criticizing residents could undermine public confidence in their impartiality and professionalism.

Jacob Kearns of Barney Road addressed the Board regarding proposed Resolution No. 13 and stated that he agreed with concerns expressed by previous speakers, particularly regarding language he believed was vague and subject to interpretation. He expressed concern that the proposed policy could limit residents' ability to express agreement, disagreement, or other reactions during Town Board meetings. Mr. Kearns stated that public participation and open debate are fundamental principles of democratic government and argued that subjective standards could discourage residents from expressing their views. He concluded by stating that

he believed portions of the proposed resolution could restrict residents' rights to participate in public meetings.

Pamela Barnes of Cypress Point addressed the Board regarding proposed Resolution No. 13. She stated that, based on her experience in the real estate profession and service on a professional ethics board, she believes elected officials have a fiduciary responsibility to serve the best interests of the residents they represent. She expressed the view that residents are the Town Board's "clients" and should be the Board's primary consideration. Ms. Barnes also stated that public comment at Town Board meetings is protected under the First Amendment and argued that, while the Board may regulate the time, place, and manner of public comments, it should not restrict speech based on viewpoint or criticism of government officials. She concluded by encouraging residents to remember that elected officials serve the public.

Supervisor Barrett commented on proposed Resolution No. 13, stating that he has not removed anyone from a Town Board meeting during his 27 years as Supervisor. He expressed his belief that the proposed resolution seeks to formalize a process for removing individuals from meetings and stated that he would not be directed by a majority of the Board to remove members of the public from a meeting.

Katie O'Leary of Clifton Country Road addressed the Board in support of proposed Resolution No. 15, expressing enthusiasm for the development of a Town Climate Action Plan with no-cost assistance from the Capital District Regional Planning Commission. She noted that the plan would include a greenhouse gas inventory and strategies to reduce emissions, conserve energy, and protect the community's quality of life while adapting to changing climate conditions. Ms. O'Leary referenced recent heat waves and statewide concerns about peak energy demand and potential power outages, stating that she looks forward to learning more about the proposed initiative.

Anthony Morelli of Gloucester Street addressed the Board regarding proposed Resolution No. 13, stating that he believes resident concerns stem from a lack of communication and opportunities for meaningful input before meetings. He expressed concern that several provisions of the proposed resolution, including references to kindness, respect, valuing differing opinions, and limiting personal criticism, are subjective and could conflict with First Amendment protections. Mr. Morelli also stated that, under New York Town Law, the Supervisor presides over Town Board meetings and questioned provisions that would allow the Board to direct enforcement actions. He concluded by noting that he had provided Board members with proposed revisions for their consideration that he believes would address the intent of the resolution while remaining consistent with applicable law.

Brady Ozimek of Tracey Court addressed the Board and briefly commented on proposed Resolution No. 13, suggesting that additional discussion, a public hearing, or further review may be beneficial given the range of feedback and proposed revisions received. He then spoke regarding Flock cameras, expressing concerns about privacy, data collection, and potential misuse of information gathered by technology. Mr. Ozimek stated that such systems have raised concerns in other communities regarding inaccurate vehicle identification, data retention, access by outside agencies, and potential impacts on residents' privacy rights. He noted that there are currently no Flock cameras located in Clifton Park and thanked the Town Board for engaging in discussions on the issue. He encouraged the Board to carefully consider the potential implications before implementing similar technology in the Town.

Judy Morley of Wheeler Drive addressed the Board and commented on the tone and atmosphere of Town Board meetings. She stated that, although she had not planned to speak, she felt compelled to share concerns about feeling uncomfortable and unsafe during some prior meetings. Ms. Morley described instances where she and others sought assistance from security due to concerns about the intensity of discussions. She encouraged the Board and residents to work toward creating a meeting environment where differing opinions can be expressed respectfully without residents feeling threatened. She emphasized the importance of maintaining a civil and safe atmosphere for public dialogue.

Supervisor Barrett stated that while there have been difficult and contentious meetings over the years, he has never felt that anyone was in danger. He acknowledged that there were isolated instances in the past where individuals became somewhat more physical, though not recently.

Based on his 27 years of experience, he said he does not believe anyone should have felt uncomfortable or that their safety was compromised during town board meetings.

Judy Morley stated that she has the right to express her opinion. She noted that she has attended town board meetings in the past and has observed the Supervisor's leadership, adding that she would leave her comments at that.

No one else wished to heard.

Public Privilege closed at 8:08 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient Sophie Cotrell.

Supervisor Barrett stated that the Town values recognizing the accomplishments and achievements of young people in the community. He introduced Sophie Cotrell, a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, to be recognized for her achievement.

Councilwoman Reid read a proclamation Honoring Sophie Cotrell

Whereas, the people of the Town of Clifton Park, New York, take immense pride in the accomplishments of its residents and recognize the valuable contributions of the Girl Scouts to our community and to our nation; and

Whereas, Sophie Cotrell has maintained her love of and commitment to Scouting, which began in Girl Scouts as a Daisy and continued through Ambassador in Clifton Park; and

Whereas, Sophie has earned the Bronze, Silver, and now Gold Award in Girl Scouts with multiple projects that have benefited the community, including building birdhouses for the Hidden Lake Girl Scout Camp, installing rain barrels for the gardens at the Clifton Park Senior Center, placing wreaths at Saratoga National Cemetery with Wreaths Across America, fundraising to purchase needed toiletries for CAPTAIN, among many other hundreds of hours of community service; and

Whereas, inspired by the history of Clifton Park, Sophie contacted the Clifton Park Historic Preservation Commission seeking a small cemetery in need of rehabilitation as her Gold Award project. Upon recommendation, she researched the DeGraff Family Cemetery, the family's history, and the condition of the cemetery. She collaborated with Commission members on the proper cleaning and repair of gravestones and engaged fellow Girl Scouts, family, and friends to assist with debris and shrub clearing, stone excavation, repair, and general beautification; and

Whereas, the Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn and requires more than 80 hours of dedicated service and several months of planning and execution. Sophie expanded her initial project to include a fence around the site and a roadside marker, fundraising and securing grants from the Town to help cover the costs; and

Whereas, Sophie rounded out her project by collaborating with the Town Historian and Town Librarian to create an educational scavenger hunt for elementary students to learn about hometown history. Sophie's preservation project was featured in the March 2026 issue of Clifton Park Magazine; and

Whereas, outside of Scouting, Sophie, a graduate of the Shenendehowa High School Class of 2026, has pursued a wide range of interests and activities, including Shen Bella Voce A Cappella, the high school musical company, the cross-country and track teams, the lacrosse team, serving as President of the Women's Empowerment Club, lifeguarding for the Town pools, and singing in St. Edward's Choir. Sophie will continue her education at James Madison University this fall, studying Health Sciences; and

Whereas, Sophie's dedication to the ideals of Girl Scouting, while devoting her time and energy to giving back to her community, has prepared her for a meaningful and productive role in society. She joins a special group of women who, throughout the history of Girl Scouting, have used their vision for lasting change to make the world a better place;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that on behalf of the people of the Town of Clifton Park, I, Town Supervisor Phil Barrett, hereby congratulate and salute Sophie Patrell on her achievement of the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award.

We thank her for her contributions to preserving our Town's history, and we are proud to have her as a member of our community.

Sophie Cotrell, recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award, thanked the Town Board for the recognition and gave a presentation on her Gold Award project. She explained that the award requires Girl Scouts to identify a community need, develop a sustainable solution, and complete at least 80 hours of service. Her two-year project focused on restoring the historic DeGraff Family Cemetery and raising awareness of cemetery preservation. Working with the Town's Historic Preservation Commission, she cleared brush, cleaned and reset gravestones using preservation techniques, improved access to the cemetery, installed a fence, and coordinated the installation of a historic marker. She also collaborated with the Town Historian and Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library to create a "Hometown History Hunt" for elementary students to learn about Victorian cemetery symbols and local history. Ms. Cotrell expressed her appreciation to the Town, the Historic Preservation Commission, Gail Winters, and Town Historian John Scherer for their guidance and support. She concluded her presentation by sharing before-and-after photographs documenting the restoration project.

Linda Seymour, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, commended Sophie Cotrell for her leadership, enthusiasm, and professionalism throughout her Gold Award project. She recognized the contributions of Commission members Gail Winters, Paul Sesnney, Chris Nafis, Deputy Town Historian Sue Thompson, and Town Historian John Scherer in supporting the project. Ms. Seymour noted that, because of Sophie's dedication and the significance of the DeGraff Family Cemetery, the Commission recommended installing an official historic marker at the site. She also praised Sophie's focus on the long-term sustainability of the project, recalling Sophie's concern about who would care for the cemetery after she leaves for college. Ms. Seymour stated that the Historic Preservation Commission assured Sophie that it would continue to maintain the cemetery and thanked her for her outstanding work and lasting contribution to the Town.

Supervisor Barrett congratulated Sophie Cotrell on her accomplishments and wished her success at James Madison University and in her future endeavors. He acknowledged her family's pride in her achievements and recognized her mother's many years of volunteer service to the Town, noting that she had set a strong example. He thanked Sophie for her contributions to the community.

Josh Dranoff of the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) related to Green House Gas Inventory and Plan for the Town

Supervisor Barrett introduced representatives from the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC), describing the organization as an important partner to local governments throughout the Capital Region. He noted that Clifton Park has been designated a Climate Smart Community for many years, enabling the Town to secure grants for energy conservation projects. He highlighted the Town's conversion of all municipal streetlights to LED technology, which reduced electricity use by approximately 60 percent, and stated that the project has provided long-term benefits. He added that the Town has also received other energy-related grants through the program and expressed appreciation for its ongoing partnership with CDRPC.

Josh Dranoff, Senior Sustainability Planner with the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC), introduced himself as the Town's new primary liaison for Climate Smart Communities and Clean Energy Communities programs in Saratoga County. He explained that CDRPC provides free technical assistance to participating municipalities and outlined a proposed greenhouse gas inventory of Town government operations, including municipal buildings, fleet vehicles, energy use, refrigerants, and other applicable sources of emissions. He said the inventory would help identify opportunities for improved efficiency, reduced emissions, and cost savings. Mr. Dranoff also described a voluntary decarbonization (mitigation) plan that would establish future emissions reduction goals and strategies in collaboration with Town departments. He emphasized that participation would not obligate the Town to any specific actions but would assist with long-term planning in response to changing technology and rising energy costs. He cited examples of cost savings achieved by other municipalities and offered to answer questions from the Board.

Supervisor Barrett noted that the Town has previously completed LED upgrades in municipal buildings and expressed confidence that the resulting energy savings have already provided benefits. He stated that the Town has conducted energy studies and similar evaluations in the past and suggested that CDRPC review any existing information available to build upon prior

efforts rather than starting from the beginning. He added that the Town may have completed additional improvements since those studies and expressed support for moving forward.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Consider proposed moratorium on the acceptance, review and approval of Data Storage Center applications

Start 8:31 p.m.

Town Clerk Caitlin Fantini read the Public Hearing Notice advertised in the Times Union on July 1, 2026.

Pamela Barnes of Cypress Point addressed the Board regarding concerns about the development of artificial intelligence (AI) data centers. She stated that she had recently begun researching the topic and encouraged residents and Board members to learn more about potential impacts. Ms. Barnes discussed her concerns regarding the significant water and electricity demands associated with large-scale AI data centers, including potential impacts on drinking water resources and energy consumption. She referenced examples of data centers being developed in other areas and expressed concerns about long-term effects on community resources. Ms. Barnes encouraged further research and consideration of these issues, stating that she believed the impacts of AI data centers could extend well into the future.

Jacob Kearns of Barney Road spoke in support of concerns raised regarding AI data centers and their potential impacts on municipal resources. He referenced recent discussions about electrical infrastructure challenges across the state and expressed concern that large-scale data centers could place additional demands on existing systems. Mr. Kearns questioned the potential benefit to the Town of hosting such facilities, particularly if they primarily serve private-sector uses and do not provide significant tax revenue or community benefits. He suggested that the Town consider researching how other communities have addressed these issues during the proposed one-year moratorium period and encouraged the Board to evaluate potential impacts on residents and infrastructure.

Caryl Hugg of Jonathan Drive thanked Pamela Barnes for presenting information regarding AI data centers and stated that the discussion was informative and enlightening. She also thanked Councilwoman Reid for bringing the topic forward, noting that the information presented demonstrated the importance of addressing the issue.

Ann Connolly of Valdepenas Lane thanked Councilwoman Reid for submitting the resolution regarding AI data centers and expressed support for the measure. She shared concerns about potential impacts reported in other communities with data centers, including noise from ongoing operations and increased demands on water and energy resources. Ms. Connolly noted that if a data center were proposed in Clifton Park, considerations would need to include proximity to residents, availability of municipal water supplies, and potential natural gas infrastructure needs. She stated that a one-year moratorium would provide time to evaluate potential locations and impacts to ensure residents are not negatively affected. She thanked the Board for addressing the issue.

Pamela Koniszewski of Main Street expressed concerns regarding potential AI data center development in Clifton Park, stating that the Town is a desirable place to live, work, and play and that such a project could negatively impact the community. She said she had not heard sufficient discussion of potential benefits to the Town and supported taking additional time to evaluate the issue, including a one-year moratorium. She also expressed concerns about possible noise and other impacts on residents.

Supervisor Barrett commented that future AI data center development may eventually expand beyond traditional locations, noting that some concepts involve placing data centers in space. He stated that it remains uncertain how long such developments may take, whether decades or longer, and added that the future direction of the technology remains to be seen.

Councilwoman Bellamy questioned if AI data centers and cryptocurrency (crypto) centers are related,

Supervisor Barrett responded that cryptocurrency centers, such as those used for Bitcoin mining, do consume significant amounts of energy and asked whether that was the type of facility being referenced. Supervisor Barrett added that some companies that previously operated Bitcoin mining facilities are transitioning into the AI data center market. He explained that these companies are utilizing existing infrastructure and assets to support AI operations, viewing the transition as a more profitable opportunity compared to cryptocurrency mining, particularly given recent declines in Bitcoin prices.

Councilman Manir thanked Councilwoman Reid for bringing forward the discussion and expressed his support for the proposal. He noted that State Senator Christine Gonzalez had also introduced legislation in New York State calling for a one-year moratorium on data center development, referred to as the Responsible Data Center Development Act. He thanked Councilwoman Reid for raising the issue and recognizing its importance.

Supervisor Barrett clarified that the proposed state legislation had not yet been signed and noted that the Governor would have a period of time to either sign or veto the measure. He explained that the legislation would establish a one-year moratorium on data center development statewide if enacted and stated that the Town would monitor the outcome.

Councilman Fantini thanked Councilwoman Reid for her leadership in bringing the issue forward. He also thanked Councilman Manir for suggesting a one-year moratorium rather than a six-month period, expressing appreciation to both for their work and leadership on the matter.

No one else wished to be heard.

End 8:46 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 212 of 2026, a resolution adopting Local Law No. 9 of 2026 establishing a 12-month moratorium on Data Storage Centers.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park seeks to evaluate the potential impacts associated with Data Storage Centers, including but not limited to infrastructure demands, environmental considerations, and land use compatibility; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, processing, and approval of applications for Data Storage Centers is necessary to preserve the status quo while the Town evaluates and considers potential amendments to its zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed moratorium constitutes a reasonable and necessary interim land use control enacted for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has undertaken all required procedural steps in connection with the adoption of the proposed Local Law, including compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), referral to the Saratoga County Planning Board pursuant to General Municipal Law §239-m, and the holding of a duly noticed public hearing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park hereby adopts Local Law No. 9 of 2026, establishing a 12-month moratorium on the siting, acceptance, review, and approval of applications for Data Storage Centers within the Town; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board issues a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQR for the adoption of this Local Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file the adopted Local Law with the New York State Secretary of State and to maintain all official records related thereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby directs Town staff and consultants to undertake a review of existing zoning regulations, infrastructure capacity, and related planning considerations, and to prepare any recommended amendments for the Town Board's consideration during the moratorium period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilwoman Reid addressed the Board regarding the proposed data center moratorium, stating that there are many valid concerns surrounding data center development, including limited job creation after construction, minimal sales tax generation, significant energy and water demands, and potential noise impacts for nearby residents. She stated that the one-year moratorium would provide an opportunity for the Town to evaluate whether data centers are appropriate for Clifton Park and to update zoning regulations if needed. Councilwoman Reid noted that five residents spoke in support of the moratorium during the meeting, with none speaking against it, and that several residents supported an even longer or permanent ban. She stated that she had reviewed concerns raised by residents in other communities with data centers and believed a moratorium was a prudent step to allow further evaluation before any potential applications are submitted. She added that data centers may never be proposed in Clifton Park, in which case the moratorium would have no negative impact, but the action would demonstrate leadership within Saratoga County and could encourage other municipalities to consider similar measures. She thanked her fellow Board members for their support of the initiative.

Resolution No. 213 of 2026, a resolution authorizing payment to National Grid for make-ready work associated with installation of new streetlights at various locations within the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has initiated a project to install new municipal streetlights at various locations throughout the Town; and

WHEREAS, National Grid has reviewed and approved the make-ready work required to accommodate the installation of streetlight attachments on its distribution poles under Work Request No. 31004893; and

WHEREAS, the make-ready work includes necessary infrastructure modifications at multiple locations including, but not limited to, Tanner Road, Emerald Terrace, Prospect Point Lane, Penfield Drive, Placid Pines Court, and Honey Hollow Way; and

WHEREAS, National Grid has provided correspondence dated from its Telecommunications Attachments Group identifying the total in-house make-ready cost in the amount of \$21,288.87; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said correspondence, the Town is required to remit payment in order for National Grid crews to proceed with the assigned make-ready work; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the Assigned Fund Balance, SL-00915 (Lighting District – Assigned Fund Balance); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to approve payment to National Grid in the amount of \$21,288.87 for make-ready work associated with new streetlight installations under Work Request No. 31004893; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said payment shall be made with a transfer from SL-00915 to SL-5182-200 (Lighting District – Lighting District - Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett announced that new streetlights were being installed as part of the Town's streetlight program. He thanked John Scavo and Daniel Clemens for leading the effort and ensuring that the project process was properly coordinated and implemented. He acknowledged the significant planning and coordination involved and expressed appreciation for their work.

Resolution No. 214 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the replacement of an aluminum streetlight pole on Clifton Country Road.

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

WHEREAS, on 7/15/2023 a resident's vehicle struck a streetlight pole on Clifton Country Road, causing damage that required the replacement of the streetlight pole and double davit arms, and

WHEREAS, the Town's Safety and Security department has filed a claim on the resident's automobile insurance, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 117 of 2026, the Town Board authorized acceptance of the proposals from AC/DC Line Construction, Elizaville, NY, as the lowest conforming quote, and DLC Electric, LLC, Troy, NY, as the second lowest conforming quote, for the electrical repair and maintenance of Town-owned streetlights, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, contacted AC/DC Line Construction, as one of the Town's contractor for streetlight repairs, for the replacement of the damaged streetlight pole, including two (2) light arms and two lights, pursuant to an invoice for \$8,950 dated 6/01/2026, attached; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Mr. Clemens is authorized to hire AC/DC Line Construction to replace the damaged Clifton Country Road streetlight pole, complete with matching double davit arm; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to pay the amount of \$8,950 to AC/DC Line Construction from SL-5182-24 (Special Districts – Lighting – Maintenance).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett asked for confirmation that the existing utility pole had been removed as part of the streetlight improvement project, directing the question to Daniel Clemens.

Daniel Clemens confirmed that the pole had been removed and stated that it was damaged as a result of a car accident. Daniel Clemens added that the replacement involved a double-armed light pole located in the center island, designed to illuminate both sides of Country Road. He explained that the previous pole, arms, and lights were all damaged and had to be replaced.

Resolution No. 215 of 2026, a resolution accepting the quote from AFSCO Fence for installation of a new entry system at the Town Transfer Station.

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks and Recreation, recommends a new entry system for the Transfer Station as the current system has had consistent problems with the gate remaining open and not programming correctly, and

WHEREAS, quotes were received on June 10, 2026, and Mr. Clemens recommends accepting the quote from AFSCO Fence, as the lowest conforming quote, in an amount not to exceed \$5,300, and

WHEREAS, there are funds available in Budget line A-8160-200 (General Fund – Solid Waste Management – Equipment); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with AFSCO Fence, Queensbury, NY, to supply and install a new entry system at the Town Transfer Station, at a cost not to exceed \$5,300, to be paid from A-8160-200 (General Fund – Solid Waste Management – Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Daniel Clemens provided an update on the electronic gate system at the transfer station. He explained that the existing system has been in place for many years and the software is outdated and no longer supported with updates, resulting in frequent operational issues. He cited a recent incident over the Fourth of July weekend when the gates opened despite being programmed to remain closed, requiring staff to respond and manually secure them. He stated that a new operating system will be installed to work with the existing gate mechanics and address these ongoing issues.

Resolution No. 216 of 2026, a resolution declaring an emergency for procurement purposes under Section 103 (4) of General Municipal Law and authorizing payment to Buddy's Tree Service for the removal of a triple trunk pine tree behind 731 Grooms Road retroactive to June 18, 2026.

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

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2026, a windstorm heavily damaged a large triple trunk pine tree on Grooms Road and part of the tree fell onto the property at 731 Grooms Road, and

WHEREAS, Buildings and Grounds staff evaluated the damaged tree and determined that the situation constituted an emergency under General Municipal Law Section 103 (4) and retained Buddy's Tree Service to remove the tree, and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 103 (4) provides authorization for the Town Board to proceed in cases where unforeseen circumstances affecting public property require immediate action which cannot await competitive bidding, and

WHEREAS, Buddy's Tree Service has submitted an invoice for the work in the amount of \$7,500, and

WHEREAS Buddy's Tree Service has completed numerous projects for the Town, and Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks, and Recreation, advises that Buddy's Tree Service was the first tree service to respond quickly to his request and arrived within an hour after being called; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board determines that the damage caused by the June 18, 2026 windstorm to the large triple trunk pine tree behind 731 Grooms Road, constitutes an emergency for procurement purposes under Section 103 (4) of the General Municipal law; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of up to \$7,500 for the tree removal to be paid to Buddy's Tree Service from A-8510-200 (General Fund – Community Enhancement – Tree Removal).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated that trees on Town property can occasionally fall or become damaged and may pose a hazard to residents or motorists. He stated that, under those circumstances, the Town will address and remediate the situation. Addressing Daniel Clemens, Supervisor Barrett stated that he understood Mr. Clemens had inspected the tree in question and that it presented a dangerous condition for the homeowner.

Resolution No.217 of 2026, a resolution awarding the contract for the upgrades at the Dutch Meadows Sewer District pump station.

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

WHEREAS, Michael O'Brien, Collection Systems Manager, has solicited bids for upgrades to all three (3) pump stations in the Dutch Meadows Sewer District, and bids were received and opened on June 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, MJ Engineering has reviewed the bids in detail and has checked references and reviewed the experience of W2O Pump & System Services, Cortland, NY, the apparent low bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Assigned Fund Balance for the Dutch Meadows Sewer District #1, has sufficient funds to complete the project, and

WHEREAS, MJ Engineering recommends that the bid be awarded to W2O Pump & System Services, as low bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$159,250; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the recommendation of MJ Engineering, and awards the bid for the Dutch Meadows Sewer District pump station upgrade to W2O Pump & System Services, Cortland, NY, in an amount not to exceed \$159,250; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$159,250 from G5-00915 (Dutch Meadows Sewer District – Assigned Fund Balance) to G5-8111-00200 (Dutch Meadows Sewer District #1 – Sewer Contractual – Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Mike O'Brien stated that the sewer district is in a good position to make upgrades. He noted that the district's debt has been paid off. He stated that the Town recently sought bids for the work but received only one bid, so the project was sent out for rebidding.

Supervisor Barrett stated that the upgrades have been a long time coming. He explained that systems such as Dutch Meadows were previously abandoned to the Town, and that sewer districts were created at that time.

Resolution No 218 of 2026, a resolution to authorize the purchase of a Toshiba e-Studio 3025AC copier and printer from Electronic Business Products.

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

WHEREAS, Sue Leonard, Director of Clifton Park Senior Community Center, has requested that a new copier/printer be purchased for use by the Senior Center to replace a nine-year-old copier, and

WHEREAS, Toshiba Business Solutions has submitted a quote for a Toshiba e-Studio 3025AC copier/printer in an amount not to exceed \$5,007, through NYS Contract #PM68135, and

WHEREAS, there is currently additional funds in A-06773-E6229 (General Fund – Senior Center – S. Agostino) to cover the cost of the copier; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Clifton Park Senior Community Center is authorized to purchase a Toshiba e-Studio 3025AC copier/printer under NYS Contract #PM68135, from Toshiba Business Solutions, at a cost not to exceed \$5,007, to be paid with a transfer from A-06773-E6229, (General Fund – Senior Center – S. Agostino) of \$4,007 to A-6773-00200, (General Fund – Senior Center – Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Susan Leonard stated that the current copier is 9.5 years old and is no longer serviceable. She explained that the proposed replacement copier would provide additional capabilities and improved functionality.

Resolution No. 219 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the addition of a Fire Code Enforcement Officer position for the Town, and authorizing posting of said position.

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

WHEREAS, Director of Building & Development, Wade Schoenborn, has requested the addition of a Fire Code Enforcement Officer for the department to have a dedicated position that will be responsible for the enforcement of Town zoning laws/ordinances, fire prevention codes through the review of new building plans for fire safety compliance, and the coordination of fire prevention activities with local agencies, and their pertinent laws, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to add the position of Fire Code Enforcement Officer, per the attached description, to manage these and related functions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the position of Fire Code Enforcement Officer is hereby added to the Town Department of Building and Development, and the Town Board authorizes posting of the new position effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Wade Schoenborn stated that he was looking to revise the title so that it closely aligns with the duties of the position, which are primarily fire-related.

Resolution No.220 of 2026, a resolution settling litigation between the Town of Clifton Park and the Civil Service Employees Association, Local 100 AFSME, AFL-CIO, Town of Clifton Park Unit 8467-01 Saratoga County Local 846 ("CSEA").

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park commenced an action by a verified petition in New York State Supreme Court against the CSEA, seeking a permanent stay of arbitration and a declaration that the 2025 Memorandum of Understanding ("MOA") enacted by the previous Town Board in December of 2025, as authorized by Resolution No. 287 of 2025, are null, void and unenforceable, and

WHEREAS, this followed a grievance and a demand for arbitration filed by CSEA, and which was later expanded to include a charge of "Improper Practice" filed by the CSEA, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park and the CSEA now desire to fully and finally resolve the grievance, the arbitration demand and the claims raised in the verified petition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board agrees to settle the matter based on the terms of the attached "Settlement Agreement", attached herewith as Exhibit "A", and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board acknowledges that the CSEA has agreed to the settlement as proposed and that the CSEA has affixed a signature to the Settlement Agreement (Exhibit "A") as of June 11, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Attorney of the Town of Clifton Park is authorized to execute the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Town, as of even date herewith.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir

Noes: Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilman Fantini asked Attorney Kevin Dailey to clarify whether the agreement means that management employees cannot be members of the union and requested an explanation of how the agreement applies.

Attorney Dailey explained that the memorandum of agreement involved 11 positions that the Town believed were management or confidential positions, which cannot legally be included in the collective bargaining unit under Civil Service Law. As a result, the Town filed a verified petition seeking to set aside the 2025 Memorandum of Agreement. Following the filing, CSEA's attorney contacted the Town to negotiate a settlement. The parties agreed that five positions—the Golf Course Manager, Zoning Administrator, Stormwater position, Fire Marshal, and Collection Supervisor (Sewer)—would remain in or be included in the bargaining unit. Attorney Dailey noted that, after discussing the Collection Supervisor position with the employee, the Town agreed to include that position based on the employee's expressed interest in union membership. The remaining seven positions were determined to be management or confidential positions and therefore could not legally be included in the bargaining unit. Attorney Dailey stated that adoption of the resolution would authorize execution of the settlement agreement and finalize the matter.

Supervisor Barrett asked Attorney Dailey to clarify the distinction between a department head who supervises employees and a management employee who is legally prohibited from being included in the union. Supervisor Barrett stated that he disagreed with the interpretation that management employees cannot be in the union and questioned the legal distinction.

Attorney Dailey responded that department heads established under the Suburban Town Law, as well as confidential positions, are excluded from union membership by law. He explained that the Town has created several departments under the Suburban Town Law, making those department heads ineligible for inclusion in the bargaining unit. He added that certain quasi-management positions may legally be included in the union, which accounts for the distinction.

Supervisor Barrett commented on Attorney Dailey's explanation, questioning the distinction between management and quasi-management positions. He expressed skepticism about the interpretation, stating that it appeared inconsistent that certain employees who supervise others could remain in the bargaining unit while other management positions could not.

Attorney Dailey stated that, in his opinion, only one of the positions under discussion was a borderline case regarding eligibility for inclusion in the collective bargaining unit.

Supervisor Barrett commented that, in his view, both the Union and the Town had retreated from their original positions during the settlement process. He stated that the Town's initial position was that management employees could not be in the Union, yet some supervisory positions were ultimately allowed to remain in the bargaining unit. Supervisor Barrett characterized the process as costly, time-consuming, and unnecessary, expressing his opinion that it addressed a problem that did not exist.

Councilman Fantini agreed that the matter had been costly and time-consuming, stating that the Town should not have approved an agreement that was inconsistent with the law.

Councilwoman Reid commented that it appeared the Town was repeating the same course of action.

Councilwoman Reid expressed concern that the Board was not informed of the settlement discussions until the draft agenda was distributed. She questioned why the Board had not met in executive session with legal counsel to discuss and potentially authorize the settlement before it was executed. Councilwoman Reid also questioned the Town's use of outside legal counsel, noting the associated cost, and asked why the matter could not have been handled by the Town's attorneys. She further expressed concern that the settlement allowed certain positions to remain in the bargaining unit despite the Town's earlier legal position. Finally, Councilwoman Reid noted that the supporting documents indicated the settlement agreement had been signed by Attorney Dailey on June 17, before Board approval, and asked why the agreement had been

executed before the Board had authorized it and how counsel could have known the Board would approve the settlement.

Attorney Dailey clarified that the settlement agreement he signed on June 17 was only an internal document and had not been distributed or provided to any outside parties. He explained that the final settlement agreement would only be executed after the Town Board adopted the resolution approving the agreement.

Councilwoman Reid questioned whether the proper procedure would have been for the Town Board to review and approve the exact wording of the settlement agreement before it was signed.

Attorney Dailey stated that, in his view, the matter had become a political dispute between members of the Republican and Democratic parties and commented that Councilwoman Reid's position had not prevailed.

Councilwoman Reid objected to Attorney Dailey's characterization of the matter as a political dispute and stated that she did not view herself as having "lost" anything. She expressed concern that, as Town Board counsel, Attorney Dailey represented the entire Town Board and should address all Board members professionally and impartially. Councilwoman Reid stated that she believed his comments were inappropriate and emphasized that the Town Attorney works for the full Town Board. She also identified herself as Deputy Supervisor and a member of the Town Board.

Attorney Dailey responded to Councilwoman Reid's comments by stating that she reminds the Board at every meeting that she is the Deputy Supervisor.

Councilwoman Reid responded that she should not have to remind Attorney Dailey of her role and stated that she felt the disrespectful treatment was continuing at Board meetings.

Attorney Dailey responded that, in his view, the disrespect was directed toward his office. He stated that the parties were working to resolve the matter and alleged that Councilwoman Reid had acted illegally in December. He added that the matter was now being addressed and brought toward resolution.

Supervisor Barrett objected to Attorney Dailey's statement, calling it ridiculous and strongly disagreeing with the characterization of the matter.

Councilwoman Reid stated that she was concerned that any Board member would support or accept what she described as inappropriate conduct by the Town Attorney, even if the conduct benefited their position. She questioned how such behavior could be condoned.

Supervisor Barrett stated that a CSEA representative contacted him and indicated that a settlement agreement had been reached, which he said was the first time he became aware of the agreement. He noted that the representative was surprised that he had not been informed. Supervisor Barrett stated that he discussed the matter with the representative and shared his view that the Union had conceded certain points. He added that he understood the process was not yet complete and that additional steps might follow. Supervisor Barrett further commented that the matter could be viewed politically as a win or loss between Board factions, but expressed concern that the Town Attorney appeared focused on ensuring one side prevailed over another. He asked not to be interrupted while making his remarks.

Attorney Dailey responded by stating that Supervisor Barrett had acted illegally.

Supervisor Barrett responded that he did not believe he had lost anything as a result of the matter. He stated that the taxpayers were the ones who lost, citing approximately \$30,000 in outside legal costs known to date, and raised concerns about employees being treated differently from others who were included in the settlement agreement. Supervisor Barrett rejected the characterization that the Board majority had prevailed while he and the Deputy Supervisor had lost, stating that he disagreed with that assessment.

Attorney Dailey reiterated his position that the Board had acted illegally in December.

Supervisor Barrett stated that the Town had entered into a valid, negotiated Memorandum of Agreement with the Union. He expressed disagreement with Attorney Dailey's legal opinion regarding the matter and stated that the Board majority could choose to rely on that opinion if it wished, but that he personally did not agree with it.

Councilwoman Reid stated that, based on Attorney Dailey's comments during the meeting, she believed it was clear that he was acting politically rather than solely in his role as Town Attorney.

Resolution No.221 of 2026, a resolution authorizing a civil engineering firm to prepare a plan to increase the number of parking spaces at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center.

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

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park Senior Citizens Center has enjoyed great success and unprecedented growth, more than doubling in membership over the course of the past 10 years, from 600 members to 1600 members, and

WHEREAS, with this increased enrollment there is a need to consider the creation of additional parking spaces at the Senior Center to accommodate the expanded membership, which continues to increase, and

WHEREAS, the Senior Center at present has immediately available a total of 87 parking spaces, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of addressing this matter and to commission a plan to formulate a response to this need – for the provision of additional parking at the Senior Citizen facility; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that three bids be solicited from civil engineering firms to prepare a plan to include as many as 60 to 80 new parking spaces at the Senior Center building; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the engineering plan shall evaluate the feasibility of creating new parking spaces at the adjoining one-half acre woodlot, or alternatively, to create the new parking spaces by extending the existing parking facilities area – and locating the new spaces adjacent to or nearby the already established parking lot, or, as a second alternative, at or adjacent to the nearby basketball courts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the engineering plan that is formulated, as per this resolution, shall include provision for EV chargers in any expanded parking lot areas, of at least two (2) chargers and possibly more, and

RESOLVED, that a report and plan, with an evaluation of the above-referenced plan and alternatives be submitted to the Town Board for evaluation prior to any authorization to proceed further with this matter.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilman Manir stated that, due to differing opinions, he was requesting cost estimates so the Board could review the information and determine whether to proceed with the proposed plan. He clarified that the current action was only to obtain a quote, and that no funds were being authorized at this time. He emphasized that the purpose was simply to gather information and allow the Town Board to make a future decision.

Supervisor Barrett asked whether there would be a cap or limit on the cost associated with obtaining the quote.

Councilman Manir stated that there was no set cap on the cost of obtaining the quote. He explained that the purpose was to ensure the Town received the necessary information and that the Town Board would make the final decision on whether to proceed with the project.

Supervisor Barrett asked whether the request involved hiring an engineer.

Councilman Manir clarified that the Town was not hiring an engineering firm at this time. He stated that the Town was only seeking three quotes from different engineering firms to determine the potential cost. He explained that, after obtaining the applicable code information and reviewing the situation, the Town Board would decide whether to move forward with the project.

Supervisor Barrett noted that the agenda item language stated that the action was to authorize a civil engineering firm to prepare a plan and questioned the wording in relation to Councilman Manir's explanation that no engineering firm was being hired at this time.

Councilman Manir clarified that the reference to a "plan" meant obtaining the information and requirements needed to determine how the work could be completed, not approving any expenditures or authorizing construction. He stated that the Board was only seeking plans and proposals from three parties so that it could evaluate the options. Councilman Manir explained that there were differing viewpoints regarding the project, including one proposal involving tree removal, which he stated he was not in favor of. He emphasized that the purpose of obtaining the plans was to review the alternatives and determine which option was most appropriate before making any decisions.

Councilman Fantini thanked Councilman Manir for his leadership and work on the matter. He complimented the presentation and expressed appreciation for his efforts with the Green Committee.

Supervisor Barrett thanked Councilman Manir, stating, "Thank you for being you, Zabed."

Councilwoman Reid thanked Councilman Manir for the presentation. She noted that, while he was discussing live music at the common, she wanted to point out that the existing trees also serve as a sound buffer for the live music events that take place there.

Councilman Manir stated that another reason he did not want to remove the trees was because removing them would eliminate the boundary between the Building Department and the Senior Center. Councilman Manir stated that under one of the options, if the trees remained, the area could potentially be used as a picnic spot with tables for people to have lunch. He noted that the final decision would depend on the information received regarding the code requirements and the Board's determination.

Councilwoman Reid suggested that, regarding the proposed EV chargers, the Town consider whether expanding the chargers to other locations would be beneficial. She noted that there are already several municipal EV chargers in the central area, including four at Town Center Park, and asked whether adding more chargers at the same location had been considered.

Councilman Manir explained that the reason for proposing the additional EV chargers at the current location was because the Town could obtain a grant and, if the plan moved forward, the Town would already be constructing a driveway and parking spaces, making installation easier. He stated that the Town's cost would be approximately \$10,000 due to the grant funding. Councilman Manir agreed that Councilwoman Reid's suggestion was a good idea and stated that the Town could also look for additional grant opportunities. He referenced a report showing a 22% increase in EV charger usage and noted that usage may continue to grow.

Councilwoman Bellamy asked whether the Town had an inventory of the number of EV chargers currently available in Town. She noted that there are several chargers at the library and additional chargers located near various stores, hotels, and motels.

Councilwoman Reid stated that websites and apps are available that provide maps showing the locations of EV chargers. She noted that someone who drives an electric vehicle could provide more information on how those resources are used.

Councilman Fantini agreed with Councilwoman Reid, stating that there are various apps available that show public EV chargers, including information on charger speed and different companies. He noted that users can filter the information based on their needs.

Resolution No.222 of 2026, a resolution appointing Stacy Simmons to the Clifton Park Tree Committee.

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy for a member exists on the Clifton Park Tree Committee, and

WHEREAS, Stacy Simmons, Clifton Park, NY, has been recommended to fill the position, and

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

RESOLVED, that Stacy Simmons is hereby appointed as a member of the Clifton Park Tree Committee effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett thanked Stacy for being willing to volunteer on behalf of the Town. He noted that he believed she had been present earlier but did not see her in the audience at that time.

Resolution No. 223 of 2026, a resolution to set a public hearing to consider a local law establishing and extending a 180-day moratorium on commercial and industrial cannabis warehousing, processing, and cultivation operations in the Town of Clifton Park.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, a 180-day moratorium on such operations will expire on August 3,

2026; and

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

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

RESOLVED that the public hearing shall be held on July 21, 2026, at 7:02 p.m., at the Clifton Park Town Hall, located at 1 Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York, to hear all interested persons on this matter; and be it further

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett explained that the resolution concerned a moratorium on commercial and industrial cannabis warehousing, processing, and cultivation operations, which he stated is different from cannabis dispensaries. He noted that dispensaries are not permitted in the Town of Clifton Park, as the Town previously chose not to allow them when New York State legalized recreational cannabis and provided municipalities with that option. He clarified that the current matter involves a separate type of cannabis-related operation.

Resolution No. 224 of 2026, a resolution establishing a code of conduct for public privilege during all Town meetings.

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

WHEREAS the Town of Clifton Park's Comprehensive Plan has a general goal to "Maximize resident participation in the deliberation and decisions of Town Government . . . "; and

WHEREAS when the public is heard, town policies better reflect the true will and needs of the community; and

WHEREAS the Town Board encourages residents to attend and speak during the periods of public privilege at meetings of every town board or committee and has expanded and/or improved the periods of public privilege for meetings of the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS Dr. Martin Luther King's observed in his 1963 March on Washington: "In a neighborhood dispute there may be stunts, rough words, and even hot insults; but when a whole people speaks to its government, the dialogue and the action must be on a level reflecting the worth of that people and the responsibility of that government"; and

WHEREAS the conduct of participants at public meetings is a reflection of the community and its values; and

WHEREAS residents expressed their concerns regarding the conduct they observed at the May 19, 2026 and June 2, 2026 Town Board Meetings and urged that all participants act in a manner that is respectful, orderly, and conducive to productive discussion; and

WHEREAS interruptions, raised voices, hostility and/or other discourteous behavior can make it difficult for residents and board members alike to hear, participate, and focus on the issues before the Town Board or any other committee or board; and

WHEREAS it is important that the Town encourage civility and reinforce expectations for decorum so that meetings remain welcoming, effective, and respectful for everyone in attendance; and

WHEREAS the period of public privilege is a time to communicate issues, concerns and/or comments to all board members and not individual members nor is it time for dialogue, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that attendees at any town meeting shall behave in a manner that is conducive to the free and courteous expression of opinion and shall:

1. Treat all attendees, town officials and employees with kindness and respect.
2. Value a diversity of views and opinions.
3. Critique ideas, rather than individuals.
4. Respect the process for meeting participation; and be it further

RESOLVED that attendees shall not engage in any of the following activities, which shall constitute a Code of Conduct violation, during any public town meeting:

1. Shouting, unruly behavior, or speaking outside the period of public privilege.
2. Profanity, obscene gestures, vulgar, abusive, disparaging or threatening language, personal, impertinent or slanderous attacks on individuals or utter racial or ethnic slurs.
3. Display banners, flyers, signs or large items that block the view of others.

RESOLVED that the Supervisor or a board member shall be responsible for insuring compliance with this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED that if a person who violates these rules and refuses to stop after being warned, the Supervisor or a majority of the Town Board members may ask the individual to be removed from the meeting room and individuals who refuse to comply or continue to disrupt the proceedings may be subject to further civil or criminal penalties; and be it further

RESOLVED that, at Town Board meetings, if the Supervisor fails to enforce the rules set forth herein, a majority of the members of the Town Board may move to require him or her to do so. Any decision relating to enforcement of the rules set forth herein may be appealed and overturned by a vote of a majority of the Town Board members.

Motion to Table by Councilman Manir, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Bellamy.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE

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

Noes: None

RESOLUTION TABLED

Councilman Fantini stated that Attorney Bob Wilcox provided comments on the proposed resolution that he found helpful. He recommended several changes based on those comments, including removing the words “disparagement” and “impairment” because he considered them vague, changing “a town board member” to “a majority of the town board” in the third resolution, and removing the word “personal” from the phrase regarding conduct that is detrimental. Councilman Fantini stated that these were four proposed changes to the resolution and code of conduct language.

Councilwoman Bellamy provided a statement explaining its purpose and intent. She stated that public participation is an important part of local government and noted that the Town Board has encouraged residents to attend meetings, speak during public comment periods, ask questions, and share concerns. Councilwoman Bellamy stated that, since the reorganization of the Town Board on January 6, 2026, the current Town Board majority has expanded opportunities for public participation at Town Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings to provide residents with greater access to local government. She explained that while public meetings must allow residents to be heard, they are also official government business meetings that must remain orderly, accessible, and productive. She referenced the importance of respectful dialogue and stated that recent meetings have raised concerns regarding interruptions, raised voices, and conduct that makes it difficult for residents and Board members to participate and focus on issues before the Board. Councilwoman Bellamy stated that the proposed policy was intended to establish clearer expectations for meeting conduct, encourage civility, and ensure meetings remain welcoming and respectful. She emphasized that the policy was not intended to discourage disagreement, criticism, or lawful public comment, but rather to preserve an environment where meaningful public participation can continue. She concluded by introducing the resolution.

Councilman Manir asked whether Councilman Fantini’s recommended changes to the resolution would be incorporated and whether any additional recommendations should be made regarding items to be removed or added.

Councilwoman Bellamy stated that, based on the recommendations received from Councilman Fantini and additional suggestions submitted by residents and meeting attendees, she believed it would be appropriate to table the resolution. She suggested taking time to review the various ideas and combine them before moving forward.

Councilman Manir stated that freedom of speech is important regardless of political affiliation and that any resolution should be drafted in a way that does not infringe on anyone’s right to speak. He stated that everyone has the right to express their opinions, including Board members. Councilman Manir expressed concern about the tone of recent meetings and stated that he believed improvements could be made. He noted that residents attend meetings because they care about the Town and stated that everyone should behave in a way that shows respect for one another. Councilman Manir recommended tabling the resolution to allow additional review and consideration of the feedback received. He stated that he had received additional information regarding laws and procedures for public meetings, including references to other municipalities, and wanted time to review those materials. He emphasized that the goal would be to bring the resolution back in a form that would ensure there was no potential infringement on anyone’s freedom of speech.

Councilman Fantini began to make the motion to table the resolution.

Supervisor Barrett stated that, during his 27 years in office, he did not recall having anyone removed from a meeting. He stated that criticism of the Board majority has been bipartisan and that residents have expressed concerns at various meetings. Supervisor Barrett stated that he believed the proposed resolution would provide an excuse to remove someone from a meeting. He referenced prior instances where he believed there had been discussions about removing people from meetings and stated that, aside from a situation involving physical conduct, he did not believe anyone should be removed. Supervisor Barrett stated that the provisions in the

resolution regarding conduct at public meetings and circumstances for removal were inappropriate and, in his opinion, would not withstand legal scrutiny. He stated that he did not believe a resolution like this was necessary and suggested that the Board abandon the proposal.

Councilman Fantini stated that he believed this was the first meeting where the Board was very productive, respectful, and orderly, and he attributed this in part to having the resolution under consideration. He stated that, with respect, at the previous meeting he had asked Supervisor Barrett to maintain order during the meeting and that the request was refused. He offered to provide the video timestamp of that occurrence if needed.

Supervisor Barrett responded that he did not care what Councilman Fantini thought and stated that Councilman Fantini could watch all the videos he wanted.

Councilman Fantini stated that the public could watch the meeting videos and reiterated that he had asked Supervisor Barrett to maintain order at a prior meeting and that the request was refused. He stated that this was the reason he believed a resolution was needed, to help ensure meetings remain orderly, functional, and productive, and that everyone feels safe and secure.

Supervisor Barrett responded that he did not believe Councilman Fantini should direct him regarding his conduct as presiding officer of the meeting. He stated that he would not be directed by the Board majority on how to conduct the meeting and disagreed with including such provisions in the resolution. He stated that the Board majority could vote on matters but that it would not direct him in his role during meetings.

Councilman Fantini stated that he believed Supervisor Barrett was disrespectful at the prior meeting. He referenced specific instances, including being called “sweet pea,” being told to “shut up” while speaking, and comments regarding his wife, who he stated should be referred to as the Town Clerk. Councilman Fantini stated that he had timestamps available and reiterated that he had asked Supervisor Barrett to bring the meeting to order, which he stated was refused. He noted that the public could review the prior meeting videos.

Supervisor Barrett stated that he did tell Councilman Fantini to “shut up” more than once and said he was tired of listening to him.

Councilwoman Reid stated that, although Councilman Fantini said he asked the Supervisor to call the meeting to order, she believed his request was instead an attempt to have the Supervisor intervene with constituents who were expressing dissatisfaction and holding him accountable.

Councilwoman Reid stated that she believed the proposed resolution placed restrictions on free speech and expressed concern that it could limit residents’ ability to hold elected officials accountable. She stated that citizens have the right to attend meetings, speak during public comment, ask questions, and demand answers from their representatives. Councilwoman Reid acknowledged that public meetings should be respectful but stated that civility could not be enforced through a resolution. She expressed concern about provisions regarding removing constituents from meetings and stated that public officials should also be held to standards of conduct. She stated that the Board sets the tone for meetings and should model the behavior expected from residents. Councilwoman Reid stated that she believed the resolution did not address how the public should expect to be treated by elected officials or consequences for inappropriate behavior by public officials. She referenced events during the meeting and stated that, under the proposed resolution, certain conduct by officials could also have raised concerns. Councilwoman Reid discussed the importance of freedom of speech and the role of citizens in holding government accountable. She referenced historical figures and quotations regarding liberty, free expression, and the relationship between citizens and government. She stated that she did not support hostility or disruptive behavior but supported the protection of citizens’ rights to express their views. Councilwoman Reid concluded that she considered the resolution unnecessary and an overreach, stating that elected officials must accept accountability from their constituents and that residents have the right to express disagreement with their government.

Councilman Manir thanked Councilwoman Reid and stated that, while many quotations could be referenced, he wanted to speak from his own perspective. He stated that he strongly believes in freedom of speech and that the Town should not take actions that infringe upon it. Councilman Manir stated that freedom of speech does not mean intentionally hurting others and encouraged

Board members and members of the public to treat each other respectfully despite differences of opinion. He acknowledged that public officials may receive criticism from residents and stated that elected officials must be able to accept that criticism without responding by attacking others. Councilman Manir stated that residents elected the Board and have the right to express dissatisfaction.

Councilman Manir **motioned to table** the resolution and requested a second to the motion. Seconded by Councilwoman Bellamy.

Resolution No. 225 of 2026, a resolution scheduling a public hearing regarding the construction and financing of improvements for the distribution of potable water to the Eastside Drive area within the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park (the "Town") proposes to undertake the design, construction, and interconnection of certain pipes, pumps, conduit and related infrastructure for the distribution of public water for residents and non-residential property on Eastside Drive, Schaubert Road and Ballston Lake Road (NYS Route 146A) as described in the Preliminary Engineering Report, last revised August 2023, prepared by Prime AE Group, which is on file in the Town Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 198 of 2026, copy attached herewith, accepted a proposal from KB Engineering for preparation of a New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant and Loan application, including Preliminary Engineering Report updates, for the Eastside Drive Water District Project, appropriating funds for said services, and authorizing the Town Supervisor to execute the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the total estimated maximum cost of the Project is \$3,707,000 and WHEREAS, the Town Board proposes to finance the Project with the issuance of up to

\$3,707,000 in Town obligations, the debt service on which will be paid from assessments levied on properties in the project area through a special district to be established consistent with the NYS Town Law, and

WHEREAS, the annual cost to the typical property within the project area is estimated to be \$3,045.01, consisting of debt service of \$2,450.01, as well as annual water usage charges to the Town of Ballston and an operation and maintenance charge from the Clifton Park Water Authority, (CPWA), and

WHEREAS, the Town Board now desires to call a public hearing regarding the Project, as required by Town Law Section 202-b; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board will hold a public hearing to hear all persons interested in the Project, and the public hearing shall be held at Town of Clifton Park Town Hall, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York, on July 21, 2026 at 7:05 p.m.; and be it further

RESOLVED, and ordered that the Town Clerk give notice of such hearing by publishing in the official Town newspaper the Notice of Public Hearing in substantially the form attached hereto and by posting the Notice of Public Hearing on the Town's official sign-board not less than ten nor more than twenty days before such hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated that the matter was a step in the grant process and noted that the Town had completed similar steps in the past for this particular project. He referenced the figures involved.

Resolution No. 226 of 2026, a resolution to accept no-cost technical assistance from Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) and authorize the preparation of a 2026 Town of Clifton Park Local Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Inventory and 2027 Local Government Operations Climate Action Plan.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park pledged to take part in the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) Climate Smart Communities Initiative and adopted the NYSDEC's Climate Smart Communities Program, through Town Board Resolution No. 274 of 2009, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve energy, and protect the community's quality of life in adapting to a changing climate; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park established its Climate Smart Community Task Force, comprised of town officials and environmental volunteer community leaders, and Coordinator, by Town Board Resolution No. 69 of 2024; and further updated the Climate Smart Community Task Force membership by Resolution No. 1 of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) has been awarded a NYSDEC Climate Leadership Communities Certification, which enables CDRPC to provide no-cost technical assistance and report preparation services to the Town of Clifton Park, to help the Town of Clifton Park and its Town of Clifton Park Climate Smart Community Task Force fulfill its goals to complete these Climate Smart Communities tasks; and

WHEREAS, CDRPC will prepare a Town of Clifton Park Local Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, and Local Government Operations Climate Action Plan in collaboration with the Town of Clifton Park Climate Smart Community Task Force, using the most recent years' data available toward completion of the following action items toward NYSDEC Climate Smart Communities certification:

- 1) Pledge Element 2: Local Government Operations GHG inventory Report
 - 2) Pledge Element 2: Local Government Operations Climate Action Plan
- ; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Climate Smart Task Force, will collaborate with CDRPC in the development of these public documents, review drafts, and provide valuable feedback on iterations that result in a final draft; and

WHEREAS, CDRPC with the Town of Clifton Park Climate Smart Community Task Force will present a summary of the final draft including-the greenhouse gas emissions inventory results, target reduction plan, and components of the draft local government operations Climate Action Plan to the Town of Clifton Park Town Board for their review; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park Local Government Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report and Clifton Park Local Government Operations Climate Action Plan are being prepared with the goal and intention to be submitted by the Town of Clifton Park and CDR-PC to the NYSDEC Office for Climate Change for consideration of points toward Climate Smart Communities certification for the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park hereby authorizes the Town of Clifton Park Climate Smart Community Task Force to work with and collaborate with CDRPC in the preparation of Clifton Park Local Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory Report as the first phase starting in 2026; and once completed; move on to pursue a Town of Clifton Park Local Government Operations Climate Action Plan as a goal for 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign a Letter of Commitment to CDRPC engaging the entity to work with the Town's Climate Smart Community Task Force, and to prepare a 2026 Town of Clifton Park Local Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory Report and, following its completion move forward to a 2027 Town of Clifton Park Local Government Operations Climate Action Plan, through a no-cost assistance opportunity available through a NYSDEC Climate Leadership Communities certification to CDRPC, and further requests that CDRPC and the Clifton-Park Climate Task Force report back to the Town of Clifton Park Town Board to present the two plans; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board supports the preparation of these documents with the intention of submission of these documents to the NYSDEC Office for Climate Change for consideration of points toward Climate Smart Communities certification for the Town of Clifton Park.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated that the Town has had a long history of working with CDRPC on various initiatives and that this effort would continue that relationship. He noted that he previously served as Chair of CDRPC's Board around 2010 and stated that he considered it a good organization. He expressed his support for continuing to work with CDRPC on the initiative.

Councilwoman Reid stated that CDRPC is a great organization and noted that she has served on the CDRPC Board for the past three years. She stated that the organization has many knowledgeable individuals and a large staff who work hard. Councilwoman Reid expressed confidence that CDRPC would do a great job for Clifton Park.

Councilwoman Bellamy stated that she believed Joanne Coons was working on testing five of the Town's main buildings to determine their energy usage and that she was filing a report with CDRPC.

Resolution No. 227 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit to Cirque Entertainment III, LLC for shows to be held at Clifton Park Center July 10-13, 2026.

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

WHEREAS, a permit for a mass gathering has been submitted by Cirque Entertainment III, LLC, seeking authorization for a function to be held at the Clifton Park Center, July 10-13, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Town has been included as an additional insured on two policies of liability insurance, one from the Clifton Park Center owner and the other from the Cirque Entertainment III, LLC, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after due consideration has determined that this planned event will have a "minimal impact" on the health, safety and security of Town residents and property; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board determines that the planned event will have a minimal impact on the public health, safety and welfare of Town residents and property and approves of the permit being issued by the Town Clerk based on the preliminary application, as per Town Code Chapter 64, Section 64-6 (A).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE 10:10 P.M.

Caryl Hugg of Jonathan Drive addressed the Board and referenced comments made earlier in the meeting, encouraging individuals to communicate more constructively and “try to be an adult.” She stated that she continued to have concerns about interactions among Board members. Ms. Hugg questioned whether circumstances would be different if Kevin Dailey were no longer in his position and stated that she joined other residents in calling for his resignation.

Ann Connolly of Valdepenas Lane addressed the Board regarding concerns about mutual respect, communication, and trust between residents and Board members. She referenced a previous comment made by Councilman Fantini regarding a remark by Supervisor Barrett and discussed the importance of consistent standards of respectful communication. Ms. Connolly stated that disagreements should not create an “us versus them” atmosphere and expressed frustration that residents feel their concerns have not been adequately addressed. Ms. Connolly raised concerns regarding the handling of a settlement involving CSEA, stating that some Board members indicated they were unaware of the agreement until recently. She also questioned the placement of a sign or image in Town Hall and expressed concerns about the adoption and implementation of the Town’s code of conduct and ethics-related resolutions. She stated that residents remain concerned about transparency and accountability and emphasized that frustration among residents should not be confused with threats or intentions to cause harm. Ms. Connolly concluded by stating that rebuilding trust would require changes in communication and relationships between the Board and residents. She also commended Councilman Manir for his presentation and his efforts to address issues affecting Town seniors.

Jacob Kearns of Barney Road referenced Councilman Manir’s earlier comments and stated that political affiliation should not affect a person’s right to express their opinion. He stated that he also understood Councilman Fantini’s comments regarding professionalism and emotional responses but noted that residents may become emotional when issues directly affect them. Mr. Kearns provided an example involving the Barney Road Golf Course and stated that, while he did not support violent behavior, people should have the ability to express frustration regarding issues that negatively impact them. He also referenced concerns related to the AI data center discussion as another example where residents may have strong emotions. Mr. Kearns stated that he supported professionalism but believed there should be an understanding that some situations will involve strong emotions. He suggested that, rather than restricting behavior, language could focus on encouraging people not to escalate situations or on finding ways to calm discussions.

Councilman Fantini thanked Jacob Kearns for sharing his opinions and views.

Supervisor Barrett stated that many issues brought before the Town Board are personal to residents and that when people feel strongly about an issue, they may express their positions emphatically. He stated that such expressions are not always directed at Board members, but that elected officials serve as the local representative’s residents turn to for assistance. Supervisor Barrett provided examples of residents contacting the Town regarding issues such as cable companies and utility bills, stating that residents often seek help from local government because they can receive a response. He stated that elected officials should recognize that residents may

attend Town Board, Planning Board, or Zoning Board meetings regarding matters that are important and personal to them, and that this is something officials need to understand in their roles.

Councilman Fantini stated that Supervisor Barrett should be more professional and should not tell him to “shut up” multiple times during a meeting. He stated that Supervisor Barrett should follow the same advice regarding conduct.

Supervisor Barrett stated that he did not take back his previous comments and that they reflected how he felt at the time. He stated that, based on Councilman Fantini’s treatment of people in the audience in 2026, he did not feel bad about making those comments and stated that he would do so again.

Councilman Fantini asked Supervisor Barrett whether he would commit to not telling him to “shut up.”

Supervisor Barrett stated that he would not commit to not telling Councilman Fantini to “shut up.”

Councilwoman Reid stated that the exchange witnessed between herself and the Town Attorney was not an emotional disagreement but involved what she described as an employee of the Town Board being disrespectful and insubordinate. She stated that she believed this was part of a pattern, citing concerns including changes being made to her resolutions without her permission, legislation she proposed not being drafted, and what she described as hostile and disrespectful comments during the meeting. Councilwoman Reid stated that she believed the conduct reflected political behavior and was unethical and unprofessional. She stated that she would address such behavior whenever she observed it.

Councilman Fantini asked whether Councilwoman Reid considered Supervisor Barrett’s use of the term “sweet pea” toward him to be inappropriate and whether she had concerns about that conduct.

Councilwoman Reid stated that she was not outraged and clarified that she was not referring to Councilman Fantini. Councilwoman Reid clarified that her point was that the exchange was not emotional and stated that she was not outraged.

Councilman Fantini asked whether the conduct was appropriate.

Councilwoman Reid stated that Councilman Fantini’s question was not related to the point she was making. Councilwoman Reid stated that the Town Attorney works for the entire Board.

Councilman Fantini stated that, while the Town Attorney works for the entire Board, some behaviors can be considered inappropriate.

Councilwoman Reid stated that she had mentioned examples of inappropriate behavior, including belittling comments.

Pamela Koniszenski of Main Street stated that the emotions, frustration, disapproval, and anger expressed at meetings were not primarily about Town issues. She stated that she has seen the Board come together on issues involving the Town, such as energy matters, and believed the disagreements were instead related to how the Board was conducting itself. Ms. Koniszenski expressed concerns about what she described as secretive, backhanded, and partisan behavior. She stated that residents are observing the Board’s actions and referenced concerns about Councilwoman Reid not receiving information or being included in matters where she believed she should be involved. She also stated that Attorney Dailey represents the entire Board. Ms. Koniszenski concluded by stating that she believed the behavior needed to stop and that having a majority on the Board could change in the future.

Councilwoman Bellamy referenced an article regarding electricity shutoffs and asked that it be read. She stated that the article discussed an increase in power shutoffs among upstate New York residents following the winter months. She shared an example of a family member receiving a \$700 transportation charge on an electric bill and stated that such charges can come as a surprise

to residents. Councilwoman Bellamy referenced information in the article stating that thousands of residential customers had their service terminated for non-payment and noted that shutoffs often increase after the winter period when seasonal protections end.

Brady Ozimek of Tracey Court stated that he recalled reading information regarding National Grid and rising energy costs, including claims that CLPCA contributed to increased energy costs and that changes were being considered. Mr. Ozimek also referenced a news headline he received while attending the meeting regarding five Georgia police officers who were arrested for alleged misuse of Flock camera systems to track license plates of people in their personal lives. He stated that this could be another reason to consider adding Flock cameras in Clifton Park.

Anthony Morelli of Gloucester Street thanked the Board majority for tabling the code of conduct resolution on behalf of residents. He expressed concern regarding the tabling process, stating that a tabled item could be brought back at a future meeting without notice. He stated that if the resolution is materially changed, it should be renoticed, and he encouraged the Board to consider voting it down instead so residents would have notice if it is brought forward again. Mr. Morelli then addressed the CSEA resolution. He stated that he was disappointed with the outcome and said that the matter was resolved through a settlement between attorneys. He questioned the Town's expenditure of \$30,000 on an outside law firm when the matter was settled shortly afterward. He stated that the intent of the prior Town Board was to protect employees who felt their positions were at risk and expressed concern with the current Board's decision to proceed with the settlement. Mr. Morelli also addressed concerns regarding the Town Attorney's conduct. He stated that he believed there was a problem with the Town Attorney's behavior, describing it as disrespectful and sexist. He referenced instances where he believed the Town Attorney used first names or informal terms rather than titles, including addressing Councilwoman Reid by her first name, and stated that he believed those actions demonstrated disrespect.

Attorney Dailey stated that he was taking medication and explained that he had walked out several times during the meeting because he needed to do so.

Anthony Morelli asked whether Attorney Dailey's medication was the reason for what he described as sexist behavior toward Deputy Supervisor Reid, stating that he believed it had been a consistent pattern.

Attorney Dailey stated that he believed Anthony Morelli's comment was out of line. He stated that he would make sure to refer to Councilwoman Reid as "Councilwoman" in the future.

Anthony Morelli thanked Attorney Dailey and stated that if Deputy Supervisor Reid observed a continued pattern of behavior by the Town Attorney toward her and wished to address it, he would be willing to assist her.

No one else wished to be heard.

Public Privilege closed at 10:28 P.M.

Councilwoman Reid made a motion to remove agenda item number 13 from the table. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Barrett.

Councilman Fantini stated that the item had already been tabled and that the Board would take it under consideration. He stated that, since the Board had already voted to table the item, he believed the matter should remain tabled.

Councilman Manir requested legal clarification regarding the process of removing the item from the table. He referenced Mr. Morelli's comments that if the item were removed from the table, the public might not receive notice if changes were made. Councilman Manir asked for clarification on the legal implications, including the benefits of removing the item from the table and the process for drafting a new resolution.

Attorney Dailey stated that the Board had several options regarding the tabled resolution. He explained that a motion to remove the item from the table would result in a vote on

whether to proceed. He stated that the Board could also leave the item tabled indefinitely, or remove it from the table at a future meeting and vote on it. Attorney Dailey further stated that if the Board intended to substantially alter the resolution, it could propose a new resolution after addressing the existing item.

Supervisor Barrett stated that a new resolution would be needed regardless.

Councilman Manir asked whether there was any statute of limitations or time restriction regarding the tabled resolution. He stated that he wanted clarification given that there were multiple legal opinions being discussed.

Councilman Fantini stated that his recollection was that the time period was two meetings.

Councilwoman Reid stated that she believed the time period was until the next meeting.

Anthony Morelli stated that because the Board had already indicated it intended to make changes to the resolution, the Board could not simply remove the item from the table and vote on it. He stated that the proposed changes would be material and that the resolution would require further action.

Councilman Manir asked what the deadline or statute of limitations was for taking action on a tabled resolution.

Anthony Morelli recommended that the Board dispose of the current resolution and start over with a new resolution, stating that the Board had already indicated it intended to make changes.

Councilwoman Reid stated that leaving the resolution tabled would allow the Board to bring the existing resolution back at a later date or alternatively vote it down and introduce a new resolution.

Anthony Morelli stated that his concern was that the Board could remove the resolution from the table and vote to adopt it without additional public notice.

Councilman Manir stated that his understanding had been that removing the resolution from the table would allow the Board to make modifications and then bring it back. He asked whether that understanding was correct.

Councilman Fantini stated that if the current resolution were voted down, any future resolution would need to be substantially different. He added that, because the Board had not yet determined what changes it wanted to make, he did not believe it made sense to vote the resolution down at that time.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO REMOVE FROM TABLE

Ayes: Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini

Resolution No. 224 of 2026, a resolution establishing a code of conduct for public privilege during all Town meetings.

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

WHEREAS the Town of Clifton Park's Comprehensive Plan has a general goal to "Maximize resident participation in the deliberation and decisions of Town Government . . . "; and

WHEREAS when the public is heard, town policies better reflect the true will and needs of the community; and

WHEREAS the Town Board encourages residents to attend and speak during the periods of public privilege at meetings of every town board or committee and has expanded and/or improved the periods of public privilege for meetings of the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS Dr. Martin Luther King's observed in his 1963 March on Washington: "In a neighborhood dispute there may be stunts, rough words, and even hot insults; but when a whole people speaks to its government, the dialogue and the action must be on a level reflecting the worth of that people and the responsibility of that government"; and

WHEREAS the conduct of participants at public meetings is a reflection of the community and its values; and

WHEREAS residents expressed their concerns regarding the conduct they observed at the May 19, 2026 and June 2, 2026 Town Board Meetings and urged that all participants act in a manner that is respectful, orderly, and conducive to productive discussion; and

WHEREAS interruptions, raised voices, hostility and/or other discourteous behavior can make it difficult for residents and board members alike to hear, participate, and focus on the issues before the Town Board or any other committee or board; and

WHEREAS it is important that the Town encourage civility and reinforce expectations for decorum so that meetings remain welcoming, effective, and respectful for everyone in attendance; and

WHEREAS the period of public privilege is a time to communicate issues, concerns and/or comments to all board members and not individual members nor is it time for dialogue, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that attendees at any town meeting shall behave in a manner that is conducive to the free and courteous expression of opinion and shall:

5. Treat all attendees, town officials and employees with kindness and respect.
6. Value a diversity of views and opinions.
7. Critique ideas, rather than individuals.
8. Respect the process for meeting participation; and be it further

RESOLVED that attendees shall not engage in any of the following activities, which shall constitute a Code of Conduct violation, during any public town meeting:

4. Shouting, unruly behavior, or speaking outside the period of public privilege.
5. Profanity, obscene gestures, vulgar, abusive, disparaging or threatening language, personal, impertinent or slanderous attacks on individuals or utter racial or ethnic slurs.
6. Display banners, flyers, signs or large items that block the view of others.

RESOLVED that the Supervisor or a board member shall be responsible for insuring compliance with this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED that if a person who violates these rules and refuses to stop after being warned, the Supervisor or a majority of the Town Board members may ask the individual to be removed from the meeting room and individuals who refuse to comply or continue to disrupt the proceedings may be subject to further civil or criminal penalties; and be it further

RESOLVED that, at Town Board meetings, if the Supervisor fails to enforce the rules set forth herein, a majority of the members of the Town Board may move to require him or her to do

so. Any decision relating to enforcement of the rules set forth herein may be appealed and overturned by a vote of a majority of the Town Board members.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED DENIED

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

Motion carried at 10:39 P.M.

Caitlin Fantini
Town Clerk