

The meeting was held in person. The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with an attendance roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:	Kyle Noonan	Councilmember
	Patrick Killian	Councilmember
	Mark Stewart	Councilmember
	John Donohue	Councilmember
	Jesse A. Fish, Jr.	Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT:	Erin Trombley	Town Clerk
	Glen Bruening	Town Counsel
	Anna Labiak	Water Clerk
	Elizabeth Bennett	Supervisor's Confidential Secretary
	Chris Abrams	Highway Superintendent
	Josh Westfall	Building, Planning and Development Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Cahalane, Guy Swears, Guy Swears Jr., Nick Schepp, Dave Byrn, Olivia Feldman, Kate Ludwig, Bob Ludwig, Rachel McDermott, Chris Barden, William Tullock, Vince Sporrer, Benjamin Vaillancourt, Tim Bennett, Mark Jenkins, Preston Jenkins, Reed Antis, Michelle Smith, (resident) 7 Snowberry Lane, Donna Jarmac, Brandon Hayes, Dominic Tom, Bruce Lant, Joel Holden, Jennifer Holden, Michael Kelleher, Jennifer Kelleher, Carl Hourihan, Maureen Dennis

FUTURE MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

Supervisor Fish asked the Board members to look at their calendars to pick out dates that would work for upcoming Town Budget Workshop dates. Proposed dates included October 10, October 15, October 16, October 17, and October 22.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution 327-2024 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, to accept and approve the July 23 month-end audit meeting minutes.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0

Resolution 328-2024 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, to accept and approve the minutes from the August 27 month-end audit and Town Board meetings.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dominic Tom spoke on the proposed Solar Law, expressed complete support for the law, and said he had been encouraging two Boards to pass a solar law. He said the former Supervisor told the Board he had been approached about potential solar farming, and that he opposed the idea in the Agricultural District. He urged the current Board to join the 21st Century and said enough guidelines are in place now, and that sunlight is free. He said the Board could amend the law as needed in the future but urged action.

Chris Barden said he was a former Planning Board member, and said he advocates for the solar law. He said the overlay district plan as written was solid, but he suggested that the Planning Board advise but he said the language in the draft under discussion could be construed in such a way as to give the Planning Board the final say. He referenced page 6 paragraph D, and on page 10 reference to a special use permit, which he said would not be needed because the overlay district would supersede the need for such a permit. He read from page 12 where the language he thought could be misconstrued in the phrase "...for site plan review and approval." He suggested changing the word "approval" to "recommendation." He said he appreciated that almost everyone had taken the time to visit his property, regardless of how they may vote.

Olivia Feldman said she favored adoption of the law and referred to her comments at the last meeting. She did recommend a change to §5, D2, the last sentence, to clarify who the lead agency would be.

Rachel McDermott identified herself as the operator of Dancing Grain Brewery, and said she had been before the Planning Board and her suggestion was that the overlay district defines what can be done within the confines of the district, and that only projects that do not conform to the allowances of the overlay district should go before the Planning Board for review. She said she didn't understand why a conforming project would need to be reviewed by the Planning Board. She said this extra step adds time and creates problems. She also said there is a Zoning Administrator that could make sure projects conform with the law.

Reed Antis said he found the Planning Board comments interesting and asked if those comments had influenced the Board. He said they made six of seven interesting points.

Bob Vittengl said the Solar law had been in discussion for years, and said the Spier Falls Dam was built much faster. He said solar and farming paired well and referenced comments he had sent to the previous Board. He said the proposed solar law was one of the most restrictive in the industry, assuring the Board they weren't letting anything slip by their consideration. He added that with the recent fire at the Spier Falls Dam, there was even more demand for power.

Dan Cahalane of US Light Energy said they support the draft legislation and said proposed law struck a fair balance between industry and public interests. He said he supported Board passage of the law.

WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

1606-1608 Route 9

Resolution 329-2024 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to make the property at 1606-1608 a single EDU, and issue a refund of \$247.80 to the owner for extra EDU charges since March of 2023.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye

Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0

Sewer Buy-In Capacity Fee

Supervisor Fish said there were entities queuing up to join the Town sewer system and to allow them to do so, a rate needed to be set for buy-in. He said the Town needs more users on the line and that there was a bill to pay coming up. He said that those he had spoken to, including prospective buyers and Town engineers, felt the rate of \$3,000 per EDU was fair.

Attorney Bruening said the process would be that the Board adopts a proposed rate, that rate would be published, and then the rate would be finalized.

Resolution 330-2024 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to set the proposed out-of-district sewer buy-in capacity fee for Sewer District 1 at \$3,000 per EDU for publication.

Discussion: Councilmember Noonan asked approximately how many EDUs were being proposed. Supervisor Fish said a half dozen people along the line with compromised septic tanks want to join. He said they would be outside users, and they would pay the use fee of the existing rate until a new district is created, at which time those new users would become part of the new district. Councilmember Noonan asked how this is different than what the Town had before, or whether there was nothing else before. Supervisor Fish said the 84 people who voted on the sewer were able to hookup at that time as the sewer was built. Now there are additional people who want to connect. Councilmember Noonan said he was not opposed but wanted to be sure the action would be what was best for the Town in the long run and not just good for now. He said he understood there were a lot of fees with the sewer project. Supervisor Fish said an EDU price was in the works also, and as more users join the sewer, the cost per EDU could come down. He said he had spoken with Principal Account Clerk Cruz and that a fund could be made from these fees to help pay down the cost. Councilmember Noonan asked if this action was a follow-up on the action taken in January to revoke the sewer law passed in December 2023. Supervisor Fish said it was.

Councilmember Stewart asked if the people who buy in would incur the fees of the district they are physically in. Supervisor Fish said everyone would pay the same fee. Councilmember Stewart offered to rescind the motion he had made because the users in question were physically in the sewer district. Supervisor Fish said they were out of district users because they were not allowed to vote on the project or connect previously, even though the line passes by their properties. Councilmember Stewart said the purpose of the sewer districts was to get people to connect so he supported the fees to try to help reduce overall user cost.

Supervisor Fish called for a roll call vote, the results of which were:

Councilmember Noonan	Nay
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donihue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:1

Landmark Motor Inn Billing

Supervisor Fish said the Town had received bills for grinder pumps for the Landmark Motor Inn, which he said was how they were alerted that the Landmark was connected to the sewer line. He said sometimes things like this do happen. Because the Town didn't have the Landmark on their user list, they had not been billed from March 2023 forward, the Supervisor said, adding that the Landmark knew they were connected and called staff regularly for repairs and other service. Town engineers has assigned 29 EDUs to the facility, which has 77 rooms, he said, and the previous Water Superintendent had signed off on this figure, so the Supervisor said this is the basis that should be used for their billing. He called for a motion to send a prorated bill to Nadeem Lodging for their sewer use from 2023 forward. Councilmember Stewart asked of a resolution was required to send someone a bill. Counsel asked if the bill was out of the ordinary. Water Clerk Anna Labiak said the company had paid capital expenses only and not for sewer.

Resolution 331-2024 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to bill Nadeem Lodging a prorated sewer bill for 2023 and part of 2024, in the amount of \$16,009.74.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0

LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF 2024 – SOLAR LAW

Supervisor Fish said there were still considerations to be made with the Solar Law, and he asked the Town Clerk to read a message sent to the Board the previous day. Town Clerk Trombley said the message began with an apology that the author and her husband could not attend the meeting and a request for the message to be distributed. She then read the following from the message:

“We have lived in the Town of Moreau for the last 16 years and have appreciated the rural character of Moreau but have watched our farms slowly be replaced with housing developments. We own a farm in neighboring Washington County, we are both biologists, and we both have studied and worked in the environmental conservation field for over 25 years. We know the importance and value of **responsible** renewable energy development and believe that the proposed solar law has been carefully drafted to support both our farmers and the environment while generating energy for our community and neighboring communities. We want to keep the rural character of Moreau and know that responsible solar development is the solution.

Thank you,

Jackie and Nick Basile”

Supervisor Fish said they would leave the Public Hearing open and give Building, Planning and Development (BPD) Coordinator Westfall more time to review the law. Councilmember Stewart said he was concerned that if changes were made to the draft that was published for public comment, the Board would have to close the hearing, set, publish, and hold a new public hearing to move forward with adoption. Attorney Bruening said it depending on whether the Board determined that the additional changes were substantial. He continued, saying that the draft currently under review already had many of the recommended changes integrated into it, and in final review, they may discover significant changes are not needed. In that case, he indicated, a new public hearing may not be needed. Councilmember Stewart said normally Board discussion begins after the public hearing is closed, then they would recommend changes to the BPD Coordinator, and then hold a new hearing for

the revised draft law. He suggested that to leave the public hearing open would delay Board discussion and final adoption, so he proposed closing the public hearing, since he felt the public has had ample time to comment.

Councilmember Donohue said maybe the BPD Coordinator could email the last draft to the Board and they could discuss the changes to come up with the final draft to put forward for public review by the next meeting and post the final draft on the website as soon as it's ready. Supervisor Fish asked if a new public hearing would be needed if changes were made to the draft. Councilmember Stewart asked if modifications could be made during a public hearing. Counsel responded, "Sure you can!" Councilmember Stewart asked when they could discuss it as a Board, adding that their last discussion was after the closure of the previous public hearing. Councilmember Donohue said the way exchanges had taken place with previous legal counsel, they exchanged emails to discuss and recommend change. Councilmember Stewart suggested this was a violation of open meetings law, to continue to discuss the law as a Board outside of a public forum.

Attorney Bruening clarified, saying the decision at hand was whether to close the public hearing or leave it open, which he said would not affect whether the Board would need to re-notice if substantial changes are made. He continued, saying there was a draft before the Board they could pass if they wanted to, but it was apparent that the Board wanted to make some changes. He said the Board needed to direct Mr. Westfall as to the changes they wanted to make, or instruct him to make changes based on the feedback they had already received. He added that once a new draft is produced, it would be up to the Board whether a new public hearing is required based on whether the changes are substantial. Councilmember Killian said they should leave the hearing open.

Councilmember Stewart said in email exchanges, suggestions could cancel each other out, waste time, and he just wanted to have a discussion. He stated that he agreed that the special use permit would not be needed based on the way the law is set up. He agreed with the wording of the site plan review section needing to be clarified so it could not be interpreted to mean the Planning Board has final project approval. He asked if they would be setting a decommissioning plan timeframe as part of the final site plan review, or a separate section saying the entity has 365 to decommission at the end of the term. He said he wanted to discuss the concerns in the meeting so the public could hear how they arrived at the final law.

Counsel said from what he was hearing there were about 5 issues that needed to be addressed, which he said were not complicated, and could be addressed one at a time in the current meeting or at another time. He said this would give BPD Coordinator Westfall clear instruction on how to proceed. He said there was no requirement of a special use permit, for example, and that a typographical error was made, leaving the term in a place it did not belong. Attorney Bruening said it could simply be deleted. As for the role of the Planning Board, the draft did say a site plan approval was required from the Planning Board, and perhaps this should be amended to read that the Planning Board could make a recommendation, and if the Board members all agree with that, they can instruct Mr. Westfall to make that change.

Councilmember Stewart said he would like the Planning Board process to mirror the PUD process, with the Planning Board making a recommendation. Counsel asked the Board if they agreed with that decision. They said they did. Councilmember Stewart said the special use permit was a typo, Counsel confirmed that it was. The Councilmember said since that was already noted, he would go to the issue of Lead Agency on the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process. Counsel advised that with the revised wording that states that the Planning Board was making a recommendation, the Town Board as lead agency was the best choice, though another entity could be involved, he said. Councilmember Stewart said the wording should be revised to include language specifying the Town Board as the Lead Agency. The question of decommissioning was discussed, which Supervisor Fish suggesting that it be done based on the individual project. The final question was about inclusion of a public hearing within the law's project approval process. Counsel said a public hearing would be required because the overlay district would be a zoning change. Councilmember Stewart said he believed those were the major changes they wanted to see in a new draft that could be published for public review next so the Board could take action on October 8. Mr. Westfall repeated back to the Board the 5 changes he had made note of, clarifying the decommissioning plan wording. Councilmember Stewart said wording it so it is part of the site

plan review based on each project will give future Boards the opportunity to set appropriate timeframes based on each project using additional resources. Counsel asked Mr. Westfall if there were public or Board comments from the past that he wanted clarification on. He said there were not. Councilmember Stewart thanked Mr. Westfall for his fantastic work in the short time he had been with the Town and said not to take his feedback as a criticism of his work. Councilmember Noonan said he had previously raised a question about the percentage of a site that could be used, and asked for follow-up. BPD Coordinator Westfall said the language had been borrowed from a sample law and that the wording had been clarified.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to hire Dick Sears Tree Experts to grind brush at the Transfer Station at a cost of \$3,000 per 8-hour day, with the total cost not to exceed \$8,000.

There was no discussion, and a vote was not called for.

Resolution 332-2024 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to authorize the Supervisor to sign a tree contract with Richard Sears Tree Experts from November 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025, to align the contract with the budget year.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0

Asked if he had any other topics to raise, Highway Superintendent Abrams said he had received complaints about e-bikes and other motorized vehicles on the new trail. He said before there were boulders limiting some access. but he said it was more decorative at that time. He said entrances to the trail had to remain open wide enough for wheelchair access. Board members did not have recommendations for a remedy. Supervisor Fish said there was almost no way to stop this kind of thing, and we are not the only municipality to experience these issues on trails. He said perhaps installing cameras would be the only way to curb inappropriate activities on the trails.

On a separate issue, Councilmember Stewart said the Fire Company had reached out about a dead tree between the Reynolds Road Fire Station and the Town Recreation building. He asked Superintendent Abrams if the Sears tree contract would cover removal of the dead tree. Mr. Abrams said he thought Sears would do the work, but asked whose budget it would be covered by. The Councilmember joked that the Highway Department had all the money. He said he didn't know the answer and was not sure whether the tree was on Town or Fire Company property. He said he would get more information and get back in touch to get quotes.

TRANSFER STATION REQUESTS

With recent paving on Butler Road, Supervisor Fish said the Highway Superintendent would like to pave the transfer station entrance up to the booth, and add a 30' apron along Butler Road. \$2,808.68 was the estimated cost, he said, adding the work was much needed. Superintendent Abrams said the price was approximate so he asked for some leeway with the allowed expense. He said his plan was to tie into Butler Road, to remove 70" feet of existing blacktop, and pave 60' in from the road, to near where the scale had been.

Resolution 333-2024 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to approve paving at the Transfer Station for an amount not to exceed \$3,500.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

Water Truck

The Recreation Department was looking to take over a 2013 truck from the Water Department, Supervisor Fish said, but the truck needs work, and was valued at about \$7,500 before repairs. Councilmember Stewart said he preferred to budget for a new truck, and selling the old truck at auction. Councilmember Killian asked what the truck was needed for. Councilmember Stewart said it would be used for plowing. Asked how many miles were on the vehicle, Supervisor Fish indicated there were fewer than 100,000 miles on the truck. Councilmember Killian suggested they sell the truck from one department to the other for \$1, but Confidential Secretary Bennett said it cannot be done that way legally; fair market value exchange is required, as defined by the Town. The decision was made to postpone further discussion on the issue until more information could be obtained on necessary repairs.

Inflatables for Trunk or Treat

Supervisor Fish said the Town insurance company indicated that inflatables could be used for the Trunk or Treat event at the Betar Recreation Park. He asked whether the Board wanted to allow obstacle course-style inflatables only, or if bounce houses should be allowed.

Resolution 334-2024 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to authorize bounce houses at the Betar Recreation Park for the Trunk or Treat event.

Discussion: Councilmember Stewart said it had been an insurance restriction in the past that prevented a balloon golf ball drop and inflatables.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0

New Hire

Resolution 335-2024 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, to hire Shawn Weller, Sr. in an on-call capacity for \$16 per hour pending a successful background check and pre-employment physical.

Supervisor Fish called for a roll call vote, the results of which were:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0

TOWN CLERK REQUEST

October Overtime

The Supervisor said the Board had approved overtime for the Deputy Town Clerks for September and the Town Clerk was asking for overtime for October. Councilmember Stewart asked how much overtime had cost so far. She said there had only been one pay period since overtime was approved and she believed it was around 12 hours so far. Councilmember Stewart asked if overtime would be needed for the entire month of October. She said the office is collecting tax until Halloween, and it was likely that many payments would come in toward the end of the month so people can avoid tax relevy. She said she was limiting overtime as much as possible but in some cases it is not possible to avoid. Councilmember Stewart said as with other department heads, he would support the Town Clerk in her request.

Resolution 336-2024 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Killian, to approve October overtime for Deputy Town Clerks for the purposes of School Tax collection.

Discussion: Councilmember Noonan said he didn't oppose the job being done properly, but he said in thinking about it since the last meeting, and he said he thought the situation was caused by a personnel change in the Town Clerk's office. He said he didn't think it was the best use of Town funds, but if it is required to fulfill legal obligations, he would approve.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0

RECREATION (cont.)

RFP for Galvanized Building

Resolution 337-2024 A motion was made by Councilmember Killian, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to issue Request for Proposal (RFP) documents to get qualifying bids on a galvanized cold storage building for the Recreation Department.

Discussion: Councilmember Stewart asked if there was any way around the sealed bid requirement, because in the past three bids were received by email, and none were received sealed, in-person. Counsel questioned that the bids had been emailed in the past. The Councilmember confirmed. Confidential Secretary Bennett said the rule is that the bid has to be in a sealed envelope. They can be sealed in an envelope and mailed in, per the Town procurement policy. Councilmember Stewart said the year prior they had tried to get the building, and they had three bids, so he was trying to avoid repeating the issues of the past. Counsel suggested contacting the companies that had offered bids in the past and giving them instructions for how to submit their bid in an acceptable format.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Councilmember Noonan said there were some residents from Spier Falls Road in attendance, and he invited them to speak.

Joe Holden complained of the smell coming from a cannabis farm on Spier Falls Road and asked when the Town approved the project. Councilmember Stewart said the project was not approved by the Town but was licensed by New York State. Supervisor Fish asked BPD Coordinator Westfall to address the residents, since he had been researching it. Mr. Westfall said the Town had discovered the operation at the end of July. The Town received confirmation from the State that the grower is licensed, he said and continued, saying the responsible party had been given a notice of violation, which the grower appealed. He said the grower had to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) in October. He said the Town has looked into remedies and had spoken with Assemblywoman Woerner. Information from the NYS Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) had been requested through the Freedom of Information Act, he said, adding that the Town was reaching out for contacts and enforcement.

Mr. Holden said the company was proposing greenhouses and a bigger operation but was already breaking the rules. Councilmember Stewart said he found it hard to believe that the ZBA was the only remedy. Supervisor Fish said the company had been cited and will go to court. Councilmember Stewart suggested a moratorium on cannabis until Town zoning changes can be determined. He said the grower will get away with what they had done, and that current zoning allows for a growing operation in that zone. Mr. Holden said the Town should find a way to stop the operation immediately and destroy the crop. Councilmember Stewart said he worked with BPS Coordinator Westfall to look at every possible angle, including questioning whether there were stormwater violations with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). Councilmember Noonan said Shangri-La dispensaries are all over, between NY and Missouri. Supervisor Fish said the company got a \$2.2 million loan for their project and never asked the Town if they could undertake the project. He said it was totally against the law and shouldn't be allowed, but the Town's hands are tied.

Attorney Bruening said the violation had been cited, and the ZBA will make a decision. He said if the Board believes the operation is creating a public nuisance, they can go to the State Supreme Court to get a temporary restraining order, though he added this would not be inexpensive, and may not be effective. He said his guess would be that the case would be denied. Councilmember Donohue said by the time the Town could go through all of those steps, the plants would be gone as it was approaching time to harvest them. He suggested they focus on the rezoning and planning for what the Town does want for the future. Counsel said that if the Planning

Board process goes through, the applicant could drop out of the process and answer the Town complaint. If the applicant does not have approval by the spring, he said the Town would be within its rights to get an injunction to prevent another season. Councilmember Stewart said the existing zoning law never considered the possibility of a cannabis farm in any district, and again he suggested a moratorium, which he said would prevent the applicant ever going before the Planning Board, who has no guidance upon which to base their decision. Supervisor Fish asked if there hadn't been a "no" vote on dispensaries in the past. Councilmember Noonan said they voted "no" to dispensaries and "no" to on-site consumption, but that this doesn't address a commercial growing operation, which he said seems to be what that area is zoned for.

Counsel suggested they could eliminate commercial greenhouses and nurseries in the zoning to prevent another season. Councilmember Stewart said when commercial greenhouses and nurseries were originally considered for the area, a cannabis operation wasn't an option. He said allowing the grower to go before the Planning Board when there are no regulations could allow the project to be approved. Supervisor Fish asked how they could approve it if there are no regulations. Councilmember Stewart asked how could they deny it, when there's no law prohibiting it. Councilmember Donohue said regulations are in place because plants and agricultural products are included in the existing regulations. He said he wasn't saying the residents against the operation are right or wrong. Councilmember Stewart said the Board had no problem stopping other kinds of businesses, and that they should look at additional steps. Councilmember Donohue advocated for allowing the Planning Board site plan review process, with public hearings, to work as intended. Councilmember Stewart said there had been projects in the past that were referred to the planning Board without sufficient guidance and the projects got too far without being stopped. He continued, saying that now is the time to develop those guidelines. He said if it is addressed now, it can help avoid a lawsuit later. (There was applause by residents in attendance.)

The Supervisor called the meeting back to order.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Stewart referenced fence removal at Recreation Park ball field #3. South Glens Falls Youth Baseball had a group of volunteers ready to take down the old field 3 fence to reduce the Town's cost and speed up the replacement process somewhat. The Supervisor said he had no problem with that. Councilmember Killian asked if they would be covered by Town insurance. Councilmember Stewart said it would be the same as with spring clean-up with supervision by the Recreation Director.

For the Fire Company, Councilmember Stewart reported that he had spoken with the Supervisor about certain types of connections the Fire Company requested on all the Town's hydrants. He said they were also looking to have the Town Maintenance crew do snow removal for the Fire Company to reduce their costs. Councilmember Stewart said the Highway Superintendent indicated the Town Highway trucks could handle the initial storm accumulation so trucks could get out, with clean-up to follow. The Fire Co. was going to take the proposal back to its board for their approval.

Councilmember Killian said he had spoken with the Highway Department about their needs looking ahead to the budget, and new trucks were identified as a pressing need. The Councilmember asked the Highway Superintendent to detail what had been ordered already and what else was needed. Superintendent Abrams said a new diesel tandem (truck) had been ordered 18 months prior with delivery expected in October 2025. Councilmember Killian asked what the rotation plan was for vehicles, and Mr. Abrams responded that there was no rotation plan, and that they were using plows dating back to 1988. Councilmember Killian asked what year the newest truck was, and Superintendent Abrams said it was a 2016 truck. Mr. Abrams continued, saying that in 2025, manufacturers will offer 1 electric vehicle for every 5 diesel vehicles. He said with the introduction of electric vehicles, there would be huge infrastructure costs to establish charging stations. He said he wasn't sure that kind of power going to the building would be covered by insurance and he predicted it would be a mess. In response to a question from the Councilmember about ratios with the trucks, Superintendent Abrams responded that the tandem trucks are used year-round; for salt in winter, and paving the rest of the year. The

Councilmember clarified the question, asking how many trucks are running with the winter personnel the Highway Department has. Mr. Abrams said 4-6 run a year in winter. Councilmember Killian asked when an electric truck was ordered. No electric trucks have been ordered, the Superintendent said, but he would like to order 2 or 3 diesel trucks, with the trucks taking 2-3 years to be delivered. He also said municipalities are able to cancel an order up to a few days before delivery because the demand is so high. Councilmember Killian asked how much the (electric) trucks cost. Highway Superintendent Abrams said \$400,000 plus infrastructure, and that the vehicle mandate was coming down from the Governor's office. When asked, the Superintendent said he would like to replace a total of 4 trucks. He said the next newest truck in his fleet was a 2015 truck.

SUPERVISOR'S ITEMS

Supervisor Fish said the Board should consider hiring a Manager for the Transfer Station. He also said CT Male has recused itself from the RFP on a potential solar project at the landfill.

Confidential Secretary Bennett prompted a discussion on setting Budget Workshops. Councilmember Killian asked if Friday was soon enough for a response. Councilmember Stewart asked if the meeting dates had to be set at a public meeting. Counsel said they did. The Supervisor asked if they could be set during the meeting they were in, and Counsel answered affirmatively. Proposed dates included October 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, and 24.

Resolution 334-2024 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to set the 2025 budget workshops for October 15, October 22, and October 24 at 7:00 p.m., and to move the month-end audit and Town Board meetings to October 29 at 6:45 and 7:00 p.m. respectively.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 335-2024 A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember Killian, to adjourn the meeting.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Trombley
Erin Trombley, Town Clerk