

Minutes for the Ticonderoga Town Board Meeting held on March 12, 2026, commencing at 6:00 p.m. with a Public Hearing regarding an Increase and Improvement of the Consolidated Water Districts – Water Meters

Present: James F. O’Bryan, Supervisor
Dave Woods, Councilman
Laura Best, Councilwoman
C. Tom Thatcher, Councilman
Heath Towne, Councilman
Matthew Fuller, Town Attorney
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Others: Bob Porter, Kristen & Evan Mack, Marge Cross, Dave Iuliano, Kevin O’Brien
Sherry Veneto along with Mark & Laura Wright via Go-To-Meeting

Supervisor O’Bryan opened the meeting with the Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Remarks: I want to welcome everyone to our March Town Board Meeting. As I mentioned in January 2026, it is lining up to be a busy year for Ticonderoga with key initiatives currently being looked at including the Bright Sand Project at Sylvamo. This one project is projected at 190 MM in startup cost and will bring 200 high paying jobs to Ticonderoga. Currently, a study on the feasibility of this project is underway with more information to come. A second project involving the building of 32 new duplex and triplex homes on the land outlined by Cannonball Path and the Hawkeye Trail is progressing. We met with the builder today to discuss the project and their timeline for moving forward.

Also mentioned at the January meeting, the time has finally come for us to build a community consensus on what is best for our town and our residents whose water comes from Gooseneck Pond. On February 10th, 12 of 13 members who volunteered to be part of a Task Team came together here in the Community Building Auditorium to begin working on developing a recommendation for providing clean drinking water to the Chilson Hill and Eagle Lake areas. During this first meeting the group participated in a Brainstorming exercise, which Identified 13 ideas centered on providing a future water source(s) to 109 homes currently connected to the Gooseneck transmission line. Using Brainstorming, and a weighted vote, task team members queued in on two specific statements for study. The two statements are:

1. Simplify the treatment process by installing Ultraviolet (UV) ray treatment and other associated equipment adjacent to the town’s chlorinator at Eagle Lake.
2. Formation of a water district for the Chilson Hill and Eagle Lake areas is extremely important going forward.

This past Tuesday evening, the task team began to explore whether statement #1 can be used to meet the requirements set forth by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New York State Department of Health. The task team met with a UV specialist to conduct research on potential solutions for treating Gooseneck water. At this time a cost analysis is being completed by the UV specialist and will be presented to the Task Team, so that they might have a better idea of what a project using UV treatment might look like. The task team meets on the second Tues

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boardroom month at 6:00 P.M. here in this board room. A final recommendation to the This Town Board is due no later than November 12, 2026.

Supervisor O'Bryan mentioned that he would like the Town Attorney, Matt Fuller, to come and share his knowledge on the history of this issue.

Mr. Fuller stated that he encourages you to do this, the thing to keep in mind is that it has been like 10 years since we really got into this with DOH and EPA, technology has changed. He was in Saranac Lake all day today working on their water and sewer, they have gotten their surface water treatment system and they are buying a skid based system. You bring that in and plug it in off a truck and that will put treatment on their drinking water. When we started looking at this 10 years ago, this technology wasn't there. We have never been in opposition to Gooseneck; it has always come down to cost benefit. By all means explore.

Supervisor O'Bryan stated that he had a discussion with Dan Blanchette who has been in contract with the City of Saratoga and they have invited us to come down because they use chlorination and UV and they do 8 million gallons a day.

Mr. Fuller stated that our issue with Gooseneck is not just chlorination and UV, it is the filtration avoidance. You have to have filtration for surface water, so it is not just a quick UV, but again those package systems, who knows what that cost would be now. The bid legacy costs, when you and Dan called the other day and it has always been the elephant in the room for those 105 users is the legacy cost of that system. The dam needs to be fixed (the intake) that is not even addressed in this kind of an idea, but also the pipe coming down, that pipe is now grossly oversized for what they need. The cost to upkeep this at the current state does not even compare in O&M and repairs, it does not even come close to what those users are paying. Those are the two big legacy costs, the dam and the pipe, but if you can get past those things.

Supervisor O'Bryan stated that we need to get in compliance first and then back up to those issues second, that is what our hope is. We will go to Saratoga and take a look at what they have, like you said it has been 10 years since we looked at any of the technology that is out there today. Hopefully, we can find something that we can afford down the road. Anyhow, he is very pleased with the way this group is going.

Supervisor O'Bryan reported that things are going well with the Bright Sands project. They are expecting shortly to know exactly what they will be doing, but all things at this point are looking favorable for them to come here to Ticonderoga. Which of course opens up other issues to be able to help and support the numbers that will be needed to house them.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing: Regarding The Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of the Consolidated Water District, in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York (regarding Water Meters)

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Bob Porter confirmed that these meters are absolutely required. There is no more delaying this, because for us the commodity is free. The water, we don't pay for water besides the source of the water. Whether it is Lake George or it is the well or Gooseneck, we don't pay for that commodity, it is naturally there, but; this is a requirement and what happens if we don't do it.

Mr. Fuller noted that back in 2009 we had a grant to pay to put in those water meters, a public hearing was held upstairs and the Town Board did not go forward with that project. Saranac Lake got that money and put meters in themselves. You are obligated by law to have meters, whether or not you bill by meters is up to the Town. You are not obligated to bill, but you are obligated to have them. They want to see who is using the water, because they will then require you to implement some sort of water conservation measures. If you have properties that are utilizing thousands of gallons of water a month or a year, they are going to want you to correct that. The billing side and the usage side are two different things. Eventually, they will put us under a consent order and force us to do it without a funded project.

Mr. Porter continued to say that five million dollars is a lot of money.

Supervisor O'Bryan agreed and we should have done something years ago, just like Gooseneck, but for reasons unbeknownst to us we stopped and here we are again with another issue that could have been solved for us.

Mr. Porter asked what the deadline was for the meters (last May) and then what happens in this nine months since then that we haven't done anything.

Mr. Fuller noted that we have been reporting to DEC and they are fine as long as we are making progress, eventually that will run out (kind of like Gooseneck did) and then we will get a consent order.

Mr. Porter asked if this is for every municipality in New York State?

Mr. Fuller stated those that have a water withdrawal permit, yes.

Supervisor O'Bryan added that this does not affect those that are on their own well water, they are exempt.

Mr. Fuller continued that even Gooseneck water, if that continues, they will have to be metered there also.

Mr. Porter asked what this bond looks like for re-payment on the five million dollars, what is the monthly or annual payment on that. What is the fine? Is it better to pay the fines instead of taking a bond out for five million dollars.

Mr. Fuller explained that we have a hardship loan, with no interest and a quick work up looks to be \$40.00 annually, but that is not a hard number. Just a quick figure.

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Marge Cross doesn't understand this; would the metered amount be on top of what we pay now?

Supervisor O'Bryan stated that right you pay a rate of \$305 a quarter and as discussed there will always be a base amount paid but the first year, they are online would be for us to determine what a rate would be on the usage. We will need to find that out and then decide how we are going to bill it. For many people their water rates should go down.

Public Hearing closed at 6:24 p.m.

Resolution #78-2026 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods determining that it is in the public interest to make the Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of the Consolidated Water District, in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,215,080 consisting of the installation of water meters, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith. **All in Favor** Jim O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

<p>In the Matter</p> <p>of</p> <p>The Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Consolidated Water District in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York</p>	<p>RESOLUTION # 78-2026</p> <p>PUBLIC INTEREST ORDER</p>
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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, has duly caused to be prepared a map, plan and report including an estimate of cost, pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law, relating to the proposed increase and improvement of the facilities of the Consolidated Water District, in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, consisting of the installation of water meters, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith as applicable, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,215,080; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of said Town Board duly called and held on February 26, 2026, an Order was duly adopted by it and entered in the minutes specifying the said Town Board would meet to consider the increase and improvement of facilities of the Consolidated Water District in said Town at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,215,080, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same at the Town Hall, in

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Ticonderoga, New York, in said Town, on March 12, 2026, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time; and

WHEREAS, said Order duly certified by the Town Clerk was duly published and posted as required by law; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held at the time and place set forth in said notice, at which all persons desiring to be heard were duly heard; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Upon the evidence given at the aforesaid public hearing, it is hereby found and determined that it is in the public interest to make the increase and improvement of the facilities of the Consolidated Water District, in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, consisting of the installation of water meters, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith as applicable, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,215,080.

Section 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Resolution #79-2026 brought by Heath Towne, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the issuance of at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,215,080 serial Bonds of the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York to pay the costs of the Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of the Consolidated Water District for the installation of water meters, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith. **All in Favor** Jim O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

BOND RESOLUTION #79-2026 DATED MARCH 12, 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,215,080 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FACILITIES OF THE CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW YORK.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions heretofore duly had and taken in accordance with the provisions of Section 202-b of the Town Law, and more particularly an Order dated the date

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hereof, said Town Board has determined it to be in the public interest to improve the facilities of the Consolidated Water District, in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,215,080; and

WHEREAS, said capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type I Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), the implementation of which as proposed it has been determined will not result in any significant environmental impact; and

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the specific object or purpose of paying the cost of the increase and improvement of the Consolidated Water District, in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, consisting of the installation of water meters, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith as applicable, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$5,215,080 bonds of said Town pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$5,215,080, which specific object or purpose is hereby authorized at said maximum estimated cost, and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$5,215,080 bonds of said Town authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond resolution.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is twenty years pursuant to subdivision 30 of paragraph a of

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Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from monies raised from said Consolidated Water District as applicable in the manner provided by law, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said Town, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Supervisor, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as he shall deem best for the interests of said Town, including, but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the Supervisor shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The

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receipt of the Supervisor shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 7. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of such Town. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 8. The Supervisor is hereby further authorized, at the Supervisor's sole discretion, to execute a project finance and/or loan agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Health and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and/or note issue of said Town in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 9. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the Supervisor. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said Supervisor consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

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Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 12. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Public Participation

Evan Mack stated that after being recently appointed to the Parks & Rec Committee, he finds the upcoming resolution a major problem. He joined the committee because of his work with Youth in the Town, well documented, this change will increase bureaucracy and hide transparency. After witnessing the lack of accounting and lack of transparency demonstrated at last month's meeting by the proposed new chair of the buildings and grounds chair as well as the head of the NRDC resigning immediately after the parks and rec. meeting makes this resolution even more problematic. Why now? What is the point other than control in the same pattern found from the previous administration handling of operations. He asks you to vote no, or at least table this further so that the committee that is affected most can actually discuss these changes before it is taken on by the board, that is the least that can be done and that is really good government in the

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end of how things are run. That is his public comment, happy to answer any questions on his decision.

Bob Porter wanted to comment on what Evan stated, sometimes we come to decision like this, these changes without really thinking things out and especially if you have people on the committee that are surprised by this, what is wrong with waiting another month? Table this, and if there are concerns what are they, making sure all the board members know and are aware of these. Will this bring about other things that we haven't thought about in the meantime and then come back, it might be the same, but is it going to cause any issues with it waiting another month if that is the way it has always been, he doesn't see how that would hurt anything but, sit on this for a month, come back and you may be in the same position that you are in now and that is fine, but what would that hurt in another month.

Councilman Woods stated that this is something that was thought about quite a while ago, Joyce (Cooper) was on the Parks and Rec and 90% of the time he just came and sat because he took care of the building side. She took care of all the rest and he would just sit at the meeting and do nothing, he would even leave halfway through it. In the meantime, he takes care of six buildings, Tom (Thatcher) is on the Municipal, and he (Dave) takes care of the Armory, the Community Building, the Library, the Heritage and the Highway Garage, so based on that he wanted the committee alone, that is why he put Tom (Municipal) on, Terry Smith (Heritage), Fred Hurlburt, knows about everything in the Town and Nicole is supposed to be on this anyway, mandated for grants and such and Tonya (Thompson) is on it also. That is where this has come from, there is no sense in him sitting here, but with Tom's help and Terry Smith, Fred Hurlburt and everybody he can take then take care of the buildings directly from the people that are there and it would save him tons of time. This is where this came from.

Mr. Porter asked about the youth, some youth would be affected because of the buildings...

Councilman Woods stated that he oversees the repairs and maintenance, it is nothing to do with youth.

Mr. Porter stated that youth would be affected, whether it is by the ice rink or the Armory, things that go on...

Councilman Woods stated no, he is strictly the buildings maintenance..

Mr. Porter answered right, but these are decisions being made without the consulting with the kids that are going to be affected by the facilities they are using.

Councilman Thatcher stated there is no change in the facilities.

Mr. Porter stated if you are making decisions that affects kids in your building decisions....

Councilman Woods stated that this is why he is appointed to this committee to make these decisions...he was put in charge of the building to make those decisions on the maintenance.

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This is why he has who he has on this committee, it has nothing to do with the scheduling of the buildings for the kids.

Supervisor O'Bryan understands that this has been talked about before, this is something that was different, they were brought together years ago and it has gotten so large and there is a shake up in this and that is part of the problem and he understands fully about that.

Mr. Mack would like to understand what you are saying about a shake up, what do you mean?

Supervisor O'Bryan knows that one of the members of the group stepped down last month, he would just like to say, as you presented it, you made a good point. Dave (Woods) he understands the efficiency of what you are talking about, but one of the things that bothered him and brought him to this position and some of you know was the fact that we made a decision, maybe arbitrarily, which we can do as a board, but without giving the other side an opportunity to speak. He understands that this is very important to some in the community, and he wants to know that and he did say that and he does mean that. So, you brought up a good point (Evan) maybe we need to slow down, what is a month going to hurt us.

Councilman Woods asked what difference will it make. What he just said is not going to change. An example is a few months ago we were told the third floor of the Armory we had to abandon it unless we had some form of egress. It wasn't mandated and we did not have to do it, but it was a big expense and he said, he being in charge of that building and if he didn't do it and years from now if something happened to a kid up there, so he chose to do that, 18K to put in a fire escape in. He didn't want it on him if something happens, he doesn't know why he would need anyone else to help him make that decision.

Kristin Mack wanted to comment on this as far as she had a conversation with Jim (O'Bryan) this week and she appreciated that very much. We talked about improvements of the Town and we talked about involvement and inclusion and to your point (Dave) she thinks that when you have tried to involve new members on a committee but they don't feel like there is an inclusion. The only timing aspect of this and she understands when things get too big you need to then subdivide things out, that is a totally logistical, reasonable thing to do, but the timing of this does indicate that other things were going on. The only timing thing that was outside of the control of the Town in this is the resignation of a mandated member and that is rectified by doing this at this time. So, we have to recognize the actual logistics of it. The governing piece of it and recognize that we were trying to involve the Town and include more members that want to be involved, that you are turning them away, that you are breaking them down a little bit. We have seen division in this Town and you have heard her speak about wanting the Town Board to just communicate back to her or to us as a Town. When we act like this, or move to fast, or the timing is maybe not as explicable as it should be to make those new members feel involved and included, you are either, disincentivizing people from being involved or you are actually driving them away. She thinks that is exactly the answer to what one month means. Is one month going to help you with those meetings that much more, (yes, it is) and she thinks that you are saying that because you know that the involvement and the inclusion piece of this on the other end, that negative affect you are saying is worth you having an easier meeting and she does not think that

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is true. She thinks that it is incredibly important to incentivize people that want to be involved in the Town and she hopes you consider this.

Further back and forth, some inaudible discussions.

Supervisor O'Bryan stated that he understands that this is an issue of personalities – let's get that out there. There is an issue here and it is not just with this, this guy (Dave) has done more for this Town with keeping these buildings up and he does a wonderful job, if the one issue wasn't a problem or part of this whole team, these things wouldn't even come up on the radar that we are separating these two back away from each other like they were years ago, but as he said, he does think and this has bothered him in the past, is that sometimes we make decisions sometimes a little too quickly and he is hearing from the community that they wish we would back up and slow down. Not saying that we can't do that, but give us a month. He doesn't know if the committee wants to present something else to us, something that we haven't seen.

Councilman Woods wants to know what waiting a month will change?

Mrs. Mack stated that this is new information for the committee members and it is going to change their – (inaudible) this gives them a chance to react to this and come up with ways that maybe everyone hasn't thought about that this can be addressed. She thinks it is just taking a step back for a moment deescalating that situation that is going to escalate if it does go forward this quickly....(inaudible)

Councilman Woods added that there are five or six members that are on the Parks and Rec and with the people on his committee, there would be 13 people on the board which would be ridiculous, that is where the separation comes in, put the 5 people involved in the actual building and construction of the Town's building would be divided from the Parks and Rec.

Mrs. Mack would like to address something too, having her personality called out in this isn't really helpful, she has told all of you guys and has always been professional and you can always track her motives back and she has had this conversation with many of you to what opportunities there are for kids in this town. She thinks by disincentivizing the involvement and that is what a quick action will be on this, and without further discussion by shutting down communication and saying I am doing this today and I am not going to listen to possible concerns over the next 30 days when I already have a platform to do that, you are taking people's voices and you are quieting them and she disagrees with that, she thinks that this is the time, whereas before when she spoke and asked you guys to communicate with her the action had already been taken, this time she gets a chance to say that this is going to cause a problem, please reconsider it before you make a vote. That is her question and her request for the Town Board and she will remain professional and you will always know where she is coming from. She has always welcomed real communication, but she thinks the timeline on this is very concerning.

Mr. Porter stated that he greatly appreciates (Dave) since he was a kid all the things that you have done with the Town, whether it was coaching Little League, back 50 years ago and he does really appreciate you and you being involved, but sometimes he thinks, think of a year from now,

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a year from now March 2027, would it have mattered that I waiting a month back in March of last year that some constituents had some concerns and one of the things that he does, he tries to put himself in your shoes and he then asks the same of you, how would you feel about that, well I kind of get where they are coming from, if that is what they need and it is hard on me for a month, so be it. Would it matter a year from now, just consider that in the big scheme of things because that is where you can tell, you don't have to always go the way of how the people feel, but if you take the time and he knows this is kind of quick and he asks to table this because then you can sit back and reflect, yeah, I kind of get where they are coming from, if I was in their shoes I would probably feel the same way.

Councilman Woods stated if we postpone this a month and he goes to the next meeting, he is not going to have any involvement. He is just going to go and sit there, where if he had his Building and Grounds committee, there are a lot of issues and a lot of dollars that have to be spent that need to be brought up.

Councilwoman Best stated since she co-chairs Parks & Rec, Buildings & Grounds, she is wondering if someone can clarify when this discussion about splitting this committee took place without speaking with full leadership? She was blindsided by this today and she is co-chair of the committee. She does not need to keep reminding people that she is an elected official, so this is upsetting to her; 697 residents placed their trust in her to serve them, it becomes difficult to fully carry out that responsibility when decisions are being influenced before the committee leadership has had the opportunity to discuss them. She is wondering when the discussion came about.

Councilman Woods thought she knew about this.

Councilwoman Best stated no, you (Dave) never spoke to her and she is very good about communicating.

Councilman Woods stated regardless, a month is not, when he goes to a Parks & Rec Meeting he just sits there, everything else is...

Councilwoman Best stated that she did a great job with the agenda at the last meeting, that can be put into the agenda....

Councilman Woods stated that those people are not involved and do not know anything about our buildings or what he is talking about. This committee he is putting together knows exactly what will be discussed and they can help him decide which way to go.

Councilwoman Best stated going forward, she would expect a conversation, she communicates will all of you and Tonya (Thompson) can vouch for her that if she wants to do something that she does it the right way and this is not the way that it works in government.

Councilman Thatcher agrees but wants to add something to this. One of the reasons that this came about is because a project got done in this Town and we have saddled the taxpayers with a

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16k worth of maintenance that we didn't even know about. This is what this group is supposed to do, we would look at that. Anything that is done in this Town to any building has to be approved by a licensed architect or a PE. There are at least two or three projects that this was done and that had not been done, and that is a complete liability on this Town if something happens and the first thing a good lawyer is going to say is I want to see when you put that in what the PE approved. We have at least three incidents where that hasn't happened and that is some of the reasons that we wanted to form this committee. Now, he agrees, it was done wrong and he does not want to hurt anyone's feelings, but we are the group that is spending the money from this town and that is one of the reasons why that came about....

Mr. Mack stated that these three things came from the previous Park & Rec committee (correct) with the now the current building & grounds chair, so you are saying that we are going to move the leadership that was problematic to a new position and new committee....

Councilman Thatcher stated no, listen what he is saying is that both parties needed time to talk, when you have a two hour meeting and we are at the end. (inaudible) Things were getting out of hand and we need to stop this along the line. He can tell you right now that the police station did not work that way, every t was crossed and the I's dotted.

Mrs. Mack asked what he thought about this being pushed through or rushed through and the timing and the lack of communications where people are concerned.

Councilman Thatcher agreed 100 percent, this was not set out with the intentions (inaudible)

Conversation continued on this subject, some inaudible.

Report of Committees

Airport – Tom Thatcher, Councilman

Ticonderoga Airport 4B6

Airport Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 0830 in the Town Hall followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Alan Densmore, Jim O'Bryan, Tom Thatcher, Bryan Douros, Gary Vosburg, Ashe Alexander and Laura Jarvis

Guests: Dave Woods and Chris Reap

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Fuel sales for February were 342 gallons (20 transactions). 723 gallons sold year to date and 33 transactions year to date. 3,800 gallons remaining in the tank. Discussed getting a partial load due to increasing prices. Ash will check into it.

Snow plowing and clean-up seems to be better.

Tim Woods' hanger plans are based on National Grid's timeline. The transformer will need to be moved. APA has approved the building site; however, it may interfere with the other future building areas and the two other building areas need to be secured. FAA final determination letter was sent to Matt at Passero. Phase I is going out to bid in two months.

The fly-in is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2026 (rain date of Sunday, June 7th). Same day as the mural activity downtown. Will check to see if the senior bus can transport people to and from the airport. Tom will be in charge of having food/drinks available for purchase. Focus on kids activities and boarding pass to sit in Captain Bob's airplane. Tom talked to the Chamber about making a poster and adding the fly-in to social media. Tom invited Habitat for Aviation from Swanton, Vermont, to have a table. Corey James of Adirondack Drone will be contacted to see if he can bring his drone to exhibit and demonstrate.

Jim will talk to the Mill about tree removal on the north end of the airport.

Fire extinguishers still need to be checked at the fuel farm.

Tonya will send an invoice for a tie-down fee to the owner of the aircraft (N3844C) parked on the ramp as soon as she can find an address.

Jim is happy with how the airport looks with the tower, etc. Talked about a future building and plow equipment for the airport, but it is a lower priority.

Bryan had an issue with power in the hanger. National Grid diagnosed and fixed the problem.

Alan researched the deed and there is a permanent easement for the rotating beacon.

Meeting adjourned at 0901. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

Submitted by Laura Jarvis

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David Iuliano noted that the N number on that plane being donated to Habitat for Aviation should remain. Jon Hanna's father got that number from Vermont and the government has been trying to get that number back for 25 years.

Bob Porter wanted to let the board know that he appreciates everything that is being done up there and being a pilot, it is a fantastic facility. He is a club member at the Saratoga Adirondack Flying Club and they encourage their members to come to Ti to fuel up because our cost when we rent the planes includes fuel and the club pays for that fuel and if they are paying \$6.00 a gallon somewhere and we are paying \$5.00, that is saving \$40 for them to come and fill up in Ti. It is substantial and it is greatly appreciated in the region and it is well known that Ticonderoga has some of the best pricing there is. One of the things that we should consider, look you are spending 5 million dollars on meters, you have some land up there for sale right now by Catlins who has held onto that with an iron fist for decades and now it is for sale....

Discussion was held that Catlin does not want to break up those parcels and that piece by the airport includes an old landfill on the opposite side of the road, and the FAA will not buy more land than needed. More discussion was held; it was recommended to discuss at the committee level.

Building and Grounds – Dave Woods, Councilman

Library & Armory had some minor repairs on their furnaces.

Ice Rink needs a roof on the new side where the bathroom was added. We cannot match those shingles; we have quotes on metal. We have to do something with that.

Resolution #80-2026 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Heath Towne to establish a separate Building and Grounds Committee from the current Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Recreation, Historical Lands, Monuments, Beach and Cemeteries Committee with Dave Woods as Chair and C. Tom Thatcher as Vice Chair: Committee members will include Tonya Thompson, Terry Smith, Nicole Green and Fred Hurlburt. The committee will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. (Much discussion held: see below) **All in Favor** Dave Woods, Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – Jim O'Bryan – Nay, Laura Best – Nay, Heath Towne – Nay.

Motion DID NOT CARRY.

(The following is a synopsis of the discussion regarding the above resolution)

Supervisor O'Bryan stated that this is one of those things that he does not like. We have some pretty strong feelings from both ways, for good reason, and he is not going to say there are not good reasons there. There maybe merit going both ways, he is not saying that there aren't and he can't quite think about that, but one thing that he said before and he did not think about this, Dave (Woods) and he had talked about this the last few days and you are right, Laura (Best) we should have approached you and he apologizes for that. Not only as a chair, but as supervisor. When he ran for this position as he said one of those things that let him here was the fact that we have made some hasty decisions in the past. He understands where he is coming from and he is

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absolutely correct in what he wants to do and how he wants to manage the buildings and that is what he is extremely good at and he was doing that long before he was on this board and he knows this for a fact. He is not sure what a month is going to bring us, I guess an opportunity for some to be heard, but; when he looks at this, he does not look at personalities that are sitting in front of him. What he looks at is what Mr. Porter said, if he was in his shoes, what would they do and he has had his fair share of discussions about how this Town is going to run and how we are going to do things because of this exact reason and that is where we go and we don't listen well enough to what everyone is saying and that is a huge part of our job as members of this board and he feels very strongly about that. He actually had an opportunity to sit with Marge (Cross) for quite a while and talked about this very issue, not so much the personalities, but in theory what this type of action does to the community and it rips at the fabric of the community and that is one thing that he has been trying to put his hands around is how do we remove these issues, these wedges that get put in on top of us because of everyone of these people in this room are trying to do the right thing to make a difference in this community and there is no taking away from that; but all of a sudden we get thrust into the middle of all of this political nonsense and he has seen too much of this in just the last week in a few different things and this guy right here (Dave Woods) has been right beside him all the way leading the charge with him on some of these issues, why, because he has the knowledge in his head that he doesn't have and that is why he wants him there. He wants his thoughts because he knows he makes good decisions. It comes down to what he said too in running for this position and that is that he would listen to the community and that is extremely important to him. He is not saying that it is not warranted, he thinks it is warranted, he thinks separating because of the complexity of it, would make sense to him. However, he also understands that there are a lot of strong feelings in this community, right or wrong and he is not going to pick on any one person or group, but he thinks how we go about this is the problem so we need to come clean as to what we feel is the problem and we need to work to resolve that so we can move forward because Ticonderoga has got to grow, if we don't, nobody is going to be here in another 25 years, we aren't going to be able to afford to be here and he can guarantee that if we don't get our hands around some of this stuff and deal with it and deal with it in a way that we can fuss and fight and argue with each other, but when we step away from this table, we are still family and that is how he looks at every one of you guys sitting out there tonight and the rest of these people that he deals with on a daily basis and dealt with and have been a member of this community for his life. He wants that on the record, he is sorry that we are in this position, but that is part of the job and he takes this job seriously.

Councilwoman Best would like to say that she knows what the Supervisor is saying what is best for the community, we decided in Parks and Rec that we are moving the meeting to 6:00 p.m. so we can have more people in the community involved. Dave (Woods) and she spoke about this at the first meeting, so she is not really sure what changed, but splitting people now is not going to solve the problem, splitting people just gives the problem more – everybody is saying that there are personalities or whatever, but she doesn't understand that.....

Supervisor O'Bryan stated that nobody has told him the problem, he has his theories when he listens to things, but nobody has ever told him what exactly the problem is.

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Councilman Woods stated that this is not a personality thing, a month from now is not going to change how he feels.

Councilwoman Best stated that we live in such a small Town that splitting this committee can actually cause lack of communication, things will slip through the cracks, communication needs to be much better and more together talking about it. That is how things get done, that is just....

Councilman Woods stated that it would be the same thing with you on Building and Grounds, you are not going to say a word or be involved.

Councilwoman Best said that she can and she would because if she is on that committee, that would be the point, us working together.

Councilman Woods stated that he (Tom Thatcher) would know more about buildings than you do, so if he wants somebody on his committee to co-chair, he wants him. It is nothing against you, he doesn't want him or him, he wants him (Tom). He wants the people that he has been dealing with every day on that buildings committee and a month from now is not going to change the feeling of the people that came tonight, it is not going to change at. All that matters is that he is going to go to Parks & Rec and sit there and listen.....

Councilwoman Best asked why wouldn't you want to hear, if you are on that committee.

Councilman Woods said that you will read the minutes at this meeting and he will find out what happens on it.

Supervisor O'Bryan stated that one of the things that is needed by this Town and it is a huge need by this Town is someone that works with this Town who can get us the grant monies, especially if they are good at it. We will have to have someone doing that. Now, when he started this job, he sat back and he watched the Town and tried to understand this, he just asked his attorney before this meeting tonight, he is thinking about the DRI – he is responsible for 10 million dollars and to be honest, he doesn't know where any of it is. He knows there are projects going on and hopes that they are going well, because ultimately by sitting and swearing into this seat in January, he is responsible for that 10 million dollars. Now, he feels more comfortable relying on people around him to run this Town like he is supposed to do, he can look forward and go out and say I want an accounting and his is going to do that within the next, short period of time, that he wants an accounting of all funds that have been spent or are going to be spent. He knows the state is involved and he knows that they have to approve things, this is the process that he has to go through now. He does know the need on this for buildings and doing things to improve this Town and he wants to get there where things are more stable, he does not know who that will be with, but he is going to give that person a chance to prove that they can do it. He is glad to coach people as they go along, that has been his career, coaching people and building teams to do this or working through it as an engineer to get it done, he doesn't care which it has to be, but we will do that, that flexibility needs to be there. He is also not sure what a month gives, but it does give opportunity for others to be heard. You have to understand something, if this is just rebel

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rousing then it is not going to change his mind and it very well may be and if that is what it is then that is not going to be acceptable either, for us going forward in this Town.

Councilman Woods stated that the people that are on this board that he is proposing, everyone of them is involved in one of the buildings in Ti and it is just going to make it easier, because he bounces things off from Tom (Thatcher) all the time and Tom bounces off from him, so he is the most logical one.

Supervisor O'Bryan won't fight that, he doesn't fight that at all, that is spot on, but he wants everyone to know where he is coming from.

Councilman Thatcher thinks that Dave (Woods), you and I and anybody from this new committee should be at the next meeting and we can present this very easily to that committee because we should do this the right way. This is not going to change the outcome, but it is the right way to do it. She should not have had to hear this first here tonight. I thought she knew.

Councilman Woods also believed that she knew, but we can still pass this resolution tonight and still go as a committee.

Councilwoman Best stated that you guys can still meet together and still do that conversation in that meeting.

Supervisor O'Bryan does not see anywhere that this is affecting you with buildings, what he does see is that we all agree and you sir (Dave Woods) have been one of the biggest drivers of this for all these years as Bob (Porter) said because of all of your years of work with children and kids in the Little League which you still maintain to this very day and we all know that and we appreciate that. He is going to give the chance to be heard, but like he said, he is not going to put up with rebel rousing.

Councilman Woods wants to ask this, what are we going to hear, who are we going to hear.

Supervisor O'Bryan stated that he does not know, we are going to go there and listen. We are probably not going to say a word, but we will listen and maybe they will bring up something good and he hopes they do, because like he said, he wants to solve this once and for all and get the elephant off from our backs and it is a big undertaking and it has for many years and people know it, but by jeeppers since he has been here for two months you have helped me do that because you have trailed with him and you have steered him straight and have given him counsel and you have done things that he has needed and he appreciates that. He isn't going to let anybody abuse you or this board or this town and he doesn't think that is the case, he just thinks that people want to be heard and have a strong conviction and he is not going to let personalities play into this, he is going to look at the job that needs to get done and who is the best suited for that and then he will figure out to work with that. That is where he comes from.

(Resolution was discussed and voted on – as above – Resolution can be brought back up)

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Economic Development – Jim O’Bryan, Supervisor

We did not meet this month – nothing to report. Currently, he anticipates the first meeting to be held in April, he just hasn’t had time to put his arms around this yet, but in the meantime, he has reached out and will continue to meet with members of this subcommittee on an individual basis, which he has been doing. He will be meeting with Beth Hill tomorrow.

Parks and Recreation, Historical Lands, Beach, Monuments and Cemeteries – Laura Best, Councilwoman

Committee Meeting Minutes Date: December 17, 2026 Time: 8:30 AM

Meeting Type: Parks and recreation, buildings and grounds

Guest Speaker Mark called into meeting to discuss details of the Ticonderoga Triathlon Festival. It will be June 20th, 2026. We look forward to this event. Mark will touch base as needed

1. Ice Rink

THS Student Sign

No update on the THS student sign (“Ticonderoga Ice Rink”) as of today.

Rules Signage

Katie is waiting on information from the town’s insurance before moving forward.

Further discussion will occur once insurance guidance is received.

Facility Maintenance

A doorknob was reported broken; estimated cost to repair is \$40.

Security Discussion

The committee discussed placement of security cameras in hopes of preventing future damage or vandalism.

Evan Mack noted that cameras must not include audio recording.

Additional Discussion

Bridge work and potential timeline were briefly discussed.

2. Tennis Courts

Funding Update

Total Project Cost: \$31,309.00

Funds Available: \$12,391.07

Remaining Balance Needed: \$18,917.93

Discussion

Additional quotes may be needed.

Councilwoman Laura Best feels it would be poor management of the budget to cover the entire cost if the courts project moves forward.

Evan Mack mentioned the idea of Patty putting together a pickle ball tournament fundraiser.

Possible project modifications were briefly mentioned.

3. Library Expansion & Requests

Updates

Tree removal update discussed.

Requests

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Saturday snow removal assistance requested. Councilman Dave Woods has taken care of this.
Request for the library to become a snowshoe lending center.

Additional Updates

Additional expansion updates pending.

4. Other Business

Boy Scout Nature trail updates

The boy scouts will be installing squirrel houses, bat houses, and bird feeders along the nature trail.

Structures expected to be approximately 14 inches in height.

Bird feeders discussed as biodegradable (using oranges).

Installations would be placed in trees. Dedrick Tree Removal will be helping with this.

Fourth of July Discussion

Joyce Cooper asked what the plans were for the Fourth of July and whether the committee was aware of any meetings that had been happening between NRDC and the Best 4th in the North committee.

Councilwoman Laura stated she was unaware of any issues or meetings and noted that if there were concerns, both groups should meet with the Council and/or the committee to address them and determine what is best for the town.

Councilman Dave Woods stated he was handling the situation and felt he was making progress.

5. Meeting Time Change

The committee meeting time will be changing to 6:00 PM to give residents a better opportunity to attend.

The committee hopes that more residents will attend future meetings to share their ideas and concerns.

The change is intended to help promote greater transparency and community involvement.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 9:15am

Councilman Woods brought the Board up to speed on the issues with the new toilet at the skating rink. The tank needed to be strapped in place, if water got in, the tank would float, making the toilet float. Work needs to be done. More discussion on the rink, a solution needs to be put in place for setting it up and taking it down. This is a major project needing heavy equipment.

Highway and Transfer Station – Dave Woods, Councilman

**Town of Ticonderoga
Highway and Transfer Station
February 24, 2026, minutes of Meeting**

Present: Sal Barnao, Dave Woods, Jim O'Byran

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Others: Laura Best, Tom Thatcher, Amy Beeman

Public Discussion

Said the Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Discussion

- Dave- The Parking Ban has been brought up.
 - Adam will start enforcing it. If there is a car, we can call to have it towed we have the authority.
- Dave – the salt shed is \$250,000 to replace. The current shed is not covered under insurance.
 - Discussed repairing current salt shed.
- Discussion was had about a new building for the Grounds crew.

- There is a salt shortage.
- The garage door has been repaired.
- We had a lot of breakdowns this season. It's been rough getting parts and repairs to equipment.
We had to help the State on 74 a lot due to tracker trailers stuck. We limit use of salt or no salt near waters on Baldwin and Black Point.
- Do we use Water – Sewer and Grounds to assist with plowing.
 - Yes, we do when they are not on a job site of their own.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40am

Minutes were taken and prepared by Rebecca Norton

Supervisor O'Bryan noted that he was informed by DPW Supervisor Jim Dougan at the County that there are two (2) culverts on Baldwin Road that are slated for replacement and they also had a brief discussion on the main street bridge that is slated for replacement. New signs have been placed at the landfill. It was noted that the C&D trailer is higher than the side of the landing, it is hard to dump. A buildup of dirt or millings to make a ramp will be investigated.

Town Clerk Thompson asked what the plan was for the transfer station now that we are down a staff member, you can't leave one person there and they have to bring the cash box down to my office. This will be looked into.

Municipal Facility – Tom Thatcher, Councilman

Attendance: Heath Towne, Chirs Dostie, Tom Thatcher

Absent: Mike Moser, Jeff Cook

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Public : Dave Woods

We reviewed the original floor plan for the 1st floor of 102 Racetrack Road. I then covered three floor plans that were made by Judge LaPerle and Roberta Cooper. There was discussion on all three drawings with the consensus being that the 3rd drawing was the one the committee felt served the usage the best.

We discussed what the building needed at this time: Drainage issues with the west side bathrooms needs to be corrected. Outside stairs from Southeast break room needs to be installed for emergency exit. The Southwest end of hall needs to be made into an emergency exit with outside stairs. The Police Juvenile interview room could be created from the Southeast breakroom.

Options and Funding

Is there any possibility of leasing office space, must be a taxpayer funded organization.

Is there any funding available from the court system or anywhere else. Supervisor O'Bryan has been asked to, at the county level, if there is any interest in a satellite office in Ticonderoga.

What else can this space be used for . The Town Board will be having these discussions.

Next Meeting: April 27th, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building

Minutes subbed by Tom Thatcher, Committee chair

Public Safety – Dave Woods, Councilman

Public Safety Meeting

February 24, 2026

Dave Woods called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

The following committee members were present: Dave Woods, Laura Best, Adam Hurlburt, Rhiannon Peters, Laura Wright, Renee Kennedy, and Ross Kelley.

Absent: Tom LaPointe and Dave Burrows.

Public: Tom Thatcher, Mark Barber, and Town Supervisor Jim O'Bryan.

Public Comment: Mark Barber brought up poor maintenance of Montcalm Street when it snows. He provided details of what Vergennes, VT does when they are faced with snow on their main street. Discussion of what needs to be done in Ticonderoga took place. An example of the cards placed on the vehicles in Vergennes, VT, as well as Mark Barber's recommendations are attached to these minutes.

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Police Department: The monthly police report was read by Chief Adam Hurlburt. (attached) A resident has requested a School Zone on Alexandria Avenue. This is a county road. Chief Hurlburt will contact the County to see if it can be designated a School Zone. The Open House at the new police station was held on February 11th and was very successful. The station radio has been installed. The Winter Carnival with fireworks will take place on March 7th. Be aware for possible delays on the roads. Chief Hurlburt attended a Zone 9 meeting to discuss the future of Zone 9. Zone 9 is the name of the police academy. They are looking at joining forces with Clinton Community College to do the academy for free. Currently, the academy costs the Town of Ticonderoga approximately \$6,000 for each new police hire. This proposal also included the possibility of the ammunition and bullet proof vests being given to each police academy student. Currently, the municipalities are responsible for those items.

EMS: The monthly EMS report was read by Renee Kennedy. (attached)

Codes Department: The monthly codes report was read by Rhiannon Peters (see attachment). Dave Burrows surgery went very well and he will be back mid March. Laura Best stated she was unable to get PPE from the County. They no longer carry Tyvek suits. Supervisor O’Bryan stated he will ask County EMS services if they have any Tyvek suits. Also, Renee stated she would look and see if Ti EMS has any leftover Tyvek suits in their station. If none of these pan out, Dave Woods stated he would just order them online.

Ross Kelley stated the Fire Department held a building meeting on 2/23/26. They are interested in doing their coin drop fundraisers again and are not sure why they were stopped. Discussion continued and Chief Hurlburt stated he would look into whether or not the coin drop can be done, and if so, where it can be done.

Dave Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:40am.

The following is a summary of the activities of the Ticonderoga Police Department from December 30th 2025 to January 27th 2026

<u>Patrol Statistics</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Approx. Calls to Service:	331	331
Incident reports:	25	25
Arrests:	24	24
Uniform traffic tickets:	21	21
DWI arrests:	1	1
Accidents investigated:	18	18

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Good evening,

I am writing to formally raise concerns regarding snow removal on Main Street. I'm not certain whether this falls under the Public Safety Committee, the Highway Department, or another body, so I have included all relevant stakeholders in hopes that we can collaboratively address the issue.

I have owned Burleigh's Luncheonette since 2016, and while this is not a new problem, I am at a point where this needs to be addressed. Conditions have progressively worsened over the years. During a Main Street event (Hearts on Main) in February, both the roadway and sidewalks were in extremely poor condition while people were trying to walk and patronize businesses.

Following the most recent storm this weekend, I documented several concerns: large snowbanks limiting access to parking spaces, a substantial pile of snow in front of House of Pizza protruding into the roadway, and multiple parking spaces that were never cleared along Main Street, Lake George Avenue, and Champlain Avenue, to name a few. Please see the attached photos taken Sunday near Burleigh's.

I previously raised this concern with the former supervisor and was advised that the town has many miles of roads and sidewalks to maintain and that equipment issues were a factor. I work for the City of Vergennes, so I understand what is involved, however, what I am observing now appears to be more of a coordination issue across departments because this has been going on for a long time. Since I began operating Burleigh's, I have not seen meaningful operational changes to improve snow removal in the downtown corridor, nor consistent enforcement of the winter parking ban.

From a public safety perspective, which many of you know is my professional background, these conditions present clear hazards. Vehicles are forced to park partially in the travel lane, creating risks for motorists and pedestrians alike. Patrons are climbing over snowbanks simply to access sidewalks. Beyond safety concerns, this directly impacts businesses' ability to operate. This past Saturday alone, numerous customers commented on how difficult and unsafe it was to park and reach storefronts.

In my role with the City of Vergennes, I have been directly involved in winter parking enforcement and snow removal operations. While not perfect, the system implemented there over the past two years has significantly improved outcomes through interdepartmental coordination. Key components include:

- A modified winter parking ban (December 1–March 31, midnight–0600) where parking is allowed unless a ban is actively issued through the Everbridge notification system. When issued, the ban applies to all streets, not just Main Street.
- Advance notice provided by the police department prior to December 1, including parking advisories placed on vehicles (a copy I created for the City of Vergennes is attached).
- The highway supervisor issues a parking ban alert by 3:00 PM the day of a storm or in advance of a storm via Everbridge, providing residents with text and email alerts.
- Enforcement beginning at midnight, including ticketing and towing by the police department. The highway department also has authority to request towing if needed.
- Pre-arranged contracts with towing companies at reduced rates specific to winter parking removal.

This approach has increased compliance, improved plowing efficiency, and reduced safety hazards in Vergennes. This also allows for parking when a parking ban is not issued helping to alleviate parking problems due to limited parking.

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I would be happy to share additional insight into how this system has worked, assist with drafting notices or flyers, and participate in constructive discussions to develop a coordinated solution tailored to our community.

I understand the many competing priorities facing the town and appreciate the work each of you do. However, I believe this is both a public safety issue and an economic development concern that deserves focused attention.

I have always taken responsibility for clearing the sidewalk in front of my business. If a more effective solution cannot be implemented, I may have to explore options for removing snow in front of my business to ensure safe access for customers and visitors, and seek reimbursement from the town as appropriate.

Please feel free to contact me regarding next steps or how I can assist in moving this forward. I want to work together to resolve this.

Sincerely,

Mark Barber

(Pictures are at the end of these committee minutes)

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To Ticonderoga Town Board/Public Safety Meeting

So far in the month of February, we have had a total of 74 calls. Total for the year as of today is 177. We have two members that are finishing up with their Paramedic class and one member that just started his Paramedic class.

During EMS Week May 17 – 23, we will be hosting an Open House at our station for the community. More details to come.

Thank you,

Renee Kennedy
Operations Manager
Ticonderoga EMS

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Re:(January 27 - February 23rd) 2026 Activity Report

The following is a summary of activities for the Code Enforcement Office.

<u>Building Inspection:</u>	(Jan-Feb)	YTD
Building Permits Issued:	4	23
Safety Inspections:	1	2
Pass/Fail:	1/1	1/1

Permit & Inspection Notes:

- 1- Fire/Safety Inspection → Adirondack Dr (Elderwood Adult Home)
- 3- Alterations/Repairs Permits → Water St & Montcalm St (2)
- 1- Accessory Structure Permit (Boat House) → Mossy Point

<u>Code Violation Notices:</u>	(Jan-Feb)	YTD
Order to Remedy:	0	1
Remediated:	0	0
Clean-Up Contractor:	0	0
NYS DFS	0	0
Condemned:	0	0
Do Not Occupy:	0	0
Appearance Tickets:	0	0

Code Violation Notes:

- No Code Violations

<u>Miscellaneous:</u>	(Jan-Feb)	YTD
*Complaints:	0	1
Resolved:	0	0

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Misc. Complaint Notes:

- No Complaints

Training:

- No trainings this Month

Safety & Resource Grants (YTD):

N/A

Noteworthy Highlights / Achievements:

- Dave's surgery went well; he is out recovering until mid-March. But was given the ok to come in 1 day a week until his next follow up appt.

Resolution #81-2026 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Heath Towne accepting the resignation of Robert Budwick as Dog Control Officer effective March 11, 2026. **All in Favor** Jim O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #82-2026 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Heath Towne to advertise for the position of Dog Control Officer part-time, on-call, no benefits – annual salary of \$8,889.00. **All in Favor** Jim O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Public Works – Jim O'Bryan, Supervisor

Town of Ticonderoga

Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2026

10:00 am

Committee Members Present: Supervisor O'Bryan, Matt Fuller (Town Attorney), Tom Thatcher, Eric Blanchard, Sabrina Ross

Committee Members Absent: Derrick Fleury

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Others: Jennifer Weeks (Wright-Pierce); Brad Greene (Wright-Pierce); Laura Best; Dave Woods

Pledge to the Flag

Public Comment: None

Items for Discussion:

85 Montcalm Street (Bernstein)

a. This property is currently being charged 3 EDU water & 3 EDU sewer; it needs to be increased to 5 EDU water & 5 EDU sewer as it is listed on the tax roll as Commercial space and has 3 apartments.

i. This will be tabled until further discussion of how to handle account changes.

109 Montcalm Street (Ti Natural Foods Co-op)

a. This property is currently being charged 2 EDU water and 2 EDU sewer; there are 3 apartments ; this needs to increase to 5 EDU water and 5 EDU sewer.

i. This will be tabled until further discussion of how to handle account changes.

110 Montcalm Street (Havanna Moon 13, LLC)

a. This property is currently being charged 1 EDU water and 1 EDU sewer; it is listed as Commercial space on the tax roll; it needs to be increased to 2 EDU water and 2 EDU sewer.

i. This will be tabled until further discussion of how to handle account changes.

Superintendent's Report (Derrick absent); Chief Operator reported:

Training:

a. Approval requested for Axel Dedrick to attend SUNY Adk Activated Sludge Class.

i. It is recommended to the Town Board to approve training for Axel Dedrick at SUNY Adk from April 6 to May 11; M & W from 6-9pm (No class April 15th).

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The cost of the training is \$359.00, plus travel and meal reimbursement.

The department has had at least 10 waterline freeze ups. Looking for recommendations to reach the public about the policy for frozen water lines, possibly posting to Facebook.

Black Point: the main line is frozen at the end of Black Point; they are pumping daily until they come up with a solution for thawing options.

Chief Wastewater Operator's Report

Working on yearly reports.

There was an overflow of waste on the motor of the conveyor; a backup pump is being priced.

SPDES paperwork was sent out; just waiting for a response.

Town Supervisor Discussions

Leak on Schuyler Street- department is aware of and working on.

Champlain Avenue- in addition to the cones that are there, they will put 1 lane road signs.

Town Projects for Discussion:

Water Meters- MJ Engineering- Absent; Via email

- Teleconference held on 2/12 with the Supervisor and Matt Fuller to discuss the project and review current and future public outreach efforts.
- A frequently asked questions (FAQs) document was prepared by MJ and provided to the Town for review and comment. Comments were received from the Town on 2/19. MJ will finalize the FAQs based on the received comments and provide to the Town for uploading to the Town's website. Project webpage is currently active.
- Informational handout is ready to be posted to the Town's website pending a "Note from the Supervisor".
- MJ is currently coordinating a date for a public open house and workshop to be held at Town Hall. Open house will include two (2) sessions, one early-mid afternoon session (1PM-3PM), and one evening session (6PM-8PM). Open House to be scheduled for late March / early April.
- MJ met with Eric Blanchard on 2/6 to conduct inspections of existing large water services (2"+). MJ to advise the Town if a follow-up site visit is needed.
- MJ has reached out to Daniel Alt at the DEC to confirm receipt and acceptance of the final Basis of Design report and formal comment responses.

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- Design documents for the meter project are expected to be submitted for regulatory review in March 2026.

Wastewater Treatment & Collection System- Wright-Pierce

Agenda

1. Project Funding

a. W-P's contract for the wastewater project was accepted and EFC is processing payment requests for engineering services.

2. Combined Sewer System Separation:

a. Survey, CCTV, and geotechnical performed work in the fall and will return in the spring to complete their investigation work.

b. Attached are some maps of parcels that we would like to request site access to in order to complete the CCTV and geotechnical boring/probe investigations.

c. We are currently reviewing the CCTV data and developing potential layouts in GIS.

3. WPCP – Upgrades, Phosphorus, & Ventilation:

a. W-P is working on obtaining two more quotes or phosphorus testing laboratory equipment (under \$20k need 3 quotes, over \$20k need to bid).

b. Doing a facility walkthrough with Rodney Greene today, WP's HVAC designer.

c. Matterscan completed a 3-D image scan of the facility at the beginning of the month.

d. ATL was onsite last week for limited hazardous investigation in the focused project areas.

4. Pump Stations:

a. WP is working on pump calculations and initial selections.

5. Amherst Avenue Water Line Replacement

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a. The contract is in QAQC and is my top priority to get to the Town based on the most recent break.

6. Annual CSO Report, PCCM Report, & Sensitivity Analysis

a. Annual CSO Report was submitted ahead of the January 30th deadline.

b. The PCCM Report & Sensitivity Analysis is ready pending some river flow information from Patriot Hydro.

7. Ticonderoga Emergency Response Plan

a. The contract was re-submitted to the Town on 1/14/26 with pricing unchanged from the original July

submission.

Chilson/Eagle Lake-

Matt discussed that RFQ's are out now for engineering services. AES Northeast services have been terminated.

He has also updated the EPA with the town's progress.

Supervisor O'Bryan discussed the Chilson/Eagle Lake Task Team that has been formed. He states the recent article in The Sun Community News has had positive comments. However, the numbers for hardness of the water were incorrectly reported and the importance of all information to be factual.

Essex County- Hannah Neilly (absent) Via email:

Essex County Project Status Update

1. Wastewater Project – Ticonderoga (C5-5510-05-00)

- **Funding:**

Secured through NYS EFC SRF.

WQIP/GIGP Grants were *not prefunded*.

GIGP – May not use depends on the total project cost

- **Next Steps:**

- Submitted Invoices for disbursement, as engineering costs are submitted

- **Invoices:**

May be sent directly to the Town and Hannah for processing.

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2. Water Meters

- **Funding:**
GIGP agreement has been executed.
The Town has issued a BAN to cover engineering costs temporarily (\$50,000.00)
- **Next Steps:**
 - Submitted CWSRF Financial Application – pending Bond Resolution increase (proceeds start on 01/27)

3. Chilson / Eagle Lake

- **Funding & Eligibility:**
 - a. Pending NYS EFC SRF Funds (need district)
 - b. NYS DOH Funds (Executed pending plan of finance from EFC)
 - c. EPA Funds – Still pending contract with funds from the CSD Award
- **Progress:** Well investigations – new sites to discuss
- **RFQ Engineering:** Posted 02/13/2026 with a Deadline of 03/06/2026
- **Next Steps:**
 - Forward any bills/invoices to draw against the \$300,000 allocation.
 - Hanson Van Vleet?
These are needed to submit to EFC and budget overview.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00am

Next Committee meeting is March 31, 2026 at 10:00

Minutes submitted by Sabrina Ross Water/Wastewater Clerk

Discussion was held on how to assess for EDU's, these should be done once a year. The Town needs to put a plan in place to make sure that these are assessed once a year and updated just once a year. There should be clear communication between departments when changes are done on properties.

Resolution #83-2026 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Laura Best to send Derrick Fleury and Colt Russell to New York State Rural Water Association's Annual Training Workshop at Turning Stone Resort May 18th thru May 20th. The total cost of training is \$930.00, Hotel cost is \$932.00, for a total of \$1,862.00. Plus, milage and meal costs. **All in Favor** Jim O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

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Resolution #84-2026 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher to authorize the Town Supervisor to enter a contract with Wright-Pierce regarding the proposed scope of services and fee for engineering services for the Town’s Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Response Plan Update for a total of \$17,000. **All in Favor** Jim O’Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Human Services: Youth – Laura Best, Councilwoman

Samuel DuShane

Meeting 3/6/26

- Biddy Basketball ran smoothly this season.
- Gore Ski Program had an extra day and that went well.
- 48\$ has been spent for the after-school program since I have been here.
- There have been no incident reports in the last month.
- Kids have been behaving well.
- They are interested in new games that were introduced to them (shark-tag, pop-up tag, Cross-over).
- There has been an average of 12-15 kids coming to the after-school program in the last month.

Resolution #85-2026 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher to authorize a letter of support of the Ticonderoga Little League’s grant application for securing funding to build an open-air pavilion at the Little League Park. **All in Favor** Jim O’Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Dear Marissa:

Thank you for your recent correspondence on the Ticonderoga Little League’s project for designing and building an open air pavilion adjacent to Field #1 and the Tennis Courts.

Your groups initiative to provide a shaded gathering place for children, families and the elderly is commendable and greatly needed. What we really appreciate about this project is where it comes from. This project wasn’t something your group thought up, rather it was a suggestion provided by the community in your end of season community survey, which you started last year. This sharing of information and consideration of other ideas is what is helping strengthen our community. So, Thank you.

I want you to know that the Ticonderoga Town Board is appreciative of the time, energy and work which you the board, coaches and players put in for not only our community but more importantly a

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success for all the children to play on all our sports teams. We wish you the best of luck with this grant and look forward to the completion of this project.

Let us know if there is anything we can do to help. Best of luck – Ticonderoga Town Board

Human Services: Seniors – Heath Towne, Councilman

No meeting until April.

Health Insurance – Jim O’Bryan, Supervisor

No Meeting.

Contract Negotiations – Jim O’Bryan, Supervisor

Jeff Honeywell, Honeywell Law Firm, and I met on Tuesday, February 24th with both CSEA bargaining units and their negotiator, Emy Pombrio. I am happy to advise you that we have worked out a final settlement with both CSEA Groups, and we are waiting to see if they ratify the agreements.

Cable T.V. & I.T. – Jim O’Bryan, Supervisor

No Report.

Finance

Resolution #86-2026 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Heath Towne To offer employment to Emma Manning, Alawna Bell, and Tara Harrington as Activities Attendants at the rate of \$16.00/hour, no benefits. **All in Favor** Jim O’Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #87-2026 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Heath Towne Authorizing the following budget transfers:

A.1989.400	Contingency	(\$874.08)
A.1370.410	Discount on Taxes TWC (Franchise Fee Adjust)	\$868.84
A.1375.401	Credit Card Fees	\$5.24

Fund underbudgeted General accounts & increased costs from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$78,849.83).

DA.1989.400	Contingency	(\$920.00)
DA.5130.442	Highway Equipment Rental	\$920.00

Fund underbudgeted Highway accounts & increased costs from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$11,080.00). **All in Favor** Jim O’Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #88-2026 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher Authorizing the following budget adjustments:

SW09.9710.600	Debt Service Principal Bond	\$125,000.00
SW09.9710.700	Debt Service Interest Bond	\$1,777.15

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Funding under budgeted accounts by Fund Balances. All in Favor Jim O’Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #89-2026 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Laura Best Authorizing the following Inter-Fund Transfer:

A.9950.900	General Inter-fund Transfer	(\$7,907.31)
H61.5031	Chilson / Eagle Lake	\$7,907.31

Transfer funds from General to Eagle Lake Water Project. All in Favor Jim O’Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #90-2026 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Laura Best authorizing the following Inter-Fund Loans:

A.0391	General Due From Other Funds	(\$25,242.02)
H21.0630	Airport Apron Expansion	\$25,242.02

Transfer funds from General to Airport Apron Expansion project under funding is received.

SW.0391	Central Water Due From Other Funds	(\$550.00)
H63.0630	Water Meter Project Due To Other Funds	\$550.00

Transfer funds from Central Water to Water Meter project until funding is received.

All in Favor Jim O’Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Other Business

Resolution #91-2026 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Laura Best to publish the annual Notice concerning the examination of inventory and valuation data per Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law. All in Favor Jim O’Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #92-2026 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher to pay the abstract #3- of 2026. All in Favor Jim O’Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Board Meeting Date 3/12/2026				
Gross Payroll # 5	126,323.92			
Gross Payroll # 6	124,249.26			
Gross Payroll #	-			
Trust & Agency Total	\$250,573.18			
Pre-Pays:	\$0.00			

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ABSTRACT # 3	3/12/2026	Cash Transfers	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenses
General (A)	187,434.15	187,434.15	4,465,992.48	787,901.59
CD20 LaChute Trail Connector	-	-		
CD21 LISC Zombie		-	-	-
CM Library Trust Special		-	-	-
Highway (DA)	71,123.50	71,123.50	1,641,777.85	307,691.66
H15 - Airport Runway And Taxiway Lighting	-	-		-
H17 - Ticonderoga Airport Improvements		-	-	-
H18 - Airport Pavement Management	-	-	-	-
H19 - Airport Apron Reconstruction / Taxiway Rehab	-	-	-	-
H20 - Airport Environmental Assessment	-	-	-	-
H21 - Apron Expansion	25,242.02	25,242.02	2,875.77	28,437.32
H36 - C/P Chilson Res. Replacement	-	-	-	-
H45 - C/P Equipment Purchase		-	-	-
H48 - FEMA Chilson Water Main		-	-	-
H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming	-	-	-	-
H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP Disinfection	-	-	-	-
H51 - Res & Design French Sawmill		-	-	-
H53 - Clean Water Main Project	-	-	-	-
H54 - LaChute Signage Grant		-	-	-
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know		-	-	-
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path		-	-	-
H58 - WWTP HVAC Project		-	-	-

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H59 - LCBP Storm Water Sewer Separation	-	-	-	-
H60 - Veterans RD Culvert/Bridge NY Project	-	-	-	
H61 - Chilson/Eagle Lake Water Exploration	7,907.31	8,457.31	618.80	8,526.11
H62 - Lead Service Line Replacement Grant	-		-	-
H63 - Water Meter Project	550.00		-	12,520.00
H64 - WWTP Ventilation Project GIGP	-		-	-
H65 - 5052 WWTP Phosphorous removal EPG	-		-	-
H66 - NYS DEC EPG #104867	-		-	-
H67- Wet Weather Operating Plan	-	-	-	-
H68 - Black Point HVAC 5099	-	-	-	-
H69 - LaChute River Walk Trail Extension	-	-	-	-
H70 - Skating Rink Project	-		-	-
H71-Waste Water Treatment Plat Upgrade WTP	69,367.00	69,367.00		137,810.75
PN - Permanent Fund Mt. Hope Cemetery			-	-
SF01- Ticonderoga Town/Village Joint Fire District	-		801,000.00	801,000.00
SF02 - Chilson Fire Protection District	-		107,345.00	107,345.00
SM03 - Ticonderoga Ems District	-		397,140.00	397,140.00
Claymore Sewer District (SS01)	57.97		59.00	218.38
Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	26.82		428.21	11,210.84
Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	43.72		70.16	9,044.11
Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	197.19		58.10	5,220.24
Central Sewer (SS05)	30,351.36	31,978.11	42,922.16	271,128.02
Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	249.70		131.85	18,857.02
Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	170.30		31.90	4,930.43

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Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)	217.05		93.59	7,430.76
Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	269.73		881.92	117,147.68
Hague Road Sewer (SS10)	-		-	-
9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	365.72		46.57	7,108.15
Hague Sewer (SS12)	28.55		47.41	2,455.88
Consolidated Water (SW)	37,718.66		8,488.08	241,871.15
9N & 74 Water (SW01)	-		-	
Street Road Water (SW02)	-		-	
Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)	-		-	-
Homelands Water District (SW04)	-		-	-
Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)	-		-	-
Central Water (SW06)	-	164,495.81	-	-
Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)	-			-
Shore Airport Water (SW09)	126,777.15		-	126,777.15
Multi Account Total	558,097.90	558,097.90	7,470,008.85	3,411,772.24
Total Expenditures This Abstract	\$808,671.08	TRUE		

Resolution #93-2026 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Laura Best, to accept the meeting minutes of February 12, 2026, Town Board Meeting and the minutes of February 26, 2026, Town Board Finance Meeting. **All in Favor** Jim O’Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #94-2026 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher to accept the Supervisor’s monthly report as submitted. **All in Favor** Jim O’Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Supervisor's Report

3/12/2026

Account Title	GFNB	NYCLASS	GFNB ICS	Total
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General	4,072,411.90	190,986.90	3,070,122.51	7,333,521.31
Airport	116,207.26			116,207.26
Highway	1,468,570.56	96,168.32	1,435,382.79	3,000,121.67
H17 - Airport				-
H36 - Master Drinking Water	100,271.38			100,271.38
Clean Water H49 H50 H53	147,260.07			147,260.07
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know				-
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path				-
H58 - WWTP - HVAC Planning Grant				-
H59 - LCBP NEIWPC				-
H61 - Chilson Eagle Lake Project				-
All other Capital Projects	1,963,242.00			
SS01 - Claymore				-
SS02 - Park Ave				-
SS03 - Alex Ave				-
SS04 - Homelands				-
SS05 & All Districts	787,341.46	783,830.14	1,142,010.16	2,713,181.76
SS06 - Commerce				-
SS07 - Delano Point				-
SS08 - Baldwin				-
SS09 - Black Point				-
SS10 - Hague Rd				-
SS11 - 9N&74				-
SW01 - 9N&73				-
SW02 - Street Road				-
SW03 - Alex Ave I				-
SW04 - Homelands				-
SW05 - Alex Ave II				-
SW - Central Water All Districts	409,552.79	578,138.47	228,677.35	1,216,368.61

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C/R - Carillon Park		5,879.71		5,879.71
C/R - Liberty Monument		27,987.55		27,987.55
C/R - Unemployment		34,759.37		34,759.37
C/R - Police Equipment		132,396.12		132,396.12
C/R - Senior Bus		75,167.67		75,167.67
C/R - Frazier Bridge		7,584.47		7,584.47
C/R - Forfeiture		2,020.99		2,020.99
C/R - Building Improvement		27,673.26		27,673.26
C/R - General Sidewalk Improvement		105,107.27		
C/R - Building & Grounds Equipment		35,460.78		
C/R - Airport Development		303,367.53		
C/R - Highway Equipment		490,691.95		490,691.95
C/R - DA Sidewalk Repair		56,548.32		
C/R - Sewer Equipment + Infrastructure		165,794.61		165,794.61
C/R - Sewer Repair		115,270.17		115,270.17
C/R - Water Equipment + Infrastructure		349,062.45		349,062.45
C/R - Water Repair		68,000.00		68,000.00
0				-
Library Trust		39,036.05		39,036.05
Mount Hope Cemetery		31,487.98		31,487.98
				16,199,744.41
Total	9,064,857.42	3,722,420.08	5,876,192.81	18,663,470.31

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Town Clerk, Tonya M. Thompson

We have finally satisfied the Town portion of the 2026 Town & County tax warrant collecting over seven million dollars – much later this year than in years past.

Essex County Rabies clinics have been announced for the 2026 season, with the first in Westport on March 24th, Ticonderoga's will be September 8th.

We are still looking for Summer Counselors and Lifeguards for the 2026 season.

The Town needs to bring up the custodial position in the Town – part-time/full-time, are we going to advertise. This needs to be decided as the current custodian does not have sufficient time to clean the new police department, which is probably four times the size of the old building.

Everyone has the breakdown of the cost analysis, please look at it and figure this out. More discussion to happen at the financial meeting.

Town Attorney, Matthew Fuller

RFQ's came in for Chilson and Eagle Lake Engineering – we have not received those from the County, but the Town will need to interview them to go through the process.

Has there been any movement on the Court Security guard? We are looking into an SRO (a particular title needs to be determined) – the County Sheriff believes they can run this through his books, pay would be regulated by them. More investigation to be had.

Closing comments – None.

Thank you for coming.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Town of Ticonderoga

Board Meeting Agenda (Thursday, March 12, 2026; 6:00 p.m.)

Call Meeting to Order

Pledge to the Flag

Opening Remarks: I want to welcome everyone to our March Town Board Meeting. As I mentioned in January 2026, it is lining up to be a busy year for Ticonderoga with key initiatives

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currently being looked at including the Bright Sand Project at Sylvamo. This one project is projected at 190 MM in startup cost and will bring 200 high paying jobs to Ticonderoga. Currently, a study on the feasibility of this project is underway with more information to come. A second project involving the building of 32 new duplex and triplex homes on the land outlined by Cannonball Path and the Hawkeye Trail is progressing. We met with the builder today to discuss the project and their timeline for moving forward.

Also mentioned at the January meeting, the time has finally come for us to build a community consensus on what is best for our town and our residents whose water comes from Gooseneck Pond. On February 10th, 12 of 13 members who volunteered to be part of a Task Team came together here in the Community Building Auditorium to begin working on developing a recommendation for providing clean drinking water to the Chilson Hill and Eagle Lake areas. During this first meeting the group participated in a Brainstorming exercise, which Identified 13 ideas centered on providing a future water source(s) to 109 homes currently connected to the Gooseneck transmission line. Using Brainstorming, and a weighted vote, task team members queued in on two specific statements for study. The two statements are:

3. Simplify the treatment process by installing Ultraviolet (UV) ray treatment and other associated equipment adjacent to the town's chlorinator at Eagle Lake.
4. Formation of a water district for the Chilson Hill and Eagle Lake areas is extremely important going forward.

This past Tuesday evening, the task team began to explore whether statement #1 can be used to meet the requirements set forth by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New York State Department of Health. The task team met with a UV specialist to conduct research on potential solutions for treating Gooseneck water. At this time a cost analysis is being completed by the UV specialist and will be presented to the Task Team, so that they might have a better idea of what a project using UV treatment might look like. The task team meets on the second Tuesday every month at 6:00 P.M. here in this board room. A final recommendation to the This Town Board is due no later than November 12, 2026.

Public Hearing: Regarding The Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of the Consolidated Water District, in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York (regarding Water Meters)

Resolution - determining that it is in the public interest to make the Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of the Consolidated Water District, in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,215,080 consisting of the installation of water meters, including original furnishings, equipment,

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machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith

Resolution – authorizing the issuance of at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,215,080 serial Bonds of the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York to pay the costs of the Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of the Consolidated Water District for the installation of water meters, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith

Discussion: authorizing the increase of the Part-time Janitor position to Full-time at the salary rate of \$16.00 (Account #A.1620.112).

Public Opening Comments:

Committee reports

Airport TT

Building Grounds Parks Rec Library LB/DW

Resolution: To establish a separate Building and Grounds Committee from the current Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Recreation, Historical Lands, Monuments, Beach, and Cemeteries Committee with Dave Woods as Chair, C. Thomas Thatcher as Vice Chair. Committee members will include Tonya Thompson, Terry Smith, Nicole Green and Fred Hurlburt. The committee will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 A.M.

Resolution: To allow Supervisor O'Bryan to appoint a new Co-Chair to the Parks and Recreation Sub-committee.

Economic Development JO

The Economic Subcommittee did not meet during the month of February, so I have nothing to report. Currently, I anticipate our first meeting being in late April. In the meantime, I will continue to meet with members of this subcommittee and others on an individual basis with respect to projects preparing to begin or projects currently underway.

Highway / Transfer Station DW

Municipal Facility Evaluation TT

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Public Safety DW

Resolution: – To accept the resignation of Dog Control Officer Robert Budwick effective March 11, 2026.

Resolution – to advertise for a Dog Control Officer position part-time, on-call, no benefits – annual salary of \$8,889.00.

Public Works JO

Discussion on developing a formal policy around the towns handling of EDU's.

Resolution: To send Derrick Fleury and Colt Russell to New York State Rural Water Association's Annual Training Workshop at Turning Stone Resort May 18th thru May 20th. The total cost of training is \$930.00, Hotel cost is \$932.00, for a total of \$1,862.00. Plus, milage and meal costs.

Resolution: to authorize the Town Supervisor to enter a contract with Wright-Pierce regarding the proposed scope of services and fee for engineering services for the Town's Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Response Plan Update for a total of \$17,000.

Human Services - Youth LB

Resolution: In support of the Ticonderoga Little League's grant application for securing funding to build an open-air pavilion at the Little League park (read letter of support into the record).

Human Services - Seniors HT

Health Insurance JO

Contract Negotiations JO

Jeff Honeywell, Honeywell Law Firm, and I met on Tuesday, February 24th

with both CSEA bargaining units and their negotiator, Emy Pombrio. I am happy to advise you that we have worked out a final settlement with both CSEA Groups, and we are waiting to see if they ratify the agreements.

Cable T.V. JO

Nothing to report.

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- H63.0630 Water Meter Project Due To Other Funds \$550.00

Transfer funds from Central Water to Water Meter project until funding is received.

Other Business

Resolution – to publish the annual Notice concerning the examination of inventory and valuation data per Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Resolution: To pay the abstract.

Resolution: To accept the meeting minutes of February 12, 2026, Town Board Meeting and the minutes of February 26, 2026, Town Board Finance Meeting.

Resolution: To accept the Supervisor’s monthly report as submitted.

Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Attorney, Matt Fuller

Any further Discussion?

Public Closing Comments

Executive Session-

Adjourn the Town Board Meeting