

TOWN OF STILLWATER

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Town Board Meeting Minutes October 2, 2025 7:00 PM at Stillwater Town Hall

Present: Supervisor Ed Kinowski
Councilmember Artie Baker -via Zoom
Councilmember Chris D'Ambro
Councilmember Ellen Vomacka
Councilmember Jennifer Weaver

Also Present: Danielle Cowin, Town Clerk
Billy Doughty, Superintendent of Highways
James Trainor, Attorney for the Town
Joe Lanaro, Engineer for the Town

Absent/Excused: John Nett, Police Commissioner

Supervisor Kinowski called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.

Danielle Cowin, Town Clerk took the roll call.

Adoption of Minutes:

Motion by Councilmember Vomacka and seconded by Councilmember Weaver to adopt the minutes of 9/18/25

Motion carried.

Agenda Items Open Space Plan
Public Hearing to consider dissolving Town Water Districts 1, 3, 4, 4.1 and sewer district # 3
Resolutions: No. 57-63

Open Space

Norabelle Greenberger from La Bella Associates presented the Stillwater Open Space Plan, which was developed with grant funding from Hudson River Valley Greenway. Norabelle Explained the plan focuses on connecting existing trails, establishing priority areas for conservation, and identifying implementation steps. She also described stakeholder engagement with organizations like Saratoga Plans, LIPID, Saratoga County Planning, and Saratoga Lake Association. In addition, she presented maps showing priority corridors for trail connections, particularly north-south and east-west connections. In conclusion, the Open Space Plan was adopted via Resolution # 60.

The plan will serve as a tool for the Town Board and Planning Board to prioritize conservation efforts and trail connections. Future discussions may explore additional trail types including motorized vehicle trails.

Councilmember Vomacka asked about the possibility of four-wheeler trails, noting their popularity in other states

Supervisor Kinowski commented on the challenges with motorized vehicles on trails, particularly in agricultural districts.

Public Hearing

Public Input

None.

Resolutions: No. 57

A Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Regarding the 2026 Budget

Introduced by: Supervisor Kinowski

WHEREAS, Supervisor Kinowski has recommended that a Public Hearing be set for discussing and taking public input on the proposed 2026 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that a public hearing is hereby scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall 881 Hudson Avenue, Stillwater, New York, to receive comments from the public regarding the proposed 2026 Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish appropriate notice of the public hearing.

A motion by Councilmember Weaver, seconded by Councilmember D'Ambro, to adopt Resolution No. 57 of 2025.

A roll call was taken on Resolution No. 57 of 2025 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilman Baker	YES
Councilwoman Vomacka	YES
Councilman D'Ambro	YES
Councilwoman Weaver	YES

Resolution No. 57 of 2025 was adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on October 2, 2025.

Resolutions: No. 58

A Resolution to Purchase a Road Side Mower for the Highway Department Off a Source well Contract

Introduced by: Supervisor Kinowski

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Doughty recommends that the Town purchase a John Deere Cab Tractor through Source well Contract # 91450 for \$119,046.84 as described in the attachment hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent also recommends that the Town purchase a Diamond Mowers Boom Mower through NYS OGS Contract PC69840 to attach to the Cab Tractor to mow roadside grass for \$88,496.00 as described in the attachment hereto; and

WHEREAS, purchases of equipment listed in the Source well and NYS OGS contracts are not subject to the additional public bidding requirements in General Municipal Law Section 103.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized to purchase a John Deere Cab Tractor through Source well Contract # 91450 for \$119,046.84 and a Diamond Mowers Boom Mower through NYS OGS Contract PC69840 to attach to the Cab Tractor to mow roadside grass for \$88,496.00, for a total expenditure of \$207,542.84 from 2026 budgeted funds.

A motion by Councilmember Weaver, seconded by Councilmember D'Ambro, to adopt Resolution No. 58 of 2025.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 58 of 2025 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilmember Baker	YES
Councilmember Vomacka	YES
Councilmember D'Ambro	YES
Councilmember Weaver	YES

Resolution No. 58 of 2025 was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on October 2, 2025.

Resolutions: No. 59

A Resolution to Dissolve Sewer District # 3

Introduced by: Supervisor Kinowski

WHEREAS, the bond utilized for the purposes of Sewer District 3 is now paid in full and the Town Board wishes to eliminate the special assessments to district members used to pay the bond premiums; and

WHEREAS, New York Town Law §202-C (2) authorizes the dissolution of a sewer district without improvements and more than three years old after a public hearing was held on October 2, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby determines it to be in the public interest to dissolve Sewer District # 3, and therefore Sewer District # 3 is hereby dissolved.

A motion by Councilmember Weaver, seconded by Councilmember D'Ambro, to adopt Resolution No. 59 of 2025.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 59 of 2025 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilmember Baker	YES
Councilmember Vomacka	YES
Councilmember D'Ambro	YES
Councilmember Weaver	YES

Resolution No. 59 of 2025 was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on October 2, 2025.

Resolutions: No. 60

A Resolution to Adopt the Town Open Space Plan

Introduced by: Supervisor Kinowski

WHEREAS, the Town of Stillwater encourages the preservation of open space to enhance our quality of life, create a sense of community, preserve water quality, cleanse the air, recharge aquifers, flood control and other ecological and environmental reasons which are good for our community's health, stability and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, open space is a means of preserving and managing important lands of natural, historical and recreational resources to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, how we protect and preserve our fields, forests, waters and wetlands and how we conserve and change the landscape will have a profound effect on future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Stillwater Open Space Plan dated June 2025 defines land and water conservation needs and the means and strategies for meeting those needs through land acquisition, regional priorities and funding opportunities through an objective analysis of State resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the adoption of the Open Space Plan dated June 2025 is hereby determined to be an Unlisted Action under SEQRA, that it causes no substantial impact on the environment, and the Town Board hereby issues a negative declaration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the Stillwater Open Space Plan dated June 2025.

A motion by Councilmember Weaver, seconded by Councilmember D'Ambro, to adopt Resolution No. 60 of 2025.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 60 of 2025 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilmember Baker	YES
Councilmember Vomacka	YES

Councilmember D'Ambro YES
Councilmember Weaver YES

Resolution No. 60 of 2025 was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on October 2, 2025.

Resolutions: No. 61

A Resolution Approving a Snowplowing Contract for Town Hall and Other Town Areas

Introduced by: Supervisor Kinowski

WHEREAS, the parking lots at the Town Hall and Public Safety Facility will require snowplowing by an outside agency; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has requested and received proposals for the snowplowing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign a contract for snowplowing with Collett Landscaping in the amount of \$18,500 and in accordance with the attached proposal.

A motion by Councilmember Weaver, seconded by Councilmember D'Ambro, to adopt Resolution No. 61 of 2025.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 61 of 2025 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilmember Baker	YES
Councilmember Vomacka	YES
Councilmember D'Ambro	YES
Councilmember Weaver	YES

Resolution No. 61 of 2025 was adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on October 2, 2025.

Resolutions: No. 62

**A Resolution Setting a Public Hearing to Consider Local Law No. 3,
a Local Law Amending the Stillwater Town Code Regarding Animals Left in Vehicles
and Animal Cruelty**

Introduced: Supervisor Kinowski

WHEREAS, the Town Board is considering amending Chapter 62 of the Town Code governing Animals; and

WHEREAS, the attached draft of the Local Law amending the Code is attached hereto and requires a public hearing in order to be enacted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that a public hearing is hereby scheduled for November 6, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Stillwater Town Hall, 881 Hudson Avenue, Stillwater, NY to consider Local Law No. 3, a local law amending Town Code Chapter 62 regarding Animals; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is requested to publish notice of the public hearing at least five (5), but no more than twenty (20), days before the public hearing in the Town's official newspaper.

A motion by Councilmember Weaver seconded by Councilmember D'Ambro, to adopt Resolution No. 62 of 2025.

A roll call was taken on Resolution No. 62 of 2025 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilmember Baker	YES
Councilmember Vomacka	YES
Councilmember D'Ambro	YES

Councilmember Weaver YES
Resolution No. 62 of 2025 was adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater dully conducted on October 2, 2025.

Resolutions: No. 63

A Resolution Authorizing the Town Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Construction of the Saratoga Lake Water Quality Study Implementation Project

Introduced by: Supervisor Kinowski

WHEREAS, Labella Engineering has completed the Saratoga Lake Water Quality Study and has made recommendations for implementing its findings; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor recommends that the Town Board authorize the construction of the recommended improvements and also the advertisement for bids for the construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for bids for the construction of the Saratoga Lake Water Quality Study Implementation Project, as described in the attached bid specifications.

A motion by Councilmember Weaver, seconded by Councilmember D'Ambro, to adopt Resolution No. 63 of 2025.

A roll call was taken on Resolution No. 63 of 2025 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilmember Baker	YES
Councilmember Vomacka	YES
Councilmember D'Ambro	YES
Councilmember Weaver	YES

Resolution No. 63 of 2025 was adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater dully conducted on October 2, 2025.

Other Business

Supervisor Kinowski presented the tentative budget for 2026 and announced a 0% tax increase for 2026. This attributed to town growth, strong sales tax returns, mortgage tax returns, and PILOT agreements. He noted the budget planning involved monthly capital projects planning with town employees, engineering staff, and attorneys. A public hearing for the 2026 budget is scheduled for November 6, 2025. (Resolution #57).

The Supervisor explained the town's plan regarding water and sewer districts. He explained that several water districts have paid off their loans and could be consolidated into Water District 6, but they'll remain on the books temporarily for accountability purposes. Also, he noted that Sewer District 3 can be completely dissolved as sewers are now managed by Saratoga County.

The Board approved a contract for snow plowing services with Colette Landscaping for \$18,500. Only one bid was received despite reaching out to three local plowing companies.

The Supervisor provided an update on Lonus Road repairs and announced they are not moving forward with Lonus Road repair due to lack of federal funding. Furthermore, there's a dispute over road ownership, with federal authorities claiming the town owns it and the issue has been escalated to assemblymen, senators, and congressmen. So, repairs are on hold pending funding and resolution of ownership issues and it will delay the impact highway department operations, particularly for snow plowing.

Councilmember Vomacka Discussed Siege Weekend on October 11-12 featuring reenactors at the Black House Park

Councilmember Weaver announced E-waste collection on Saturday from 9am-12pm

And the town-wide cleanup is on October 18th with various fees based on vehicle size.

Town Clerk Cowin

Information about upcoming voting deadlines was shared

- Early voting starts on October 25th
- Registration deadline for general registration is October 25th
- Change of address registration closes on October 20th
- Poll workers are needed, with compensation potentially up to \$310 per day
- Registration forms are available at Town Hall
- More information is available on the Board of Elections website

Audited Claims

Motion by Councilmember D’Ambro and seconded by Councilmember Vomacka to pay the audited claims.

General	\$13866.81
Town Outside	\$23034.96
Highway	\$169040.45
Water & Sewer	\$2036.80

Motion carried.

Adjournment (Executive Session if Necessary)

Motion by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Vomacka to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 7:50pm to discuss contractual and an employee.

Motion carried.

(Note: The Town Board will not resume back into the regular Town Board meeting.)
The next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2025

Respectfully submitted by,

Danielle Cowin, Town Clerk

