

# TOWN OF WILTON

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Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

## REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-September 7, 2023

Supervisor Lant called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present except Councilman Bogardus who was excused.

John Lant-Supervisor

John McEachron-Deputy Supervisor

Erinn Kolligian- Councilwoman

Ray O'Conor-Councilman

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

### Public Comment Session

Edward Kokowski spoke and feels that there are too many unanswered questions regarding safety issues and the potential Quaker Springs solar farm and feels that it is premature to ask for a variance.

Michael Brice spoke regarding the topic of Quaker Springs Solar Farm and says that this topic has been going on too long and the residents shouldn't be having to fight to have this issue finalized and closed. He said that the Town Board voted solar farms down in the R-2 zone months ago and that should be the end of the discussion. The Zoning Board is appointed by the Town Board and they should abide by that decision.

### Minutes

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

#### RESOLUTION #204

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2024 meeting, as typed.

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

### **7 Sarro Lane**

Discussion was held on the progress of the property. Mr. Mykins noted he received one quote for the cleanup and demolition of the property and was awaiting two more.

No action was taken.

### **Town Hall Expansion-Request to Bid**

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

#### **RESOLUTION #205**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve the request to go out to bid for the Town Hall Renovation Project.

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

### **Traffic Study**

Alanna Moran, Senior Traffic Designer with VHB said they have been working with town staff and are working on addressing their comments. A final draft report should be ready in a week for the board to see and respond to. VHB can meet with the board in small groups to answer any questions once the draft is finalized.

### **Speed Limit Reduction Requests**

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

#### **RESOLUTION #206**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve the referral to Saratoga County Commissioner of Public Works for a speed limit reduction request for King Road from Route 50 to the Northumberland Townline.

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

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

#### **RESOLUTION #207**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve the referral to Saratoga County Commissioner of Public Works for a speed limit reduction request for Edie Road from Ballard Road to Route 50 and Route 50 to the Saratoga Springs City Line.

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

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

**RESOLUTION #208**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve the referral to Saratoga County Commissioner of Public Works for a speed limit reduction request for Loudon Road from King Road to the Saratoga Springs City Line.

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

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

**RESOLUTION #209**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve the referral to Saratoga County Commissioner of Public Works for a 4-Way stop sign at the intersection of Ruggles Road and Loudon Road.

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

**Reappointment-Park and Recreation Commission**

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

**RESOLUTION #210**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve the reappointment of Ken Bishop to the Wilton Park and Recreation Commission, 08/1/2024-07/31/2027.

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-Park and Recreation Commission**

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

**RESOLUTION #211**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve the appointment of the following to the Wilton Park and Recreation Commission, 9/5/2024-8/30/2027:

**Brent Pollack  
Robert Garrett**

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-7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dan Provost Memorial Walk**

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

**RESOLUTION #212**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to waive the Gavin Park rental fee for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dan Provost Memorial Walk on October 5, 2024

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

**Fee Refund-Ovarian Cancer Event**

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

**RESOLUTION #213**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to refund the Gavin Park rental fee for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ice Cream Event for Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance on September 14, 2024

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

**Proposed Local Law #3 of 2024, Tax Cap override for WEMS/Wilton Ambulance District**

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

**RESOLUTION #214**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to set a public hearing for Proposed Local Law #3 of 2024, authorizing a property tax levy in excess of limit established in GML §3-C, for October 3, 2024 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 5-0.

**Committee Reports**

Councilman O’Conor said he, Ryan Riper, members of the LA Group and DEC representatives met on August 20 to discuss the finer points of the trail and fishing station along Northern Pines Road. The meeting went well. DEC did not have any major objections. The official application has been submitted. Test borings will need to be done to ensure the platform is proficient.

Councilwoman Kolligian said Granicus had a short term rental seminar. It was a national picture but they did speak about the State of New York. The short term rental market is nearly impossible to track. Yates County collected \$132,000 for occupancy tax in six months. The Governor has not yet signed legislation but there will be a state registry for towns and municipalities. Existing registries will be grandfathered. It formalizes tax collection and allows local ordinances. It is a state registry with local homes and allows for municipality’s immediate enforcement. We can ban homes from the registry. It empowers local government to enforce state laws. State law will require platforms to share responsibilities. It also makes the platforms responsible for sending the information into the state which will trickle down to the municipalities. A residential property becomes a commercial property and the assessor will have to assess it as commercial. The state is making sure everyone pays their fair share.

Supervisor Lant said the free concerts at Gavin Park were well attended and would like to continue them next year.

Councilman O’Conor said he met with the Town Historian, Katie Coons, and the Historic Preservation Committee to go over different historic properties, the budget and initiatives related to preservation of historic properties in the town and property tax benefits. He said he spoke with the assessor about them as well.

Supervisor Lant thanked Scott Harrington, Roy Vanderbogart and Andrew Rougie for all of the work they put into the Senior Center. He also thanked Highway Superintendent Mike Monroe for the great job he and his staff have done with paving.

**Comptroller’s Report**

**1.) 2024 Budget Transfers**

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

**RESOLUTION #215**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve the 2024 budget transfers requested for and listed in the Comptroller’s 9/5/2024 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.) 2024 Budget Amendments**

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

**RESOLUTION #216**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve the 2024 budget amendments requested for and listed in the Comptroller’s 9/5/2024 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.

**3.) Sales Tax**

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

**RESOLUTION #217**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve the payment of the town’s portion of the 2025 county sales tax in cash.

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

**4.) Personnel**

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

**RESOLUTION #218**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** to accept the resignation of Julianne LaBreche, Full-Time Senior Clerk, effective August 19, 2024.

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

**Adjournment**

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor and seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian with all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor, John J. Lant

\_\_\_\_\_ Councilman, Raymond O’Conor

\_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Supervisor, John McEachron

\_\_\_\_\_ Councilwoman Erinn Kolligian