

**Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of the Town Board
March 11, 2026 7:00 P.M.
Town of Windsor Town Hall
124 Main Streets, Windsor, NY 13865**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Supervisor Tim Harting, at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: was recited.

ROLL CALL by Town Clerk Elizabeth Pfister:

Supervisor Tim Harting: Present
Deputy Supervisor Eric A. Beavers Present
Council Member Gary M. Hupman: Present
Council Member James Conrad: Present
Council Member Matthew Hartwell: Present
Code Enforcement Officer Richard Osborne: Present
Highway Superintendent Michael Kithcart: Present
Attorney Mark Spinner: Present

Also, present were: April Hartwell, East Windsor Road; Ron & Patti Harting, Pine Street; Carolyn Price, Reagan Road; Jim Donohue, NYS Route 79; Bartolo Morales, Abundant Solar; Doug Saunders, Garrett Road; Norman Colwell, Route 79; Ruth Seward, Main Street; John Gollogly, Treadwell Road; Edward McClean, Ivon Street; Fred & Fran Barrett, Blatchley Road; Amy & Colton Perry, Kent Street; Greg Bronson, Buell Road

PUBLIC HEARING: Supervisor Harting started the meeting by asking if there were any Public Comments on the Open Public Hearing for Local Law No. 1 of 2026 “Introducing a Proposed Local Law Entitled Amending Chapter 93 (Zoning) by Adding a New Article XVII Entitled “Solar Energy Systems”

Bartolo Morales, Abundant Solar – Asked for clarification on the lot coverage. Attorney Spinner explained that he made edits to the law after receiving the comments from Broome County Planning Board, so the law now includes lot coverage specifications.

Attorney Spinner explained that the changes made to the law after the County’s comments were received are substantial changes so the Public Hearing needs to remain open and the Clerk should put a new public hearing notice in the paper notating the updated version of the law is available for review so the public has an opportunity to review it before the Board votes on it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Supervisor Harting read aloud the guidelines for public comments.

Norm Colwell, Route 79 – Asked if the Town received higher than expected sales tax revenue and the Town spent less than what was budgeted, he wondered if the Town overspent their budget. Supervisor Harting explained that the Comptrollers audit pointed out where the Town needed to make some changes and they made some adjustments last year and will continue to work through them. Colwell asked if the Supervisor could have figures at the April meeting and Harting agreed.

Fred Barrett, Blatchley Road – Hasn’t received information about the live streaming that he requested last month, the Supervisor apologized and told Barrett he would get that to him

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion By: Council Member Hartwell

Sec. By: Deputy Supervisor Beavers

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2026 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting as submitted.

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Harting - Aye
Deputy Supervisor Beavers - Aye
Council Member Hupman - Aye
Council Member Conrad - Aye
Council Member Hartwell - Aye

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion By: Deputy Supervisor Beavers

Sec. By: Council Member Conrad

Motion to Approve the March 2026 Bills for Payment

Vouchers for Payment

A & B Fund # 80 – 124	\$ 71,322.65
DA Fund # 2	\$ 19,503.41
DB Fund # 49 - 75	\$ 57,681.93

bundle the internet fee is \$100, Khristine is waiting to hear back from TDS to see if that cost would change if we no longer had the bundle pricing. Supervisor Harting said he figured it would create a \$100 per month savings that would be spent on having the 6 main emails of the Town moved to .gov managed email service through the Computer Shop and would assist with the spam email problem that we have seen the past few months.

Deputy Supervisor Beavers shared with the Board that he has been researching energy providers to try to get cheaper electricity rates for the Town. This evening, he only had information from Hudson Energy but he is waiting for information from a few other companies and is still working on reaching out to more. He explained that Hudson Energy for example would require a 60month contract to be signed to lock into a fixed rate but there is an early termination fee. Beavers will keep working on this and bring more information in front of the Board in the coming months.

Highway Superintendent

Highway Supervisor Kithcart informed the Board that Trane waived the repair fees for the heat pump after he sent them an email stating the Town was not happy since this was the second repair and the account manager called him and told him it would be taken care of.

Motion By: Council Member Hupman

Sec. By: Council Member Hartwell

Motion to Ratify the Appointment of Derek Guokos as Motor Equipment Operator Effective February 16, 2026

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Harting - Aye
Deputy Supervisor Beavers - Aye
Council Member Hupman - Aye
Council Member Conrad - Aye
Council Member Hartwell - Aye

Motion Passed

Motion By: Council Member Conrad

Sec. By: Council Member Hupman

Motion to Approve Purchase From Account DB5130.2 of One (1) 25-Ton Tag Along, 24' Trailer in an Amount Not to Exceed \$50,997.56 on Sourcewell Contract# 092922-GLB through Alta Equipment Company

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Harting - Aye
Deputy Supervisor Beavers - Aye
Council Member Hupman - Aye
Council Member Conrad - Aye
Council Member Hartwell - Aye

Motion Passed

Discussion: Highway Supervisor Kithcart said this was a piece of equipment that was budgeted for, their current trailer is a 2000, 20-Ton trailer that is starting to become worn out. Kithcart added he went with a 25-Ton this time so it is safe to haul the new excavator. Harting asked what would be done with the 20-Ton trailer, Kithcart said they will fix it up so it can be sold.

The Board received a project update on the McNair Road Bridge project, Kithcart told the Board that everything is on budget right now and Fisher has sent over the layout of contract bid documents and the schedule for the bid. Fisher will handle all the advertising but the bid opening will still happen at the Town Clerk's office. At this time, they still anticipate completing by December.

Town Clerk/Registrar

The Board received the Town Clerk's February 2026 Report, Clerk Pfister informed the Board she would be attending NYSTCA Regional Training in Schenectady this coming Sunday to Monday. Clerk Pfister also let the Board know she will be applying for the LGRMF Grant this year for records management to help get the records in all offices and record storage of the Town under control. The Clerk said tax collection remains on target for the year having collected the amount that is normally collected by this time.

Code Enforcement

The Board received the Code Officer's February 2026 Report, Code Officer Osborne said he has started addressing property issues around the Town and addressing property cleanups. Osborne told the Board the Assessor discovered a resident constructed a large pole barn on their property without a permit and he is waiting for them to answer his attempts to contact. Supervisor Harting reminded everyone that Cleanup Day is May 9th and is a good time to clean up properties and not have the expense.

Dog Control

Motion By: Council Member Conrad

Sec. By: Council Member Hupman

Motion To Ratify and Approve the Execution by the Town Supervisor of the Municipal Acknowledgment and Agreement with the Broome County Humane Society Regarding the Transition of Stray Dog Shelter Services and to Authorize the Supervisor to Execute Any Subsequent Service Agreement Related Thereto, Subject to Review and Approval by the Town Attorney

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Harting - Aye

Deputy Supervisor Beavers - Aye

Council Member Hupman - Aye

Council Member Conrad - Aye

Council Member Hartwell - Aye

Motion Passed

Discussion: The County will no longer be doing adoptions out of the Front Street Dog Shelter they are going to work with the Broome County Humane Society to handle this from now on. Nothing will change on the Town's end the DCO will still surrender dogs to Front Street and they will then transition the dogs to the Humane Society. The Humane Society will contract with Broome County to manage the Front Street Shelter.

Assessor's Office

The Board received the Assessor's February 2026 Report, there were no comments.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Supervisor Harting said Deputy Supervisor Beavers and himself have been working with Plant Operator Sherwood on getting some necessary upgrades for the plant. Supervisor Harting thanked Council Member Hupman for sending grant information to him he has emailed to find out what upgrades would be eligible. Harting said working on efficiency upgrades are the top priority equipment upgrades would help with electricity costs. Harting explained that a few pumps were replaced a couple years ago but there is a lot more equipment to be replaced and there are few panels that are out of service on the equipment, the computer is operating on Windows 7. Harting said Sherwood is getting quotes for equipment and the Board will see them in the coming months.

Court

The Clerk told the Board that the Court was approved for the JCAP grant that they applied for, it was to have the floors redone in the building aside from the Code and Clerk office and will be scheduled in the coming months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

History & Cemeteries

The Clerk announced that Ronald Capek passed away at the end of last week at Mercy House.

Economic Development

The Board received notification from Blue Ridge Cable that the Rate for Equipment Leasing will increase in April 2026.

Public Safety

The Board received the EBES February 2026 Operation Update and Call Log, Harting pointed out that they had 82 calls for service and were able to respond to 71 and their fly car is out of service for another month.

Town Hall

Youth and Recreation

Zoning/Planning

The Board received the Minutes from the ZBA Meeting February 12, 2026. Code Officer Osborne said there is an applicant for a variance that he denied and he does not believe the ZBA will approve either, the property location is not a good spot and Osborne has tried to connect applicant with someone in a different section of Route 79 that was approved for a similar variance previously.

TOWN OF WINDSOR, COUNTY OF BROOME, STATE OF NEW YORK

Resolution Supporting Home Rule and Restoration of Municipal Standing and Standards in the Siting of Major Renewable Energy and Electric Transmission Facilities Resolution #11-2026

PRESENT: Supervisor Timothy Harting
Deputy Supervisor Eric Beavers
Council Member Gary M. Hupman
Council Member James Conrad
Council Member Matthew Hartwell

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Windsor held at Town Hall, 124 Main Street, Windsor, New York on the 11th day of March, 2026, the following resolution was

Offered By: Council Member Hupman
Seconded By: Deputy Supervisor Beavers

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act ("CLCPA"), which established statewide goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, transition to renewable energy, and promote environmental justice; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the CLCPA, New York State has enacted a series of laws that increasingly curtail the authority of municipalities over local land use and development decisions; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, New York State significantly altered the process for siting major renewable energy facilities and the 2025 New York State Budget included legislation commonly known as the "RAPID Act," which further restructured the State's energy siting laws; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these changes, host municipalities are no longer parties to energy siting proceedings as of right and must instead satisfy procedural thresholds to obtain party status, thereby limiting their ability to meaningfully participate in proceedings that directly affect their communities; and

WHEREAS, even when a host municipality raises concerns about a project's compliance with local laws, the review process may be limited to a public hearing without meaningful examination of disputed issues; and

WHEREAS, recent changes to State law have made it easier to override local laws by replacing a long-standing, balanced standard with one that prioritizes development; and

WHEREAS, local land use laws are adopted through a democratic process to balance environmental protection, public safety, community character, infrastructure capacity, and quality of life, and environmental goals alone should not be the primary or determinative metric for overriding carefully crafted local legislation; and

WHEREAS, the erosion of automatic municipal standing and the weakening of the standard for overriding local laws undermine the principles of home rule enshrined in the New York State Constitution and diminish the ability of towns to protect the interests of their residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Windsor calls upon the New York State Legislature to revise the State's energy siting laws to restore meaningful municipal participation in decision-making and control over local land use decisions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town calls upon the New York State Legislature to halt the continued adoption of renewable energy laws that strip municipalities of their constitutionally protected home rule authority.

CERTIFICATION

I, Elizabeth Pfister, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Windsor and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Windsor at a meeting thereof held at Town Hall, 124 Main Street, Windsor, NY on the 11th day of March, 2026. Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Supervisor Timothy Harting	Voted – Aye
Deputy Supervisor Eric Beavers	Voted - Aye
Council Member Gary M. Hupman	Voted - Aye
Council Member James Conrad	Voted - Aye
Council Member Matthew Hartwell	Voted - Aye

Motion Approved
Resolution Adopted: March 11, 2026

Town of Windsor Seal

Elizabeth Pfister, Town Clerk

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Clerk Pfister explained to the Board the updates needed for the Code360 project explaining that she made simple changes that were suggested already but there are several items that the Board should review and some other items that have been assigned to Attorney Spinner to review and determine if any of them need to come in front of the Board. The Clerk said she wanted to know how the Board wanted to handle going over these questions, this is an opportunity for policies to be reviewed and updated.

Clerk Pfister updated the Board with a list of engineering firms locally that she put together and emailed the Engineering RFP to, as well as others that have reached out for information since posting.

Attorney Spinner gave the Board an update on the proceedings in the Millenium Pipeline tax assessment filings. The Town was initially going to be part of a joint defense with Towns downstate in these proceedings however the attorneys for the downstate towns decided to cut out upstate towns. A few local assessors got together and found out that Delta Engineering felt they could complete the valuation of the pipeline. The Town of Union has already jumped on this and is awaiting a report from Delta. Once they receive that report and it's determined if it is a usable report the town can then decide if they want to participate in a local joint defense. Attorney Spinner noted that the Town of Maine is also going to pursue this as well. Attorney Spinner will be able to better advise the Board once he can see what Delta brings back to the Town of Union. Council Member Conrad asked if pursuing this route would be less than the initial \$40,000.00 the Board voted to set aside to take part in the initial statewide defense, Attorney Spinner confirmed it would be less.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Members received a copy of the NYS Public Employers Health Emergency Plan to review and send any suggested updates to the Clerk before the April meeting so it can be updated for approval.

Supervisor Harting informed the Board and the Public that a small group has gotten together about organizing a Townwide 250th Celebration of the Country the weekend of June 27th there is a rough plan and things are getting under way.

UPCOMING MEETING:

Zoning Board Meeting March 12, 2026 6:30 P.M. Windsor Town Hall

Planning Board Meeting March 25, 2026 7:30 P.M. Windsor Town Hall

Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting April 8, 2026 7:00 P.M. Windsor Town Hall

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion By: Deputy Supervisor Beavers

Sec. By: Council Member Hartwell

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:13 P.M.

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Harting - Aye

Deputy Supervisor Beavers - Aye

Council Member Hupman - Aye

Council Member Conrad - Aye

Council Member Hartwell - Aye

Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Pfister
Town Clerk