

**TOWN OF SARANAC
BOARD MEETING
April 27, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by the presiding officer at the
Town of Saranac Town Hall

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Timothy R. Napper, Supervisor	X	
Tracy Eggleston, Councilor	X	
Conner Perry Councilor	X	
James Bassett, Councilor	X	
Josh Eggleston, Councilor	X	

Also in attendance: Louis Plante, John Fountain, Ray Leduc Jr., Mark white Andrew Kovanic & wife, Charlene Parrott, Jason Metcalfe, Roger Harris, Andrea Dubray, Sue Pickard, Liz Racette and Lisa Racette.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. This meeting is being recorded.**

- 3. General Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor** – Andrew Kovanic addressed the board with a serious concern about the safety of the Chazy Lake and adjacent roads due to excessive speed and other safety issues.
Roger Harris addressed the board as to his employment situation and offered his opinion as to the situation.

- 4. Correspondence**
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.

- 5. Supervisor's Report**
 - A. Liz Tedford- Water Districts – Liz Tedford addressed the board as to issues pertaining to our water districts. At a recent meeting that she and the Supervisor attended with the County Health Department it was revealed they felt the deficiencies at the Redford district were more significant than the Saranac district. New Federal regulations will make it necessary to develop a sampling point before the first residence in the district. The board would like to find a less expensive opportunity to address this concern. At the recent meeting with the engineers chosen to give a second opinion as to the need for the recommended water district changes, they pointed out that the numbers provided by BCA were not only reasonable but that any action that we took to address deficiencies without undertaking the entire project would negatively impact our ability to receive grant funding. Liz further indicated that the time frame was probably too short to undertake requesting funding for any of these projects for this year.

B. CDBG- Crystal Narducci- Associated Documents – Sue Pickard was present to assist in implementing the CBDG grant. The board passed the necessary **Resolutions #36-2026 through #43-2026**. **Motions were made by Councilor T. Eggleston and seconded by Councilor Perry – All members were in favor.**

C. Battery Storage- Moratorium – The Town had recently been contacted to implement a battery storage moratorium. Our Codes Officer indicated he felt there were adequate safeguards in the current building codes. No action taken.

D. Saranac River Trail Greenway Report – This organization is having trouble making quorum. We are the only town currently that has a representative. They currently have indicated they wish to focus on Plattsburgh, despite the fact that the county has created a bike lane on the Hardscrabble Road up to the Bowen Road and the fact that we have created a bike lane on the Bowen Road.

E. Local Law #1-1990 was designed to prohibit waste products from being brought and dumped in our Town. Adirondack Farms propose a 5-million-gallon manure pit off the Hardscrabble Road. As this would affect life quality in our town it will probably need to be determined if importing liquid manure substantial distances to storage in our town is considered a “normal agriculture practice”.

F. Update of Local Comprehensive Plan – The Supervisor sat in on a recent webinar on funding for Comprehensive Plans. The pool of money available for grants is 2 million dollars. As the minimum request is \$75,000 very few requests could be honored. No action taken.

G. Kids Day / Field Day / 250th – The kids’ day is planned for July 25th. Some discussion was made as to whether the field day should be pursued again this year. Due to the lack of volunteers, it was decided to simply have the kids’ day with fireworks in the evening. As there has been considerable encouragement to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the Supervisor suggested that we could perhaps have a wood carving made to commemorate the event.

H. Community Bank – Community Bank recently informed us that they were willing to match NYC on our large deposits. This would be approximately a .2% decrease from the current rate but as interest rates have dropped recently it appears to be a reasonable rate. It is possible that the town will pursue putting some funds into the EPIC system.

I. Voting Places – Recent advice from the Board of Elections indicates that in 2027 we will be losing at least one polling place. Currently our options are to go to the two firehouses (Saranac & Redford) or have everyone vote at the Town Hall.

Resolution #44-2026 – **Motion was made to continue to use the Saranac and Redford fire stations. Motion was made by Councilor T. Eggleston, seconded by Councilor Perry – All in favor.**

J. Other

K.

L.

6. Highway

A. Roads- Paving – It was felt that that paving decisions should be made after we have the opportunity to consult with the engineer from Cornell.

B. Equipment- Surplus- Sale of Trailer - As the 1980 low boy trailer had previously been offered at auction the Supervisor recommended accepting Ron Cane's bid of \$4,500. Resolution #45-2026 – Motion was made to sell the 1980 low boy trailer to Ron Cane for \$4,500. Motion was made by Councilor Bassett and seconded by Councilor Perry – All in favor.

C. Personnel - Resolution #46-2026 – Motion was made to retroactively move Jay Manor from MEO to MEOM effective April 12, 2026. Motion by Supervisor Napper, seconded by Councilor Bassett – All in favor.

Resolution #47-2026 – Motion was made to pay Roger Harris \$18.53 for 20% of his workweek as maintenance worker and \$22.00 an hour for 80% of his workweek as highway worker. Motion by Supervisor Napper, seconded by Councilor Bassett – All in favor.

D. Building Fix – We still intend to fix the salt storage building in-house.

7. Reports

A. Town Clerk – Resolution #48-2026 – Motion was made to accept the Town Clerks report for the Month of March 2026. Motion by Councilor T. Eggleston, seconded by Councilor Perry – All in favor.

B. Water districts –

- a. Redford-
- b. Standish –
- c. Saranac –

C. Town Crier –.

D. Tax Collector – Mark gave an end of the year tax report.

E. Assessor – Most Assessments unchanged- Grievance Day- May 27

F. Code Officer – Ray indicated he had a tentative agreement concerning the situation on Ganong Drive.

G. Dog Control Officer –

H. Community Outreach program –

I. Building –

J. Historian –

K. Recreation -

- a.
- b.
- c.

L. Capital projects –

8. Resolution #49-2026 - Authorization to Pay Audited Warrant dated April 27, 2026. Motion by Councilor T. Eggleston, seconded by Supervisor Napper – All in favor.

9. Resolution #50-2026 – Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting dated March 23, 2026. Motion by Councilor Bassett, second by Councilor J. Bassett – All in favor.

10. Resolution -2026

11. Executive Session:

12. Other

13. Unfinished Business

14. New Business

15. Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor

16. Adjournment @ 8:00 PM, motion by T. Eggleston, seconded by C. Perry - AIF

Board Meeting May 18, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall

Board Meeting June 22, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Pellerin

Town Clerk