

Minutes for a Ticonderoga 2026 Budget Workshop commencing at 8:00 a.m. on September 12, 2025, with Any Other Lawful Business

Present: Mark A. Wright, Supervisor
Dave Woods, Councilman
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman
Tom Thatcher, Councilman
Heath Towne, Councilman
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Others: Becky Norton and Amy Beeman from Finance, Chief Hurlburt and Laura Wright for the Police Department, Phil LaPerle and Roberta Cooper for the Court

Budget Workshop #5

- **Police.**
 - Lexipol Policy Proposal
 - Budgeting requested for 2026.
 - Some policies completed with feedback provided to the Chief.
 - Town Board must approve all policies – recommended ASAP.
 - K9 Program – Ensure dog gets into the community
 - This was one reason for selling the program.
 - Program expenses updated.
 - Review OT hours.
 - Is current level sufficient?
 - Must carefully monitor and avoid as much as possible.
 - General 102 Race Track Road Expenses
 - Must determine what funds are available and what must be budgeted for 2026.
 - Ticonderoga Municipal Facility sign for the property.
 - Security system in new facility (cameras, alarms, door locks)
 - Must be in place before bookings and prisoner hold can begin.
 - Fund: bldg. maintenance capital reserve if sufficient funding after construction.
 - Fund: 2026 budget if no funds remaining.
 - How much do we budget and what line should it go to?
 - RFP specifications currently in work.
 - IT Solutions for new facility (computers, phones, server)
 - How much to budget and where? Now or in 2026?
 - Town must request estimate from StoredTech to relocate systems.
 - New phones may be required w/extension capabilities.
 - Task assigned to police clerk.
 - Revisit status of SRT program (it's been a year)
- **Municipal Court**
 - All training must be approved by the Town Board.
 - Court security
 - Clerk and PT Clerk request

Workshop #5: 09/13/2024 0800-1100
Workshop #6: 09/19/2024 1300-1500
Workshop #7: 10/17/2024 1300-1500
Workshop #8: 10/25/2024 0800-1000

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- **Miscellaneous**

- Money added to Supervisor education line for next Supervisor.
- Review PILOTS – A Revenue
- Health Insurance.
 - Meeting with Burnham on 9/23.
 - Incorporate any updates into spreadsheet.
 - Will require recalculation of water/sewer fund balance to maintain quality amounts.

Other Lawful Business

Resolution #391-2025 brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Dave Woods to declare the Agway building (74 Montcalm Street) as a slum/blight spot (SBS) and authorizing the Essex County Land Bank to seek CDBG imminent threat funding. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA

COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW YORK

Resolution No. 391 of 2025

Adopted September 12, 2025

Introduced by Mark A. Wright
who moved its adoption

Seconded by Dave Woods

DECLARATION OF THE AGWAY BUILDING (74 MONTCALM ST) AS A SLUM/BLIGHT SPOT (SBS) AND
AUTHORIZATION FOR ESSEX COUNTY LAND BANK TO SEEK CDBG IMMINENT THREAT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Town of Ticonderoga recognizes the importance of maintaining the aesthetic, structural, and safety standards within our community; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of specific conditions of blight, deterioration, or safety hazards on a spot basis is crucial for the prevention of blight and the protection of adjacent properties or areas; and

WHEREAS, the Agway Building located at 74 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga, NY (SWIS ID 154800, Tax ID 150.43-7-2.000) has been identified as a significant fire hazard in the downtown area, as confirmed by the Ticonderoga Fire Department, posing a serious and imminent risk to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the conditions found at this property are consistent with the definitions for “slum and blight” as set forth by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 24 CFR Part 570, specifically qualifying as a Slum/Blight Spot (SBS) due to

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its significant deterioration, physical decay, environmental contamination, and safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, the urgent and dangerous conditions at the Agway Building present an imminent threat to the health and safety of residents, businesses, and visitors in the Town of Ticonderoga, requiring immediate action to prevent loss of life, injury, or severe property damage;

WHEREAS, the CDBG Imminent Threat Program provides funding assistance to communities where an urgent condition poses a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and where other financial resources are not available to address the problem; and

WHEREAS, the Essex County Land Bank has expressed interest in applying for funding through the CDBG Imminent Threat Program to support the emergency demolition and clearance of this property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ticonderoga hereby declares the Agway Building (74 Montcalm St) a Slum/Blight Spot (SBS) consistent with Federal and State law, and further declares that the property constitutes an imminent threat to public health and safety, requiring emergency intervention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Ticonderoga authorizes the Essex County Land Bank to apply for funding through the 2025 CDBG Imminent Threat Program in the amount of **\$1,000,000** to support the emergency demolition of this blighted and hazardous property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nicole Justice Green is hereby named the Fair Housing Officer for this project and will ensure compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local regulations and statutes, including but not limited to:

- Efforts to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing
- Davis-Bacon Fair Labor Standards Act (40 USC 276a)
- Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 USC 327–333)
- Copeland Anti-Kickback Act (18 USC 874)
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d)
- Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 USC 3601)
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 792, 3601)
- Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 USC 1701u)
- Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 USC 5309)
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC 6101)
- Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (42 USC 4151)
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991
- Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246, as amended)

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- Equal Opportunity in Housing (Executive Order 11063, as amended by Executive Order 12259)
- The Hatch Act (5 USC 1501 et seq.)
- The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and amendments of 1987
- Title IV of the Lead-Based Poisoning Prevention Act (42 USC 4831)
- HUD Reform Act of 1989
- 24 CFR Parts 35, 58, 85, and 570
- Housing & Community Development Act of 1974, as amended
- 2 CFR 200, Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements
- Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Anti-Displacement)

Mark Wright, Supervisor	Aye,
Dave Woods, Councilman	Aye
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman	Aye
Heath Towne, Councilman	Aye.
Tom Thatcher, Councilman	Aye

Seal

Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Resolution #392-2025 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Tom Thatcher to waive the Peddler Fees for the Fireside Folk Festival on October 24, 2025. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Workshop adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk