Schroon Lake Town Board Meeting **May 11, 2026**
Held at the Town Hall **6:00 P.M**

Present:

Town Supervisor:	Meg Wood
Councilpersons:	David Williams, Leanna Welch, Rick Gero Steve Miller - Excused
Town Clerk:	Erica Hedden
Chief Wastewater:	Brian Ritchings
Building & Grounds:	Ethan Thompson
Also Present:	Lynette Colden, Fran Mahler, Skip Mahler, Joy Koch, Bob Koch, Sue Repko, Sue Palisano, Samantha Fauske, Nicole Curren, Albert May, Daryl Jackson

Supervisor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00P.M. with a salute to the Flag.

Public Participation:

Joy Koch stated: I just wanted to remind everyone that our Star Party is August 8th at the beach after dark, we have a rain date of August 11th. I would also like to inquire about the light at the bathroom being down shielded. Additionally possible a motion detector light installed as well as a down shield.

REQUEST TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF APRIL 13,21, 27TH 2026
RESOLUTION #90-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WILLIAMS
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to accept the Town Clerks minutes of the April 13th 21st and 27th Town Board meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby accepts the Town Clerks minutes of the April 13th 21st and 27th Town Board meeting.

DULY ADOPTED MAY 11, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1
AYES: Councilpersons Gero, Williams, Welch, and Supervisor Wood
EXCUSED: Miller

REQUEST TO APPROVE VOUCHERS
RESOLUTION #91-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve vouchers
2026 General: $47,713.63 2026 Highway: $40,756.77 2026 Sewer: $8,366.24 2026 Water: $24,861.32

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the vouchers.

DULY ADOPTED MAY 11, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSTAINED: 1
AYES: Councilpersons Williams, Gero, and Welch
EXCUSED: Councilperson Miller ABSTAINED: Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS
RESOLUTION #92-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WILLIAMS
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve Town Clerk, Sewer, Parks, Buildings & Grounds, and Codes monthly reports for April.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the above forementioned departmental reports.

DULY ADOPTED MAY 11, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1
AYES: Councilpersons Gero, Williams, Welch, and Supervisor Wood
EXCUSED: Miller

REQUEST TO APPROVE MOU WITH NORTH COUNTRY MINISTRY
RESOLUTION #93-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for North Country Ministry to use the meeting room downstairs on a regular basis as part of their out-reach program on Tuesdays. Term will be April 1, 2026 to March 30th, 2027 for $1.00 cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves Memorandum of Understanding for North Country Ministry to use the meeting room downstairs on a regular basis as part of their out-reach program on Tuesdays. Term will be April 1, 2026 to March 30th, 2027 for $1.00 cost.

DULY ADOPTED MAY 11, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1
AYES: Councilpersons Gero, Williams, Welch, and Supervisor Wood
EXCUSED: Miller

REQUEST TO APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO 2 OF 2026, A LOCAL LAW TO PROHIBIT CAMPING OR SLEEPING IN TOWN PARKS, PUBLIC SIDEWALKS, STREETS, ALLEYWAYS OR PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY
RESOLUTION # 94-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to consider adoption of Local Law 2 of 2026 entitled, " A Local Law to Prohibit Camping or Sleeping in Town Parks, Public Sidewalks, Streets, Alleyways or other Public Rights of Way", a Local Law that would authorize the Town law to prohibit camping or sleeping in/on town parks, public sidewalks, public streets, alleyways, or any other public right of way. People camping or sleeping in town parks, on public property, or in public right of ways, creates a public health and safety hazard and interferes with the rights of others to use the areas for which they were intended.

WHEREAS, adoption of this legislation is authorized by from Article IX, Section 2(c) of the New York Constitution; Article 2 Section 10 of the Statute of Local Governments, and Article 2, Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, which authorizes the Town to adopt local laws and regulations that advance and protect the health, safety and welfare of the community.

WHEREAS, adoption of this legislation is authorized by New York General Municipal Law §103 and New York Municipal Home Rule Law §10; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Home Rule Law §20 requires the Town Board to hold a Public Hearing prior to the adoption of any Local Law, and the Town Board duly held a Public Hearing on 5/11/2026 at 5:45PM, 2026, concerning proposed Local Law No.: 2 of 2026 and heard all interested persons,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Schroon Town Board hereby adopts proposed Local Law No.: 2 of 2026 which authorizes the Town law to prohibit camping or sleeping in/on town parks, public sidewalks, public streets, alleyways, or any other public right of way. People camping or sleeping in town parks, on public property, or in public right of ways, creates a public health and safety hazard and interferes with the rights of others to use the areas for which they were intended.; and

BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that such Local Law shall take effect upon filing the Local Law with the Secretary of State; and

BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Clerk to file the Local Law with the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law; and

BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and/or Town Counsel to execute any required documents and take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

DULY ADOPTED MAY 11, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTES:
COUNCILPERSON GERO: AYE
COUNCILPERSON WELCH: AYE
COUNCILPERSON WILLIAMS: AYE
SUPERVISOR WOOD: AYE
EXCUSED: Miller

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2026
Town of Schroon, County of Essex
A Local Law to Prohibit Camping or Sleeping in Town Parks, Public Sidewalks, Streets, Alleyways or other Public Rights of Way

BE IT ENACTED, by the Town Board of Schroon, County of Essex, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to prohibit camping or sleeping in/on town parks, public sidewalks, public streets, alleyways, or any other public right of way. People camping or sleeping in town parks, on public property, or in public right of ways, creates a public health and safety hazard and interferes with the rights of others to use the areas for which they were intended.

Section 2. Authority

The authority to adopt this local law is derived from Article IX, Section 2(c) of the New York Constitution; Article 2 Section 10 of the Statute of Local Governments, and Article 2, Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, which authorizes the Town to adopt local laws and regulations that advance and protect the health, safety and welfare of the community.

Section 3. Definitions

Unless the context requires otherwise the following definitions apply.

A. "To Camp" means to set up or to remain in or at a campsite.

B. "Campsite" means any place where bedding, sleeping bag, or other material used for bedding purposes, or any stove or fire is placed, established, or maintained for the purpose of maintaining a temporary place to live, whether or not such place incorporates the use of any tent, lean-to, shack, or any other structure, or any vehicle or part thereof.

C. "Prohibited Public Places" means any place not designated as a public campground pursuant to Federal, State or local statute or ordinance and shall include the following:

a) Public streets, sidewalks, alleyways, passages and rights of way;
b) Publicly owned property;
c) Public parks;
d) Public parking lots, whether publicly owned or privately;
e) Public landscaped areas, whether publicly or privately owned and maintained pursuant to a public easement or agreement for public maintenance;
f) Private property that is readily accessible to the general public or is otherwise open to common general use;
g) Vacant lots that are readily accessible to the general public or otherwise open to common general use or that attract activity that may pose a threat to public health and safety; and
h) Drainage culverts and basins.

Section 4. Sleeping or Camping is Prohibited on Sidewalks, Streets, Alleys, or Within Doorways or in Prohibited Public Places

a) No person may sleep or camp on public sidewalks, streets, alleyways, or other prohibited public places at any time as a matter of individual and public safety.
b) No person may sleep or camp in any pedestrian or vehicular entrance to public or private property abutting a public sidewalk.
c) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, any person found in violation of this section may be immediately removed from the premises.

Section 5. Camping Prohibited

No person may occupy a campsite in or upon any sidewalk, street, alley, lane, public right of way, park, bench, or any other prohibited public place, or under any bridge or viaduct, unless (i) otherwise specifically authorized by this Local Law, (ii) by a formal declaration of the Town of Schroon Town Board in emergency circumstances, or (iii) upon Board resolution, the town may exempt a special event from the prohibitions of this section, if the Town Board finds such exemption to be in the public interest and consistent with Town goals and notices. Any conditions imposed will include a condition requiring that the applicant provide evidence of adequate insurance coverage and agree to indemnify the Town for any liability, damage or expense incurred by the Town *as* a result of activities of the applicant.
Any findings by the Town Board shall specify the exact dates and location covered by the exemption.

Section 6. Removal of Campsite on Public Property

Upon. discovery of a campsite on public property, removal of the campsite by Law Enforcement may occur under the following circumstances:
A. Prior to removing the campsite, the Town shall attempt to give prior notice in advance at the campsite.
B. The Town shall inform a local agency (delivering social services to homeless individuals) of the location of the campsite.
C. Law Enforcement is authorized to remove the campsite and all personal property related thereto.

Section 7. Disposition and Release of Personal Property

For purposes of this Local Law, "personal property" means any item reasonably recognizable as belonging to a person and having apparent utility or monetary value. Items having no apparent utility or monetary value and items in an unsanitary condition may be immediately discarded. Weapons, drug paraphernalia, items appearing to be stolen, and evidence of a crime may be retained as

evidence by the Law Enforcement until an alternate disposition is determined. All personal property removed from the campsite which is not retained, disposed of, or held as evidence (as provided above) shall be stored by the Law Enforcement as per their policy, during which time it shall be reasonably available for and released to an individual confirming ownership.

Section 8. Enforcement

This local law shall be enforced by any officer of the Essex County Sheriff's Office, NYS Police, the Town Code Enforcement Officer, or any other police officer authorized as such by the State of New York.

Section 9. Penalties

A violation of this Local Law shall be deemed an offense punishable by a fine up to $500 or imprisonment up to 15 days, or both.

Section 10. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 11. Effective date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Section 12. Amendments

This Local Law may be amended from time to time by Town Board resolution

REQUEST TO APPROVE FINALIZED ESSEX COUNTY STR SALES TAX SHARING AGREEMENT
RESOLUTION #95-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WILLIAMS
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the final Essex County STR Sales Tax Agreement. It has been determined by the County that the Town of Schroon will be eligible for a share of $100,000 for the 2026 year. It was also determined if Towns have access to ALS they will be allotted an additional $25,000. The Town of Schroon therefore will be allocated $125,000 as a part of the Sales Tax Sharing Agreement for 2026. The Town of Schroon will be submitting a quarterly voucher for these funds.

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon has directed $75,000 of the Sales Tax Sharing Agreement funds to the EMS squad in addition to their budgeted amount and the remaining $50,000 will go towards our Stormwater Assessment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the final Essex County STR Sales Tax Agreement

DULY ADOPTED MAY 11, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1

AYES: Councilpersons Gero, Williams, Welch, and Supervisor Wood EXCUSED: Miller

REQUEST TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SCHROON-NORTH HUDSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY GRANT
RESOLUTION #96-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WILLIAMS
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve writing a letter of support for the Schroon-North Hudson Historical Society to purchase an interpretative sign at the site of the former Leland House. The Town of Schroon will provide help with installation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves writing a letter of support for the Schroon-North Hudson Historical Society to purchase an interpretative sign at the site of the former Leland House. The Town of Schroon will provide help with installation.

DULY ADOPTED MAY 11, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1

AYES: Councilpersons Gero, Williams, Welch, and Supervisor Wood EXCUSED: Miller

Sue Repko stated: This interpretive sign will be there to explain what was here historically and how wonderful it was, also how it impacted the town during the Gilded age. This is also an opportunity for people to learn about the historical society and some of the history of the town. We hope this will help folks to visit the historical society and explore the history of Schroon Lake.

REQUEST TO APPROVE A LIMIT OF TWO FOOD TRUCK SPOTS AT THE PAVILION ON JULY 4TH.
RESOLUTION #97-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the creation of a limit of two (2) Food Truck Vendor locations at the pavilion during 4th of July events. This limit will be applicable until reevaluated by the town board at a later date.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this limit is to reduce the impediment of vehicle and foot traffic on the fourth of July.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the creation of a limit of two (2) Food Truck Vendor locations at the pavilion during 4th of July events.

DULY ADOPTED MAY 11, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1
AYES: Councilpersons Gero, Williams, Welch, and Supervisor Wood
EXCUSED: Miller

REQUEST TO ACCEPT WITH OUR SINCEREST REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF JANE BOUCHARD
RESOLUTION #98-2026
INTRODUCED BY: SUPERVISOR WOOD
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: UNANIMOUS

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to accept with our sincerest regret, the resignation of Jane Bouchard.

WHEREAS, The Town of Schroon would like to thank Jane Bouchard for her 28 years of services and dedication. She has dedicated herself to our library, she has helped transform the library into the pillar of our community that it is today.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby accepts with our sincerest regret, the resignation of Jane Bouchard.

DULY ADOPTED MAY 11, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1
AYES: Councilpersons Gero, Williams, Welch, and Supervisor Wood
EXCUSED: Miller

REQUEST TO APPROVE WATER TAP APPLICATION FOR TAX MAP #136.3-1-24.000
RESOLUTION #99-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve a water tap application for Larry Koller at 1559 US Route 9, Tax Map # 136.3-1-24.000, authorized by Bill Jenks, Chief Water Operator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves a water tap application for Larry Koller at 1559 US Route 9, Tax Map # 136.3-1-24.000, authorized by Bill Jenks, Chief Water Operator.

DULY ADOPTED MAY 11, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1
AYES: Councilpersons Gero, Williams, Welch, and Supervisor Wood
EXCUSED: Miller

REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 3 MESSAGE SIGN BOARD- TABLED

REQUEST TO APPROVE PART TIME SUBSTITUTE TRANSFER STATION ATTENDEE
RESOLUTION #100-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the hire of Gerald Shufelt as Part Time Substitute Transfer Station Attendee, at a rate of $18.37/hour, grade 2, effective May 12, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the hire of Gerald Shufelt as Part Time Substitute Transfer Station Attendee, at a rate of $18.37/hour, grade 2, effective May 12, 2026.

DULY ADOPTED MAY 11, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1
AYES: Councilpersons Gero, Williams, Welch, and Supervisor Wood
EXCUSED: Miller

REQUEST TO APPROVE SAND FILTER 2026 UPGRADE PROPOSAL - Tabled

REQUEST TO APPROVE CEMETERY BID CONTRACT
RESOLUTION #101-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve G+C Services BID for the Cemetery mowing 2026.

Company Name: G+C Services

Location	Cost Per Visit		
	Spring Cleanup	Single Routine Mowing	Fall Clean up
Severance	$150.00	$700.00	$150.00
Protestant	$150.00	$600.00	$150.00
Baker Street	$100.00	$250.00	$100.00
South Schroon	$100.00	$250.00	$100.00
Total	$500.00	$1800.00	$500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves G+C Services for the award of the Cemetery Mowing 2026 bid contract.

DULY ADOPTED MAY 11, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1
AYES: Councilpersons Gero, Williams, Welch, and Supervisor Wood
EXCUSED: Miller

DISCUSSION: LITHIUM-ION BATTERY STORAGE FACILITIES

Supervisor Wood stated: This issue is popping up across the nation. We are not going to deal with this tonight; I just wanted to let you know that we are researching this. We are aware of the issue, but we want to be sure we have all our facts first. Last week we were at the conference in Saranac Lake and we saw a Post Star article. We met a representative of the State that is the head of educating towns about this issue, the pros and cons. She will be attending the Essex County Board of Supervisors Meeting soon as well. These meetings are open to the public. This is a big issue. We have not had anyone contact us, but we know Ticonderoga has. Many towns are considering a moratorium to put a pause on any developments until we know more. We may be able to take care of this with our new town zoning law but that law is still in draft and production phase.

DISCUSSION: LOCAL ORDINANCE LIMITING TOWN PARK EVENING ACTIVITIES

Supervisor Wood stated: It is hard to enforce something like this. I am not saying someone couldn't call the police or the sheriffs, but I would like to find out if this is something we can deal with in our new Zoning law.

Joy Koch stated: most towns have a time limit on their park

Supervisor Wood stated: they do, but we do not have a fence around our park. It's been talked about.

Joy Koch stated: if you have an ordinance that says the park is closed. I think that it will protect the town from the person comes with their Boom Box and a case of beer.

Sue Palisano stated: an issue is enforcement and we can't do selective enforcement. What you can do is have a noise ordinance.

Supervisor Wood stated: well, there is an issue with that too, by the time you get the equipment there to read the decibels or get the troopers there, the folks creating the noise are gone. Which does solve the problem but it's a waste of resources.

Joy Koch stated: didn't you do that at the pavilion? At ten o'clock?

Supervisor Wood stated: the lights turn off at 10.

Joy Koch stated: didn't you put a sign up at the pavilion about being closed at 10?

Councilperson Williams stated: this might be the place to start small. I know one issue is the pavilion, maybe we could point those lights down too. I know I have a conflict of interest because I live across the street and I am also advocating for my mother-in-law. Right next door to me, there is a retired Saratoga Chief of Police and he stated if you don't have sign and don't deal with that then people know it's a place to come. By having something, at least you have a way to have a conversation with them. If we have signs, hopefully it will discourage people. In my experience the most active part of the park at night is the pavilion.

Supervisor Wood stated: remember if we close the pavilion, then they will all move over to the bandstand. We need to find a solution for the whole of the park.

Councilperson Gero stated: we have brought this all up before and haven't come to any solution. We know there is an issue, we have talked about signs and motion detectors. We have a fine line between dark skies, glare in the neighborhood and safety. Let's do the signs, lets do the motion detectors. Let's start with the things we have already talked about

DISCUSSION: ZONING/STR (*Comprehensive Plan)*

Supervisor Wood stated: The zoning BID is out; I can't tell you when we are supposed to receive them by and open them. We did not publish them. We got a $79,000 grant from the State to re-do our zoning law.

Joy Koch stated: who exactly? I am trying to understand this, we got a grant. What is happening with that money?

Fran Mahler stated: I would like to be recognized by the Town Board that the Public should not be participating in any of this discussion until the end.

Supervisor Wood stated: You are correct. The Essex County Community Resources Office put out the BID.

DISCUSSION: BASKETBALL COURT WORK UPDATE *(Comprehensive Plan)*

Councilperson Williams stated: we are working on the basketball court. We recently had a tree taken down and I just heard from Joe that the new backboard sway too much, so we will have to go back to the old back boards, I think. The new metal ones are just too big. What we did do, we shortened the court. We eliminated the issue of people potentially getting their feet stuck under the fence and getting hurt. Now there is 7 feet between the basket and the fence. In June we are looking to have CRAFCO come in and re-do the surface of it. We hope to have it all up and ready for the summer season.

DISCUSSION: TOWN PARK PLAYGROUND UPDATE *(Comprehensive Plan)*

Councilperson Williams stated: I have been working with Rick on the playground. We got a grant from Essex County, that is $7,000. We got $4,000 from the Lions Club. Thanks to Leanne and Rick they have already done a lot of work with this. We are getting ready to order some playground equipment. Our next stage is to order the equipment and then figure out how we want to put things.

Supervisor Wood stated: I ordered a double chair, its already here and waiting.

DISCUSSION: ROGERS BROOK WASTEWATER PROJECT STATUS *(Comprehensive Plan)*

Supervisor Wood stated: as you all know this has been going on for many years. The seventh design has been submitted to the State and the DEC and we are waiting to see if they will give us the work permit. The DOT is doing the bridge.

DISCUSSION: WATER DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENTS *(Comprehensive Plan)*

Supervisor Wood stated: Tim from Atlantic Underwater Services, inspected our Water tanks. The Golf Course tank is in good shape; he did find one spot that needs attention. Anodes need to be replaced and sediment need to be taken out of the bottom. Horseshoe pond tank is in good shape, needs new anodes. The Route 9 tank is in good shape as well. He said for the age of the tank the inside is very clean. As of today, we have not gotten a price on the work that needs to be done. The verbal estimate is $6,000 dollars a day for the diver, $400 per anode and we will need 12 of those.

Councilperson Williams stated: is that something we need to do this year?

Supervisor Wood stated: yes

DISCUSSION: GOLF COURSE CLUB HOUSE EMPLOYEE MEETING UPDATE *(Comprehensive Plan)*

Councilperson Welch stated: Golf course is opening up this weekend. All our past employees are coming back, other than the new ranger. We had sent out a letter to all the members, letting them know what we are expecting of them and some of the changes we are starting. We are asking for ID for those that rent carts, pretty standard. These carts are new to us this year, we lease them. We just want to make sure we are safe and covered. We do have a Clubhouse manager this year, Bradley Dezalia. He was very happy to step up and fill that for us, we are grateful to have him.

DISCUSSION: DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

Town Clerk Hedden stated: I just included with the board packets a copy of a new Dog license application form. I just wanted the board to be aware that I am going to start requiring that these be filled out for every dog license. This application will be retained and held on file with the rabies certificate. Currently I keep digital record of the license and hard copies are created by making a copy of my print outs. With this new form, it is filled in by the owner, and signed by the owner, so it is acting as a great double check and a better audit trail. This does not require anything from the board of the public, I simply wanted to let the board know about the change.

DISCUSSION: TOWN MAINTENANCE POSITION VS. CLEANER POSITION *(Comprehensive Plan)*

Supervisor Wood stated: we have talked about this before, we really need to figure out what we want to do.

Councilperson Gero stated: we are having trouble getting a cleaner. Pat is busy in the winter. We just feel like there is a gap and this is an area that needs a solution. Ethan is so busy. If we could combine the cleaning position with a building maintenance person. Someone who can do many different tasks from cleaning bathrooms to shoveling sidewalks and repotting flower beds. Just a general go-to maintenance person. Ethan is way too busy, having someone to fill this gap could take a few smaller tasks off of Ethan so he can continue to focus on his MASSIVE to do list.

Supervisor Wood stated: we have not had a successful cleaning service since Denise left. We have tried business, as well as individuals. Naomi currently cleans for us, she does an AMAZING job, but she has stated that she can't commit to us for the long term. We could have someone come in and clean at 6AM and by 9AM it's a mess again. Having someone come once a day is enough sometimes, but not enough other times. That is one reason why we are thinking we need a person not a contract.

Councilperson Gero stated: yes, and when there is down time, when the building is clean there are so many things that an be done outside and around the building. Also, maybe even helping in other departments. There is always a Town employee somewhere who could use a hand with something. So, I think there is no shortage of work for an employee like this.

Supervisor Wood stated: I would like to see us become proactive, rather than always scrambling to fix something. You're always going to have to pay, but let's pay for maintenance rather than scrambling at the last second to fix something broken.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGARDING DISCUSSIONS:

Joy Koch stated: I am completely in the dark on this zoning law. Initially I was told that Larry Reid was doing the zoning.

Supervisor Wood stated: Larry is the chair of the zoning board of appeals.

Joy Koch stated: I was told that he was writing the zoning.

Supervisor Wood stated: you're not wrong. Larry has a lot of experience from his professional life. Larry offered a year or so ago to go over the current zoning law. He was doing research and putting in his advice, he was doing this as leg work for the town. He has submitted his remarks a few times to the Board of Supervisors at the County. With the help of the professionals, Larry's leg work will be given to them and they will work with that and our old zoning law. There will be public meetings, we will address signage, lights, noise and everything else.

Joy Koch stated: so, it is not being written by Larry.

Supervisor Wood stated: Larry did a vast amount of home work. All his homework defers to the professionals. He has been invaluable.

Joy Koch stated: so, Larry has given all that information to these people?

Supervisor Wood stated: Larry did a lot of leg work; we applied for a grant to have professionals do this. Professionals that write zoning laws. Larry had offered to do what he did, we gave it to the Essex County Community Services they are the one that write the grants and review the grants as well as manage the grants. It's now in their hands. They have written the grant proposal and we need to put it out to bid.

Daryl Jackson stated: I am here because we got a letter. A year ago, when I came and got all the work, you guys worked with us. I am here to see, and approach you guys and give you the letter that Bill said to do. We paid for everything from our street, new water line, up to date, all the things from the state and the health department. Once everything had been done, the Town would take over the street. We did our requirements, and so now I and all the homeowners would like to have it signed off.

Supervisor Wood stated: as soon as Billy comes in and sits down with the whole file.

Daryl Jackson stated: I talked to Billy several times

Supervisor Wood stated: so, did I.

Daryl Jackson stated: well Bill said to write a letter, I got the letter here, ill give everyone a copy. So, Bill needs to come in and give his approval. Everything is fulfilled on our end.

Councilperson Gero stated; yep, submit your letter, we will go over it. We can bring Dave in as a consultant; we will go over the whole thing for a final review.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
INTRODUCED BY: SUPERVISOR WOOD
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO

Supervisor Wood moved a motion to go into executive session at 7: 17 PM for discussion of disciplinary action seconded by Councilperson Gero.

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WILLIAMS

Councilperson Gero moved a motion to come out of executive session at 8:05 PM, seconded by Councilperson Williams. No decisions were made while in executive session.

REQUEST TO APPROVE APPOINTING HEARING OFFICER FOR CIVIL SERVICE LAW SECTION 75 HEARING
RESOLUTION #102-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

WHEREAS, the Town Board requests that Michael J. Muller, Esq., is hereby appointed as the Hearing Officer to conduct a hearing on the charges contained in a written Notice of Discipline dated May 4, 2026 and on any amendments of supplements to such charges, to cause a transcript to be made of such hearing and following his analysis, to submit the record of hearing to the Town Board with his recommendations for the Town Board's review and decision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby resolves that Michael J. Muller, Esq., is hereby appointed as the Hearing Officer to conduct a hearing on the charges contained in a written Notice of Discipline dated May 4, 2026 and on any amendments of supplements to such charges, to cause a transcript to be made of such hearing and following his analysis, to submit the record of hearing to the Town Board with his recommendations for the Town Board's review and decision.

DULY ADOPTED MAY 11, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTES:
COUNCILPERSON GERO: AYE
COUNCILPERSON WELCH: AYE
COUNCILPERSON WILLIAMS: AYE
SUPERVISOR WOOD: AYE
EXCUSED: Miller

Thank you to our Highway Department for all their hard work, as well as all the Town of Schroon Employees who helped during the last weather events.

Any other business before the board

RECESS MEETING AT 8:14PM
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WILLIAMS
With no further business, this meeting was recessed at 8:14PM, carried unanimously to reconvene at 8:00AM May 12, 2026.

Erica Hedden
Town Clerk