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PUBLIC HEARING-Proposed Amendments to Temporary Merchant Certificate 7:00 P.M

The public hearing was opened at 7:00 p.m. There were no questions or comments. Deputy Supervisor Rohan made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:01 p.m., Councilman O'Connor seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING-Proposed Local Law #3 of 2026-BESS Moratorium 7:01 P.M.

The public hearing was opened at 7:01 p.m. Mike Hewitt representing the Wilton Fire Department said he would support this moratorium for multiple reasons. He said he didn't think things really need to be built in rural areas. Should something happen to these, they typically burn for three to five days. That means you're evacuating all these people from their homes, and you know, with a half mile radius of this thing, you know, potentially up to five days. If you do put it in a rural area, we don't have hydrants in those areas. Even if we were to have hydrants, you're looking at a minimum of 100,000 gallons of water per day for up to five days, It will probably put a serious tax on the water authority, and manpower. If I have volunteer agency, we all have jobs. Staffing this for five days straight, we'd have to have multiple agencies to support suppression of something like this. If you firemen are answering the call, someone's also covering your stations,

There were no more questions or comments.

Councilman O'Connor made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:04 p.m., Councilwoman Kolligian seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING-Proposed Building Department Fee Updates 7:02 P.M.

The public hearing was opened at 7:04 p.m. There were no questions or comments. Deputy Supervisor Rohan made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:05 p.m., Councilman O'Connor seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-June 4, 2026

The town board meeting for the Town of Wilton on June 4, 2026 was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Sturm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Sturm opened the meeting, and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed the following board members present:

Toni Sturm-Supervisor
Connor Rohan-Councilman
Erinn Kolligian-Councilwoman
Ray O'Conor-Councilman
Joe Keneally-Councilman

Also present was Ryan K. Riper, P. E., Director of Planning and Engineering, Maria Moran, CPA, Comptroller and Mark Schachner, Town Counsel.

Public Comment

Amy McGarrity spoke about the lack of sidewalks along Northern Pines Road. She noted that while new sidewalks and bike trails are being added elsewhere, the many neighborhoods along Northern Pines remain disconnected from those facilities and from one another. She asked what can be done, possibly in coordination with the county, to improve safety and connectivity. Supervisor Sturm acknowledged her concerns, explained that meaningful improvements would likely require a multi-use path rather than just sidewalks because of the narrow shoulders, and emphasizes that such projects are costly and require planning studies and grant funding. They point to the long planning horizon that was necessary to get the Carr Road roundabouts and path funded and built. The board mentions an upcoming feasibility study and a fall newsletter survey that will ask residents which connections they see as most important. Mrs. McGarrity offers to help as a resident, and the board notes a nearby mini-park on Northern Pines that would also benefit from safer access.

Minutes

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #157

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes

from the May 7, 2026 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Keneally, duly put to a vote, all in favor except Councilwoman Kolligian who abstained. The motion passed 4-0.

Maria Moran, Comptroller, introduced Ms. Jennifer Menard, the Senior Audit Manager from MMB, noting that this is the first year MMB has audited the town. Ms. Menard explains that she will not go through every page or all the numbers, because the statements are extensive and the board already receives accurate information during the year. She explains that the auditors' report provides an unmodified opinion—the highest level of assurance—and that is what the town has received.

She then walks through key portions of the report. She points out that there was a “correction of an error” call-out: some federal aid revenue that should have been recorded in 2024 was recorded in 2025, and there was also an issue with compensated absences where certain leave payouts should have been accounted for under the pension standard rather than as compensated absences. Those issues have now been corrected and disclosed in the notes. She stresses that management, led by Ms. Moran, is responsible for the financial statements, while the auditors are responsible for providing assurance. She highlights the management's discussion and analysis as the only narrative “story” section with comparative year-to-year information, and she describes how the notes detail accounting policies, fund balance classifications, and restrictions on certain balances and cash. She clarifies that fund balance is not the same as cash in the bank.

Ms. Menard also explains the expanded employee benefits note, updated to comply with GASB 101, and mentions upcoming standards (GASB 103–105), anticipating that 103 will significantly change management's discussion and analysis and related supplementary information. She notes that some restricted fund balances are backed by specific bank accounts that can only be used for defined purposes. Returning to the correction of errors, she elaborates on the misclassified federal revenue and the compensated absences adjustment. She then reviews the separate report on internal controls and compliance, stating that there were no findings, no weaknesses, and no recommendations—something she frames as very positive. She also covers the federal “single audit” report under Uniform Guidance, which was required because the town

expended over \$1 million in federal funds, largely related to ARPA. She notes that the town again received an unmodified opinion there. She outlines the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and explains that whether a single audit is needed in future years will depend on whether federal spending again exceeds \$1 million.

In a shorter governance letter packet, she reiterates auditor responsibilities, independence, and safeguards, including the way they handle assisting with financial statement preparation without compromising independence, and she again lists the corrections made. She remarks that, in her experience, this was probably the smoothest first-year audit she has done, praising Ms. Moran's work. Board members respond appreciatively, with Councilman O'Connor noting decades of experience reading financial statements and calling the depth and breadth of both the auditor's work and Ms. Moran's work "unmatched."

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #158

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED,** to accept the 2025 audit
report from MMB.

The adoption of the resolution was
seconded by Councilman O'Connor,
duly put to a vote, all in favor the
motion passed 5-0.

WWPP Contract

Ms. Moran explains that this is an arm's length arrangement in which the town grants the Preserve \$87,500 each year, typically, to support educational staff and interns who run programs for the community, including for the town's summer camp. In return, the town and residents receive extensive educational services and programming. The grant is paid quarterly, with some flexibility to accommodate the Preserve's cash flow.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #159

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2026 contract with Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

NYS Supplemental Right of Way Agreement Acquisition

New York State supplemental right-of-way agreement related to the Car Road–Jones Road connectivity project. This project includes two roundabouts and a multi-use path linking McGregor Links along Car Road to Dorothy Nolan. Ms. Moran explains that they are in the right-of-way phase of the preliminary design, not yet in construction, which is anticipated around 2027. The town is obtaining right-of-way acquisitions and temporary easements, and although more than \$242,000 in federal funds have already been authorized for right-of-way purposes, the town must initially pay and then be reimbursed through the state. This supplemental agreement is the mechanism to ensure the state reimburses the town properly. Mrs. Maria notes she wanted this agreement in place before disbursing public funds to private property owners.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #160

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the NYS Supplemental Right of Way Agreement Acquisition.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O’Conor, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

Amendment to Temporary Merchant Certificate

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #161

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the amendments to the Temporary Merchant Certificate.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

Local Law #3 of 2026-BESS Moratorium

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #162

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Local Law #3, a moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Keneally, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 4-0.

Building Department Fee Updates

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #163

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Building Department Fee Updates, as presented.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Keneally, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

Hazardous Waste Day

The town has not offered such a day for several years and plans to do so in the fall. Two bids were received, but the Town Clerk reporting explains there are inconsistencies in both, including unclear unit pricing and mismatches in units (such as pounds versus ounces) and blanks that could mean either “no charge” or “not accepted.” Because of this, she is still seeking clarification from both companies to ensure an apples-to-apples comparison. Councilwoman Kolligian recalls similar issues the last time this was done.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #164

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to table any action on the Hazardous Waste Day bids.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

Fee Waiver-Gavin Park

The request for a fee waiver for Gavin Park rental for a fundraiser connected with Healing Springs and held in memory of Shelby Countermine. The event is scheduled for Saturday,

September 19. There is some brief discussion about nonprofit status, Healing Springs is a 501(c)(3)—but the essential point is that this is a charitable fundraiser.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #165

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the fee waiver for the fundraiser in Gavin Park in memory of Shelby Countermine.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

MS4 Technical/Regulatory Support Services

To comply with DEC stormwater requirements, Ryan Riper, Director of Planning and Engineering explains that a new DEC mandate requires inspection of the town’s stormwater structures in year three of the MS4 cycle—over 3,000 inspection points. Initially, they considered doing the work in-house, but the scope proved too large, so most towns are turning to consultants who use junior staff or interns to complete the inspections and mapping. The work will update the stormwater system inventory, mapping, and monitoring locations, and will help prioritize future inspections on a five-year cycle. Mr. Riper emphasizes this is an unfunded state mandate. The cost is about \$20,000 and was not fully built into the current budget, though some stormwater funds had previously been carried year to year. The work is expected to take 10 to 16 weeks, coordinated with the Highway department for safe access to structures in the roadway.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #166

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the contract

with MJ Engineering for MS4 Technical and Regulatory Support Services.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

Proposed Sign Code Amendments

Deputy Supervisor Rohan presented the proposed sign code amendments from the Code Revision Committee. He explains that the town's current sign code is not in compliance with the 2015 United States Supreme Court decision in *Reed v. Town of Gilbert, Arizona*. That case held that content-based sign regulations that require a government official to decide which rules apply based on what a sign says amount to censorship. To fix this, the town must treat all temporary non-commercial signs the same regardless of content. Deputy Supervisor Rohan explains that the proposal essentially takes the existing non-content-based temporary sign standards and applies them uniformly to all temporary non-commercial signs. It also clarifies distinctions that are not content-based, such as event-related signs, which can be defined in objective terms.

The amendments also legalize A-frame and sandwich board signs in the hamlet and other relevant areas. Although such signs are technically banned under the current code, they exist in town, have not caused problems, and the town wants to support small businesses as it works to revitalize the hamlet zone. Furthermore, the code currently bans obscene, pornographic, or "immoral" signs. The proposed change removes "immoral," because courts have held that morality standards invite unconstitutional subjectivity; the code will retain a prohibition on obscene or pornographic signage.

Deputy Supervisor Rohan described size limits: in residential and mixed-use zones, temporary non-commercial signs will be limited to four square feet, while in commercial zones the maximum size for temporary signs will be reduced from 32 to 8–16 square feet, aligning with more modern code practice. He clarifies that these rules apply only to temporary signs and will not require existing permanent signs to be replaced. For temporary event signs, there will be explicit duration limits: they can be posted no earlier than 45 days before the event and must be removed within five days after. He notes that town attorneys reviewed the draft and requested a refinement to prevent "temporary"

signs from staying up indefinitely; the solution is to allow a sign for up to 12 months before a permit is required, which will be finalized before the public hearing but does not materially alter the draft. After some questions about time limits and election signs, the board moves to set a public hearing on these sign code amendments.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #167

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to set a public hearing for proposed sign code amendments for July 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

Deputy Supervisor Rohan then introduces another code change related to telecommunication towers, focusing on structural engineering of breakaway points and setbacks. He explains that some towers are engineered with a specific breakaway point so that, in a catastrophic event, the tower breaks at that point and only the upper portion falls, while the base remains anchored. The current code applies a fall zone setback based on the full tower height (150 percent of height), which in practice is overly restrictive and has forced applicants to repeatedly seek relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The proposal would base the required fall zone setback on the height above the engineered breakaway point instead. Even then, the town’s proposed standard remains very conservative—using 100 percent (or more) of the height above the break point as the setback. Mr. Connor notes that they consulted Verizon and reviewed other municipalities’ codes, and even Verizon considered the proposed setback quite conservative. The advantage of this change is to streamline the planning process without reducing safety. The board clarifies that telecommunication companies would still have recourse to the Zoning Board of Appeals if they wanted variances, but that the baseline standard would better reflect engineering reality.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #168

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to set a public hearing for proposed Telecommunication Tower Amendments on July 2, 2026 at 7:01 p.m.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

Brick Church Tree Removal

Supervisor Sturm explained that the town has approximately 13 abandoned cemeteries for which, under state law, the town has assumed maintenance responsibility. One of these, the Brick Church Cemetery on Northern Pines Road near Gailor Road, has a huge white pine that has fallen and is resting on headstones, breaking some of them. The tree is too large and too awkwardly situated for the highway department to handle with its own equipment. Mike Monroe, Highway Superintendent, has met with Sears, the tree contractor that holds the county contract, to discuss removal.

The challenge is access. The downed tree cannot be reached from the road or via the cemetery itself without damaging headstones; access requires entering from a neighboring private property, where the owner has given permission. However, that means clearing a path and performing significant work in a tight, sensitive space. Highway Superintendent Monroe and the contractor examined the site and identified about 80 trees of varying sizes that, if removed, would substantially clear the perimeter of the cemetery and reduce future risk. The total estimate from Sears is about \$35,000. Some of these trees, including other large white pines with shallow roots, are leaning or entangled and present clear hazards; some are caught at heights of 50 to 60 feet.

The board explores multiple questions. They ask if 80 trees is excessive, whether Sears is the only option, and what the town's precise maintenance obligation is under state law. Ms. Moran notes that the county contract for tree work is structured unusually this year: normally one vendor wins, but in this contract Sears is primary, with Adirondack Tree

Surgeons and another company also listed as usable contractors. She notes that the rates differ dramatically—Sears is much cheaper per unit than Adirondack Tree Surgeons—but emphasizes that it is still worth obtaining other opinions or estimates, if possible, because another company might have different equipment or strategies that would reduce cost or avoid needing to cross private property. Board members mention other local firms, such as Adirondack Tree Surgeons and Tom Mullen, and express interest in cost comparisons to show residents that the town pursued the most responsible option.

They also discuss liability. The Sears proposal includes fine print disclaiming liability for damage, effectively placing all risk on the town. Mrs. Maria finds that unacceptable and is working to have the language changed. There is speculation that Sears may be able to offer lower rates partly because of that liability disclaimer. The board talks about the potential legal and moral issues: as the cemetery owner of record (for maintenance purposes), the town owns the trees on the cemetery property. If a hazardous tree falls on a visitor or vehicle, the town could be exposed to claims, and it would be difficult to argue in court that it knowingly left dangerous trees standing.

There is also a broader policy concern: some board members question how it came to be that an active cemetery—where burials occurred as recently as 2007—could be effectively abandoned by a private owner (such as a church) and have its financial responsibilities transferred to the town without a clear perpetuity fund. The Brick Church Cemetery is associated with a First Baptist Church, whose name still appears on tax rolls, but the church itself is long gone. The board notes that this is not the first time the town has had to invest heavily in tree work at cemeteries; they recall spending in the range of \$15,000–\$20,000 at the Loudon Cemetery previously.

Board members weigh whether to do only the minimal work—removing the downed tree and a few immediate hazards—or to approve the comprehensive “once and done” plan at higher upfront cost to reduce future risk and repeated mobilization expense. The estimate works out to around \$400 per tree, which they note compares reasonably with typical private tree removal costs, especially for large and hazardous trees. Mr. Mike reminds them that, unlike the Loudon Cemetery situation, this site’s access constraints and the danger posed by hanging and leaning trees put the work beyond the capacity of public works. Board members suggest that if they pursue other bids, they may discover alternative methods but acknowledge that extensive work will be needed regardless.

After thorough discussion, Councilman O’Conor proposes a compromise: authorize proceeding with the full scope of work with Sear’s, but condition that on resolving the liability clause so that the town is adequately protected. If Sear’s will not amend its terms, the town would then seek bids or proposals from other companies.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #169

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize proceeding with the removal of trees on County Contract with Sears Tree Service on the condition of resolving the liability clause in the contract.

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED, if the contract is not amended the town will seek bids and proposals from other companies.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O’Conor, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

Economic Development Grant

The Supervisor Sturm explained that the grant is recurring, though not always perfectly predictable in timing, and there is no direct “mandatory” match on paper. Ms. Moran clarified that in practice it functions as a 50-50 arrangement: the town must spend at least as much as the county gives, so a full \$8,000 county grant implies at least an \$8,000 town contribution, for a minimum project size around \$16,000. Scott Harrington is asked whether using the grant to install automatic handicap-accessible door operators at town facilities makes sense. He explains that retrofitting the doors at Town Hall, the Senior Center, and Gavin Park would cost roughly \$15,000–\$16,000, aligning well with the grant plus match. The court building is also mentioned; installing automatic

operators on one exterior door (since both already have ramps) and one interior door there might add another roughly \$8,000, bringing a full package to around \$24,000.

Mr. Harrington noted that while the doors are already ADA compliant structurally—ramps and basic accessibility are in place—the automatic openers would significantly improve accessibility for many residents. The board weighs whether to include the court building in this round or consider it in a future grant cycle. As this excerpt ends, they are leaning toward using the grant to fund automatic doors at multiple town facilities, maximizing both accessibility improvements and the utility of the county’s economic development grant structure.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #170

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to go to bid and to apply for the Economic Development Grant from Saratoga County for automatic doors for Town Hall, Court, Senior Center and Gavin Park.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

Saratoga County Trails Grant

The Saratoga County Trails grant, which offers \$10,000 annually with at least a 25% local match. The Alternative Transportation Committee has been working on a proposal that combines a relatively small, near-term project at Gavin Park with a longer-term feasibility study for a multi-use path linking Graphite Range Community Forest to the planned Carr/Jones multi-use path and, by extension, to Gavin Park.

The Gavin Park portion would introduce bicycle-friendly features within and around the park: bicycle route signage on local streets leading into the park, a few “sharrows” (painted shared-lane bike symbols) on low-speed internal roads, and several new bike racks. They explain that current racks are mostly used by summer camp staff and are often full, so additional racks would directly support current and future biking.

The internal park speed limit is just 15 mph, which makes it an appropriate candidate for sharrows, and the committee views these markings as both functional and educational signaling the presence of bicycle infrastructure to residents.

The more expensive part is a feasibility study for a multi-use path running from Graphite Range, along Worth Road, turning onto Northern Pines Road, and meeting the future Carr/Jones path near Lakeview Drive. Mr. Riper and the committee believe that for around \$15,000, a trail planner can map constraints, public safety issues, and potential alignments sufficiently to prepare for future grant applications. They emphasize that the multi-use path here would connect two major recreational destinations: Graphite Range and Gavin Park, while also tying into the already-funded roundabout and multi-use path project set to be under construction by around 2027.

This proposal triggers an extended safety and routing discussion. Councilwoman Kolligian is wary of designating a bike route via Beverly Road before the roundabouts and multi-use path are fully built, particularly because of a sharp curve on Jones Road with no shoulder where traffic speeds can be high. She suggested using Lori Ann Drive, which connects more directly to the sidewalk near Dorothy Nolan Elementary School and an existing crosswalk from the mobile home park, offering better sight distances and a more controlled environment. Town Counsel and the town's insurance agent have previously opined that adding bike route signage does not, by itself, create an unreasonable liability, but the board still wants to be cautious.

The board agreed to use Lori Ann Drive as the signed bike route connection for now, with signage that can be moved or expanded later, and limiting sharrows to inside Gavin Park. Sharrows and signage would thus serve as a modest, somewhat modular demonstration project. The signage cost is manageable, and if needed, signs can be relocated as the overall system evolves. Mr. Bederian explained that sharrows in a low-speed park setting are a standard tool to highlight shared use; they can fade and be repainted or eventually replaced with more permanent symbols, but the main intention is awareness.

On costs, the Board discussed that materials for the park sharrows and signage (including stencils and paint) are projected at a bit over \$6,000 total, with the town contributing labor as in-kind match. The feasibility study is roughly \$15,000. Combined, the whole effort would be around \$21,000, financed by the \$10,000 county trails grant and about \$11,000 in town funds (plus in-kind labor). Supervisor Sturm explicitly frames the request as seeking board permission to move forward with both pieces as one combined project, with understanding that the town's share would be about \$11,000.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #171

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, approve the feasibility study for a multi-use trail from Gavin Park to Graphite Mountain Range trailhead and to apply for the \$10,000 Saratoga County Trails Grant with \$11,000 in town funds for a total of \$21,000.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

Committee Reports

Councilman O’Conor reported on a field visit to the site of the new fishing pier along Northern Pines Road with Highway Superintendent Monroe and representatives from a partner organization. They discussed upcoming work and estimate that if the weather cooperates, the pier and related site work could be complete sometime mid-summer, perhaps July or August.

Deputy Supervisor Rohan reported from the Code Revision Committee, which is juggling several major code-overhaul tasks. He described upcoming presentations from:

- A comprehensive plan working group that has done a gap analysis between the comprehensive plan’s objectives and the existing zoning and code language.
- A Hamlet zone working group examining what the Hamlet should realistically look like and how to align code with that vision. He also notes that the committee is working through a draft comprehensive lighting code aimed at issues like light pollution and consistency across developments, and that they have a septic code draft that still needs substantial work but is on the agenda if time allows.

Councilman Keneally reported on the Alternate Transportation Committee and Emergency Services Planning Committee. On Emergency services, he

recounts that their recent meeting at the Emergency Services facility was lightly attended due to an active highway incident, but those present—including the fire chief and EMS representatives—were strongly in favor of the moratorium on battery energy storage systems (BESS). They see it as necessary breathing room while technology, risks, and best practices evolve. Councilman Keneally noted that the technology is changing quickly, and what is considered a long-burn, hard-to-control battery fire issue today may be quite different in a few years, so the moratorium allows the town to study and respond thoughtfully rather than being pushed into immediate siting decisions in rural areas. Their next project is revisiting the town's nuisance alarm code, because repeated false or non-emergency alarms—both fire and medical—are straining emergency personnel. They intend to refine that section of code and bring recommended updates back to the board.

Councilwoman Kolligian gives a Gavin Park and Recreation update. She reports that the concrete for the new pickleball courts has been poured, though the contractor is moving slower than originally hoped. They are monitoring next steps in surfacing and fencing. She also recounts a meeting of the Recreation Commission where leaders from Wilton Youth Baseball, softball, soccer, and other park user groups attended. The most common concerns were parking, the need for more permanent restrooms beyond scattered porta-potties, and the desire for better concession facilities. There is ongoing confusion among residents about the boundary between town property and the school district's land at Gavin Park; people often suggest improvements like crossings or paths in areas that are actually on school property, so the town has to remind them of jurisdictional limits. She mentions that the town is still working on a master plan for Gavin Park, is seeking input through user-group meetings and, soon, through township-wide surveys, and is also continuing work on the veterans flag program.

Supervisor Sturm notes that the upcoming biannual newsletter due out within about 7–10 days will include a questionnaire about Gavin Park use and priorities for both children and adults. Residents can respond via QR code or by mailing in a paper copy. A similar survey focused on alternative transportation connections and commercial/hamlet visioning is planned for the fall issue, tying back to the earlier discussions of multi-use paths and hamlet zoning.

Councilman O'Connor mentioned attending the topping ceremony at the new BOCES facility on North Road, alongside Deputy Supervisor Rohan and other officials. The project is moving quickly, with a firm opening target of September 27, and expressed pride that such a significant regional educational asset is located in Wilton.

Comptroller's Report

1.) Budget Transfers

The MS4 consultant work will cost \$40,000, and Ms. Moran proposes funding this entirely by reallocating existing budget lines into the engineer's professional fees line. She identifies four \$10,000 sources: an engineer's "intern" line that was originally set aside for a stormwater intern, a planning minor equipment line, a drainage facility line, and the contingent account. Together, these cover the full \$40,000 without raising the overall budget.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #172

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Budget Transfers on the 6/4/2026 Comptroller's Report.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Moran noted that at the next meeting she will include the \$21,000 for the county trails project because the town will have to spend those funds first and then apply for reimbursement from the county grant.

2.) Budget Amendments

Ms. Moran then presents budget amendments connected to the Carr Road–Jones Road connectivity project. These amendments fund payments for right-of-way easements and acquisitions for the planned multi-use path and roundabouts.

The current amendment is \$31,500 for the second group of property-related payments. She explains that consultant Megan Bacon (MJ) is providing lists of owners and amounts, and that she expects a total of roughly three such groupings. With this batch, the town will have written about \$100,000 in checks so far, out of a total \$242,000 in federal right-of-way funding already authorized.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #173

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Budget Amendments on the 6/4/2026 Comptroller’s Report.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

3.) Personnel

a.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #174

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the update to the Procurement Policy to include Roy Vanderbogart, Building Maintenance Mechanic as a responsible for purchasing for the Building Maintenance Department.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

b.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #175

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Marcus Hart, Building Inspection, with regret, effective June 12, 2026.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

c.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #176

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request from Melissa Straon, Senior Clerk and Department Head at Justice Court, for the increase of petty cash by the two clerks from \$50 to \$100 for each clerk.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

d.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #177

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve overnight travel for Nicole Monroe, Sole Assessor and Michele Kies, Assessment Clerk to attend the annual Cornell Seminar on Professional Development, July 19-24, 2026 in Ithaca, NY.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Rohan, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

Executive Session

Supervisor Sturm calls for an executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment histories of particular individuals or corporations; matters leading to appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a specific person or corporation; and issues relating to litigation.

Councilman O'Connor made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:41 p.m.
Councilman Keneally seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

Councilman O'Connor made a motion to reconvene into the open meeting at 10:10 p.m.
Deputy Supervisor Rohan seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

Supervisor Sturm said no action was taken in Executive Session.

Adjourn

Councilman O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deputy Supervisor Rohan seconded the motion with all board members in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m.