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PUBLIC HEARING-ADA Transition Plan

7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Lant opened the public hearing at 7:00 P.M. and asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Bogardus, all board members in favor. The public hearing was closed at 7:01 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING-Proposed Local Law #4 of 2025

7:01 P.M.

Extension of the Term of Supervisor from 2 years to 4 years

Supervisor Lant opened the public hearing at 7:01 P.M. and asked if there were any questions for comments. There were none.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Bogardus, all board members in favor. The public hearing was closed at 7:02 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-July 3, 2025

Supervisor Lant called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Lant led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present except Deputy Supervisor McEachron. Bogardus.

John Lant-Supervisor

Duane Bogardus-Councilman

Erinn Kolligian- Councilwoman

Ray O'Connor-Councilman

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

Public Comment Session

Trish Watkins spoke praising the progress made at the Welcome Center at Camp Saratoga. She says it looks great. Scott Harrington and Roy Vanderbogart have turned that building around. The work that they have done there is unbelievable. She heard that there will be staffing for the building in the future when things are completed. She says that Larry spent a lot of time at the park and says he would be so pleased to have the residents frequent the park and use the beautiful new facility as well as the trail system.

Marne Onderdonk, who is the co-secretary for the Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park organization came to thank the town for all their efforts in making the Larry Gordon Outdoor Education Center come to fruition. Marne says that she knows that Ryan Riper, Scott Harrington and Roy Vanderbogart have been working very hard on the center and to see all the progress that's been made is wonderful. She says she can picture it in her mind when everything is complete, and this will be a fantastic facility and will welcome people of all ages to enjoy and take part in the programs and activities. She thanked everyone involved.

Steve Wilcox, who is the co-chair of the WWPP, spoke to give his thanks to everyone involved in the Larry Gordon Education Center project. He is looking forward to the opening of the center. He reiterated how exciting it is to be part of the transformation and again thanked all involved.

Approve Pending Minutes

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

RESOLUTION #154

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from June 5, 2025 as presented.

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

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

RESOLUTION #155

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from June 30, 2025 as presented.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor, except Councilman O'Connor who abstained. The motion passed 3-0.

Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park

Margo Olsen from WWPP came to give her quarterly report and she echoes the thanks that the team from the wildlife preserve and park and Trish, who has been part of our steering committee from the very beginning, to see this happen, just how thankful we are. It's just great working with the town. It's such a partnership. We are going to be talking about this public, private partnership and showing it off at city meetings and places around the state that will be looking at this as a role model of what we can do when we work together.

Exhibit panels will be placed on the walls for people to read about wildlife, the history of scouting, maps as well as other areas of interest they may see while they are walking the trails. There will be a little tribute to Larry there as well. When people walk in, that panel will be there on the wall between the windows.

The deck and the accessible ramp are in process. The to-do list is now much shorter than before. The flooring has arrived and will be ready to be installed, and the heat pump has also arrived. We're planning on being open five days a week to start. With our existing staff and volunteers, we'll be able to cover the hours for now. Our plan is for Tuesday through Saturday from 10am – 4pm.

As we talked during the last meeting, Eagle Scout, Phil Tranchina, has been completing his Eagle Scout project and is doing a fantastic job. If you head over to camp Saratoga, we now have three wonderful gardens. He did a great job with his fundraising. I was able to be there when they completed it and watched what a great job Philip did. From when we first met with him to watching him lead this crew of people with this vision and making sure things were getting done, it was wonderful. We're still working with Philip while he continues to raise money for signs. We are working with him on the content and getting the signs ready to be installed later this summer. Some of our interns help take care of the gardens, but we feel that that'll be a fun engagement with our volunteers who like gardening.

For the quarterly report, there are over five thousand participants for this quarter of the year. Last year, our TOTAL program attendance for the year was just over 10,000 so maybe we're on track to exceed that. This is a higher number than in our second quarter last year. Success builds on success, and people hear about the programs and come back. Public outreach, where we're invited or people ask us to come and participate in various community events, makes up a very large part of our attendance. There's a list of all the different community events that we take have taken part in, it's a wonderful opportunity for people to come to see Camp Saratoga and the wonderful facilities.

We are continuing our partnership with Saratoga Plan. We've been doing the programs with them for a few years due to the grant they gave us. Their permit to do programming on state land has been significantly cut back for what they will allow us to do and for the number of programs. It started on May

land run till the end of April. We are only allowed to do seventy public programs on state land, so we are being careful about how we schedule those programs. They're worried about overuse of state lands; therefore, we are focusing on doing more programs on county land and using the trails available there. The public programs are capped at 70 programs and the school programs and capped at 1500 children through all programs that we do on the state land and there is a very specific trail that we can use so we keep a close eye on that usage. They also said we couldn't do any programs on state land before noon during May and June because of turkey hunting season so all our main field trips were shifted to town property. We developed a route that we could take the kids on so they could use the fire circle by the winter lodge for lessons and then walk them over to look at the meadow and to talk about the Corner butterfly. We had to do a quick pivot to figure out how to still do our field trips without going on state land.

Thank you again for all your hard work and we are looking forward to the soft opening and ribbon cutting.

ADA Transition Plan

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

RESOLUTION #156

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilton desires to have pedestrian infrastructure that is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act standards; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2024 the Town of Wilton accepted a Technical Assistance Grant from the Capital Region Transportation Council (Transportation Council) for an ADA Self-Analysis and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure as part of a regional effort valued at \$100,000.00 (\$87,500.00 from Federal Transportation Planning Funds and \$12,500.00 in local funds provided by CRTC and a Town match of \$540.00 provided with In-Kind labor) as part of a regional initiative; and

WHEREAS, since June 13, 2024 the Transportation Council Technical Assistance Team and Town Staff have conducted the Self Analysis and developed the draft Transition Plan, named the Town of Wilton ADA Transition Plan that has been circulated

and available for public review on the Planning Department website since May 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Assistance Team provided a presentation to the Town Board on May 1, 2025 and the Town Board scheduled a Public Hearing for July 3, 2025 at 7:00PM that was advertised in the local newspaper, posted on the town website and displayed publicly at Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the Town of Wilton ADA Transition Plan and heard comments raised during the public review period and at the Public Hearing on July 3, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of all the materials and information provided, the Town Board of the Town of Wilton hereby adopts the Town of Wilton ADA Transition Plan for the Town of Wilton.

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

Proposed Local Law #4 of 2025

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #157

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve increasing the term of office for the Supervisor from two years to four years, subject to mandatory referendum.

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

Appointment to Board of Assessment Review

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

RESOLUTION #158

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Glenn Allen to the Board of Assessment Review, to the term of 07/03/2025-09/30/2027 vacated by Jane Capello.

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

248 Ruggles Road

Mark Mykins, Senior Building Inspector, said 248 Ruggles Road was entered about a year ago. We were called out with Emergency Services. The woman living in the home had multiple pets. There was rot in the floor, feces throughout the home and nothing was being cleaned. She was taken out of the home, windows were left open and she never came back. The home is in her husband’s name and he has been deceased for two years. Neighbors are starting to complain, we took a second look at it and condemned the home. Councilwoman Kolligian asked if there is any next of kin or anyone to notify. Mr. Mykins said not that he could find. There is no one on record at the town and does not believe the wife is deceased but we can’t locate her. Councilwoman Kolligian asked what happens after the demolition? The house is demolished and the property is cleaned up. That cost gets levied on the tax bill. Councilwoman Kolligian asked if there is a mortgage, would the bank foreclose on it?

Mark Schachner, Town Counsel, asked who the record owner is. Mr. Mykins said the record owner is the husband, who is deceased. Betty Jo Brooks was in a home in Albany and she is no longer there. Mr. Schachner said the record owner is Mr. Brooks and he is deceased. As Town Counsel, Mr. Schachner said he is not 100% comfortable moving forward with demolition on property if we are unable to serve proper notice on the owner of the property. It could be the estate of Bradley Brooks, there may or may not be a state proceeding. It is a potential issue. Mr. Schachner said we can find out if Mr. Brooks died intestate. He said he will look into it. Mr. Mykins said the notice on the building is only for being condemned. Mr. Schachner advised the board from moving forward without knowing who the current record owner is and making sure proper notice is served. He said a public hearing can be set.

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

RESOLUTION #159

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to set a public hearing for the demolition of 248 Ruggles Road, Tax Map No. 142.-1-23, for August 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Fee Waiver

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

RESOLUTION #160

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the fee waiver at Gavin Park for the Tunnels to Towers Fundraiser with Skippy and the Pistons on August 2, 2025.

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

Fee Waiver

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

RESOLUTION #161

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the fee waiver at Gavin Park for an Emergency Services Personnel Team Building Event.

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

Peddling and Soliciting

We talked about this before and last week on Washburn road. There were three homes involved. A company out of New Jersey said they were working with the town on Palmer Ridge, and they had extra blacktop and they could give them a deal. Supervisor Lant said he talked to the resident and couldn’t believe he was that foolish. He said, “I’m a trusting person, I like to believe everybody is. Two neighbors also had the work done. The company told him \$11,000 or \$12,000 when it was finished they charged him \$30,000. The other neighbors were \$19,000 and \$12,000, four. They got together on a Saturday and had somebody look at it. They said this isn’t going to last and luckily, they got to the bank. He stopped the check and canceled his checking account. The other two stopped payment. The company didn’t cash the checks that Friday, It was too late to cash the check on Monday. We talked about this before. People

come to the door. I had a kid come to my house a month ago, out of nowhere, selling something. It'd be nice if people could call the building department or town clerk to see if they're registered. We probably have a little history. I just think it's, I don't think we should let anybody go in people's houses. There's a lot of scams today, so we should think about it for next month, and some advice from Town Counsel.

Councilman Bogardus said we can put it on the town website of a question. You can go there to check who is registered.

Councilwoman Kolligian said and the reminder of putting no soliciting signs in by your front door or in your front landscaping bed,

Committee Reports

Councilman O'Connor said the state legislature, both houses, approved the transfer of a dozen acres of land on Northern Pines Road just north of the Veterans Housing so that it could be used at some point in the future for additional housing veterans, by the Veterans and Community Housing Coalition. The Supervisor followed up with Senator Tedisco office. I talked with Assemblywoman Woerner's office. The details will have to be worked out with OGS on a survey.

Supervisor Lant said he went to the music last night at Gavin Park and saw fireworks. It was a big hit. People appreciate it.

We've been working with the Governor's office on Mount McGregor Road. He said he and Steve Bulger, Saratoga County Administrator came up with an agreement that the county will take the road over and do all the maintenance and repairs at their cost, not ours. We suggested they come up with a survey first to get it done right. We've been waiting for over a month for an answer. We had a conference call, and the state denied owning the road. So, the first thing we have to do is get the survey done. The State went from \$2.8 million, they're up to \$4 million now, and it's hard to believe they said they don't own it, but they want to give us \$4 million. We're going to reach your \$7million or \$8 million, but it is in a works. I think this time they might move on something so we can get it going. We got that sign at the Memorial World War Two and Korean Veterans. I'm ashamed to say this, but it's long overdue. We haven't done it for Vietnam Veterans and Gulf War Veterans. We have a lot of residents from this town who served in those wars and put their lives on the line. He said he contacted Frank McClements at the county and he is going to give me a list of names so we don't forget anybody.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2025 Budget Transfers

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

RESOLUTION #162

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2025 budget transfer requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 7/3/2025 Report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly

put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

2.) 2025 Budget Amendments

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

RESOLUTION #163

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2025 budget amendments requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 7/3/2025 Report to the Town Board.

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

3.) Personnel

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

RESOLUTION #164

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Kurt Hass, Maintenance Worker at Gavin Park, effective July 21, 2025.

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

2024 Financial Audit

Ms. Moran said we have our financial statements that were issued on May 29, 2025. This was when the opinion was issued, but the statements were not yet ready for our June 5, 2025 meeting, so they're being presented to the Board formally now. The auditors conducted their audit with auditing standards that are promulgated by the United States generally accepted accounting principles. There's a series of three sets of statements we have our first set, which is the statement of net position and the statement of activities that is prepared on a long term basis. It's an economic resources measurement focus, so it takes into account all transactions, regardless of when cash comes in or goes out under the basis of accounting, which is this full accrual basis. Under this basis of accounting, the town has a \$33 million net position, over half of that relates to net investment in capital assets. All of our capital assets are reported net of accumulated depreciation, and then the remainder of net position is divided up between restricted and non-restricted financial position. Our next set of financial statements is contrasted with that because it

only focuses on current period financial resources. That does take into consideration when cash comes in and out, but it's not cash basis, it's modified, accrual basis. So, it's a little bit more than cash basis in terms of what it takes into account, but certainly far less than our full accrual statements. There's a reconciliation on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in the fund balance that articulates both sets of statements together, so that the readers can see how those two sets of statements relate. A big item is the net investment in capital assets which appear on the statement of net position, but not on financial statements. So that's one of the items that is a reconciling item, so that, again, you can see the types of transactions that take place in both sets of financial statements. And then lastly, we have our fiduciary fund financial statements, which is just like what it sounds like, when the town has a fiduciary or custodial aspect to the relationship with the assets. So, in other words, bail that we collect, it's not ours to use for the purpose of funding governmental activities. Same thing with our LOSAP assets, you can't use it for anything other than holding it for the people that are actually going to end up using it. The biggest piece that we have is the property taxes that are collected on behalf of other governments. We can't use that to fund our governmental activities here in the town of Wilton. That's basically a pass through to the county. We do have to record that, but it's, it's excluded from the first set of financial statements, so on it's own a separate kind of set of financial statements. And then we also, of course, have our notes to the financial statements, our disclosures, and required supplementary information and we did receive an unmodified opinion, which is a clean opinion.

Councilman O'Connor said there's one paragraph, you always look for it first. "In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above presents fairly in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, the fiduciary fund, and remaining fund information of the town of Wilton, New York as of December 31,2024 and respected changes in financial position the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted the United States". You can read all the details and everything else, but you better see that paragraph. He said he also noticed a healthy increase in the fund balance.

Other

Supervisor Lant said he received a call from the president of Wilton Fire Department and somebody was building a dome or a stadium, and deal fell through. They had purchased three batting cages, they're brand new and want to know if we would like them Supervisor Lant said of course he would and he sent Ross to look at them last week. He said they're great. We promised one to the Town of Greenfield and we will get two. They are worth between \$15,000 and \$20,000 apiece.

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor and seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, with all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, John J. Lant

Councilman, Raymond O'Connor

_____ Deputy Supervisor, John McEachron

_____ Councilwoman Erinn Kolligian