

Town Board Meeting
Monday June 8th, 2026, 7:00pm

7:00 pm – 8:03 pm

Hybrid/ in person & via zoom

Present

Supervisor Brenda Adams

Councilperson Victoria Mills

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale

Councilperson Brian Lifsec

Absent

Councilperson Frank Wood

Also in attendance

Town Clerk Sandy Bevens

Highway Superintendent Harry McMann

Audience: 2 plus 5 online

Call to Order

Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Adams called the meeting to order with a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance. She also took a moment to ask everyone to remember Stanley Joseph and Doug Perkins, two long-standing community members who had passed away since the last meeting.

Approvals

Minutes

Supervisor Adams asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes and if there were any questions or comments. Councilperson Mills suggested clarifying a statement made regarding TFY reversing their previous decision on use of their boat launch. Supervisor Adams asked for a

motion to approve the minutes as amended. Councilperson Nightingale made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Lifsec. 4 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Aye

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Absent

Bills

Supervisor Adams asked if everyone had a chance to review the bills and if there were any questions; there were none. Supervisor Adams asked for a motion to approve the bills. Councilperson Lifsec made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Mills. 4 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Aye

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Absent

Financials

Supervisor Adams noted there was a budget amendment of \$20 on the Town Board line and an incorrect listing of the Youth Program's equipment line that was posted in error. The corrections will be reflected in the July financials. Supervisor Adams asked if there were any questions, there were none. Supervisor Adams asked for a motion to approve. Councilperson Lifsec made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Nightingale. 4 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Aye

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Absent

Highway Report

Superintendent McMann presented his report and noted that the Highway Department had purchased a sweeper attachment for the skid steer and would no longer need to rent one. Supervisor Adams noted that there would be resolutions the Board would address later regarding security cameras being installed at the Highway Garage to make the site more secure.

Public Safety

Supervisor Adams asked if there was a May meeting. Superintendent McMann stated there had been a meeting, but it was about the Rail Trail and he had not attended. The next meeting is scheduled for July.

Resolutions & Motions

Resolution 89 to Approve MOU w/Columbia County to provide training to town officials & key volunteers

Supervisor Adams read the resolution and asked if there were any questions; there were none. Supervisor Adams asked for a motion to approve. Councilperson Nightingale made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Mills. 4 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Aye

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Absent

Resolution 90 to approve sale of Highway Equipment

Supervisor Adams read the resolution and asked if there were any questions; there were none. Supervisor Adams asked for a motion to approve. Councilperson Lifsec made a motion to approve; seconded by Councilperson Nightingale. 4 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Aye

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Absent

Resolution 91 to revise annual 284 agreement with Highway Department

Supervisor Adams read the resolution and asked if there were any questions; there were none. Supervisor Adams asked for a motion to approve. Councilperson Nightingale made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Mills. 4 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Aye

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Absent

Resolution 92 to approve budget amendment for HW Department to purchase sweeper & security cameras

Supervisor Adams read the resolution and asked if there were any questions; there were none. Supervisor Adams asked for a motion to approve. Councilperson Lifsec made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Nightingale. 4 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Aye

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Absent

Resolution 93 to approve new HW Department uniform contract

Supervisor Adams read the resolution and asked If there were any questions; there were none. Supervisor Adams asked for a motion to approve. Councilperson Nightingale made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Mills. 4 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Aye

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Absent

Resolution 94 to approve budget amendment

Supervisor Adams read the motion and asked if there were any questions; there were none. Supervisor Adams asked for a motion to approve. Councilperson Mills made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Nightingale. 4 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Aye

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Absent

Resolution 95 to approve interfund transfer

Supervisor Adams read the resolution and asked if there were any questions; there were none. Supervisor Adams asked for a motion to approve. Councilperson Lifsec made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Nightingale. 4 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Aye

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Absent

Other Business

Broadband Grant Update

Supervisor Adams noted that Maple Drive was already being worked on, and that the last 100 remaining homes would be done by the end of the summer.

Website Update

Councilperson Lifsec noted that we have entered the phase of the board responding with input on the new website and that we are still working with the vendor on last-minute revisions.

Vacancies: Ethics Committee, Climate Smart Task Force

Supervisor Adams stated we still have vacancies on the Ethics Committee and the Climate Smart Task Force. It was also noted that the BAR will have a vacancy in the fall as a long-standing member will be retiring.

Stoddard Park Master Plan

Supervisor Adams noted the survey is posted on the Town website, the interactive map is up, and the consultant would be here for Community Day with prototype designs and to answer questions.

Update on Beach Donation

Supervisor Adams stated that we are waiting on an agreement from the attorneys.

Zoning Revision Committee Appointments/pending Comp Plan approval

Supervisor Adams noted the appointments are pending the Comp Plan approval.

First Mortgage Tax Payment

Supervisor Adams stated we had received the first 2026 payment of \$33,000, an increase of 18 % from last year.

Speed Reductions on SR 295 (from MA state line to CR 5) & SR 22 (at B3 exit from MA 102 to Peaceful Valley Rd)

Supervisor Adams explained the need for a reduction in speed in certain areas due to multiple accidents. Supervisor Adams stated that a petition would be going around the community for a request to reduce the speed in these locations. Supervisor Adams noted the petition would be available to sign at Community Day and in the clerk's office.

Board Discussion/ Committee Reports

Planning Board/ ZBA Report

Councilperson Nightingale noted the Planning Board had a minor subdivision and that the Zoning Board has 2 Public Hearings on June 30th.

Climate Smart Task Force

Councilperson Mills stated the Town had submitted their application for Silver Certification and would find out in August if we were successful. Councilperson Mills also noted that the Climate Smart Task Force would have a table set up at Community Day.

Recreation

Councilperson Nightingale stated that there was nothing new to report.

Transfer Station

Supervisor Adams stated that we were up 2% year over year for May in C&D permits, down 10% overall for the first 5 months of the year, and down 20% overall year over year for 2024.

Supervisor Adams also noted that the transfer station will be closed July 4th.

Comp Plan

Supervisor Adams noted that the county planning board referral is complete, and the plan was found to have no impact on the local community.

Local Law #2 of 2026

Supervisor Adams noted this had the same review as the Comp Plan and was also found to have no impact on the local community.

Labor Negotiations

Supervisor Adams stated the town has entered negotiations with our bargaining unit for the Highway Department. She also noted the first meeting would be on Thursday June 11th. If any board members have questions or thoughts regarding the contract renewal, Supervisor Adams asked them to get them in before the meeting.

Spring Newsletter

Supervisor Adams noted that submissions had been very light, and that she would have Christine reach out to see if there were any more items. She also stated that the deadline was being extended to follow up with local organizations.

Community Day Volunteers

Supervisor Adams noted a need for volunteers to help set up and clean up for Community Day.

NYMIR Report & Workplan

Supervisor Adams stated that overall, the Town received a good review. There were a few things that needed to be addressed; flashback arrestors for the welding area, the state of the lean-to, and road signs need to be inspected for reflectivity. Supervisor Adams also noted that some daily check list templates had been shared with the town.

2026 Land Tax Collection

Supervisor Adams stated the tax collection was complete for 2026 and that we had collected 1¼ % less in revenues than last year at the same time.

Digital Code Update

Supervisor Adams stated that the company doing the digital code update mailed a list of 25 questions. Supervisor Adams noted that Terese was sorting through them and will meet with various department heads to answer the questions. Supervisor Adams reminded everyone that the digital code project is the last of the ARPA projects to be completed.

Assessors Report

Supervisor Adams stated that there was no Assessor's Report for this month. She also noted that Grievance Day had been held and between 15-20 complaints were reviewed.

Public Discussion

Lauree Hickock suggested asking Gary Grill to assist with the Speed Reduction Petitions. She also asked about revenue from Airbnb. Supervisor Adams stated we had not yet received any payments from Airbnb; we're not expecting those until later in the summer. Lauree also mentioned she had heard a new marketing phrase 'Canaan is in the NY Berkshires'. She also stated that the Historical Society was not documenting Declaration Day this year, instead they were using Community Day as Declarations Day. She also mentioned a letter that Jeannie Bowerman had written to members of the beach club about paying attention to the rules of the beach and that it should be in the newsletter. Supervisor Adams stated there would be something in the upcoming newsletter.

Supervisor Adams asked if there were any other comments; there were none in the audience or online. Supervisor Adams asked if any of the Board had any other comments; there were none.

Motion to Adjourn (8:03pm)

Supervisor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Nightingale made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Mills. 4 AYES- Motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Aye

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Absent