

TOWN OF BEEKMAN – TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 26, 2025

The Town of Beekman Town Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at the Beekman Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor **Mary Covucci** at **6:01 p.m.**

Present:

- Supervisor Mary Covucci
- Councilman Battaglini
- Councilman Lemak
- Councilwoman Wohrman
- Councilman Capollari

Also Present:

- Town Clerk Laureen Abbatantuono
- Town Attorney Craig Wallace

Supervisor Covucci led the Pledge of Allegiance, pointed out the emergency exits, and called for a moment of silence in honor of all those who have served our country.

Presentations:

- **Building Inspector Jessica Peterson** provided an update on the permit status for the Halloween display at **150 Lime Ridge Road (Death Ridge Road)**. Safety measures and ground rules have been established, and the display is scheduled to open on **October 31st**.
- **Douglas Zimmerman of the EFPR Group** presented a summary of the independent audit. (*Please refer to the meeting video for details.*)

Supervisor Covucci reviewed the agenda items.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

- **Barbara Walsh** commented on **Resolution #6**, questioning why a committee is already being formed for the Town's **250th Anniversary**, and how members were selected—particularly those who will no longer be serving on the Town Board.

Public Comments:

- **Theresa Wielgos**, 92 Lime Ridge Road, inquired about grant opportunities for the soccer fields and asked why the Town of Beekman does not apply for such grants. Supervisor Covucci responded that a report would be provided at the next meeting.
- **Murray Johnson**, Roosevelt, shared information regarding a County Comptroller's presentation to be held at the Beekman Library. Ms. Johnson also discussed the use of ARPA funds and explained aspects of the Open Meetings Law.
 - Supervisor Covucci stated that ARPA funds were used for projects within the Town.
 - Town Attorney Craig Wallace commented on the Open Meetings Law, stating that "you cannot have a quorum without an open meeting."
- **Nancy Lynam**, Dove Court, thanked Tony Covello and the Highway Department for the excellent work completed on Furnace Road. (*See attached letter.*)
 - Councilwoman Wohrman clarified that the paving work was performed by **Clove Excavating**, noting that the Highway Department does not perform paving.
- **Bill Crane**, 231 Hollow Road, asked questions regarding several new development proposals within the Town.

General Board Comments:

- **Councilwoman Wohrman** announced that **Citizen Preparedness Training** will be held on **Tuesday, September 16th** at the Beekman Recreation Center.
- **Town Clerk Laureen Abbatantuono** provided information regarding the upcoming **2025 School Tax Collection**.

Next Meeting:

The next regular Town Board meeting is scheduled for:

- **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

Supervisor Covucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at **6:44 p.m.**, which was seconded by Councilman Battaglini.

All in Favor: AYE

Respectfully submitted,
Laureen Abbatantuono
Town Clerk

**BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
AUGUST 26, 2025**

6:00 PM

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Administrative Announcement--Fire Exits

PRESENTATION

REPORTS

TOWN BOARD MEETING

- Supervisor Comments
- Comments on Agenda Items (3 Minute Limit)

RESOLUTIONS

1. Close Capital Project Fund
2. Increase Budget for FEMA Repairs Capital Project
3. Authorize Sale of Highway Equipment
4. Approve Attendance at NYS AMMC Annual Conference
5. Accept Budget Revision #2025-8
6. Appoint Semiquincentennial Committee
7. Payment of Claims

- Other Town Board Business
- General Town Board Comments
- Public Comments (3-Minute Limit)
- **Next Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO. 08:26:25-1
RE: RESOLUTION TO CLOSE CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

WHEREAS, the Town Of Beekman authorized various Capital Project Funds to make improvements to equipment and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the GASB & GAAP Best Practices recommends the official closing of Capital Projects by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, the following completed Capital Project summarized now should be officially closed and the disposition of unexpended balance approved as follows:

<u>Capital Project Improvement Description</u>	<u>Project Budget</u>	<u>Final Expenses</u>	<u>Unexpended Balance</u>	<u>Disposition of Unexpended Balance</u>
Town Center Park Imp	\$ 200,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 10,000	Return to General Fund

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman officially approves the closing of the above Capital Projects with the unexpended balances returned to the General Fund Designated for Capital Projects Use.

Introduced: COUNCILMAN CAPOLLARI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Councilman Lemak	AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

Dated: August 26, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 08:26:25-2
RE: RESOLUTION INCREASING BUDGET FOR FEMA REPAIRS CAPITAL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman Resolution No. 03:04:25-21 created a Capital Project Fund for Special Repairs to Damaged Roads Funded with FEMA & Highway Funds totaling \$260,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town has been notified by the Town Engineer that special piping work estimated at \$252,380 is necessary for the Stowe Drive Culverts Repairs (which is ineligible for FEMA funding), and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer is preparing plans to complete the Special Road Repairs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman Town Board deems it necessary to increase the authorized Capital Project Budget to \$528,725 summarized as follows:

<u>Capital Project Road Repairs</u>	<u>FEMA Funds</u>	<u>Highway Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Garden Hollow Rd Embankment	181,841		181,841
Stowe Drive Culvert	54,625	252,380	307,005
Town Management & Engineering	12,259		12,259
Contingency		<u>27,620</u>	<u>27,620</u>
Total Authorization +Funding	<u>\$248,725</u>	<u>\$280,000</u>	<u>\$528,725</u>

Introduced: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Councilman Lemak	AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

Dated: August 26, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 08:26:25-3
RE: AUTHORIZE SALE OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT AT AUCTION

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has received their 2025 Western Star Dump truck VIN # 5KKABPFM2SLVT5302; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous in disposing the truck that this replaces;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Tony Coviello, Highway Superintendent, to place this item for sale at auction, with the proceeds going to the Reserve for Equipment DA-0882.

One (1) 1997 International 4800 - (B3)
VIN #1HTSEAAR8VH429377

Introduced: **SUPERVISOR COVUCCI**

Seconded: **COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Councilman Lemak	AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

Dated: August 26, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 08:26:25-4
RE: APPROVE ATTENDANCE AT NYS AMCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, New York Association Magistrates Court Clerks Annual Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza, the Desmond in Albany, NY, from September 28 - October 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Court Clerk would like to register to attend; and

WHEREAS, there are monies in the Court's Budget for training;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Court Clerk to attend the Conference, and that the registration fee of \$100.00 and mileage (\$.70) if using her own vehicle be reimbursed or paid directly as audited by the Town Board.

Introduced: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

Seconded: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Councilman Lemak	AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

Dated: August 26, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 08:26:25-5
RE: APPROVE TOWN OF BEEKMAN BUDGET REVISIONS #2025-8

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman's Accounting Office recommends certain budget revisions based on department requests and/or the Accounting Office review and analysis of expenditures or revenues

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following itemized revisions are approved by the Town of Beekman Town Board identified as Budget Revision Number #2025-8

Budget Revisions for June 2025 # 2025-8

<u>Revision #</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
2025-08-01	A-1315-0401	Finance Supplies	500	
	A-1315-0404	Finance Training -Transfer for Supplies		500
2025-08-02	A-5132-0420	Garage Utilities	200	
	A-5132-0414	Garage Telephone -Transfer for Utilities		200
2025-08-03	A-7110-0401	Park Maintenance Supplies	192	
	A-7110-0450	Park Equipment Maintenance -Transfer for Supplies		192
2025-08-04	A-7112-0420	Town Center Utilities	500	
	A-7112-0401	Town Center Supplies -Transfer for Utilities		500
2025-08-05	A-7114-0400	Beyer Park Expense	50	
	A-7114-0401	Beyer Park Supplies -Transfer for Expense		50
2025-08-06	A-7118-0401	Remembrance Park Supplies	400	
	A-7118-0400	Remembrance Park Expense -Transfer for Supplies		400
2025-08-07	A-7180-0400	Lake Expense	1,800	
	A-7180-0411	Lake Chemicals -Transfer for Expense		1,800

SEWER FUND

2025-08-08	SS-8189-0410	Supplies Chemicals	300
	SS-8189-0440	Engineering	200
	SS-8189-0460	Special Services	
		-Transfer for Expenses	500

CAPITAL FUND

2025-08-09	H-5110-0202	Stowe Drive Contract	252,380
	<u>H-5110-0900</u>	Contingency	<u>27,620</u>
	H-0000-5031	Transfer for Hwy Fund	280,000
		-Increase in Project Allocation	
2025-08-10	H-9901-0900	Transfer Out	10,000
	H-7112-0200	TC Park Improvements	722
	H-7112-0400	TC Park Expenses	4,278
	H-7112-0440	TC Park Engineering	5,000
		-Transfer Out Balance of Project	
2025-08-11	H-7113-0440	Doherty Park Engineering	1,500
	H-7113-0470	Doherty Park Consulting	
		-Transfer for Engineering	1,500

Introduced: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

Seconded: COUNCILMAN LEMAK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Councilman Lemak	AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

Dated: August 26, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 08:26:25-6
RE: APPOINT SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the 250th anniversary of America, also known as the Semiquincentennial, commemorates the historic signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. This milestone offers an opportunity for Americans to reflect on the nation's history, honor the contributions of diverse communities, and look forward to the future; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman plans to join in the celebration by offering several opportunities throughout the coming year for the Town residents to participate in;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals be named to this committee;

A member of the CAC chosen from their Committee

A member of the Zoning Board of Appeals chosen from their Committee

A member of the Planning Board chosen from their Committee

Dani Plastini, Gina Snider, Faye Garito, Chris Rolison, Kathy McDonald, Heather Cooper, Mary Covucci and Sharon Wohrman.

Introduced: COUNCILMAN CAPOLLARI

Seconded: COUNCILWOMAN WOHRMAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari **NAY**

Councilman Battaglini **AYE**

Councilman Lemak **AYE**

Councilwoman Wohrman **AYE**

Supervisor Covucci **AYE**

Dated: August 26, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 08:26:25-7
RE: PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

WHEREAS, the Bookkeeper has audited and approved claims pursuant to Sect. 119 of Town Law as set forth in the attached abstracts; be it

RESOLVED, that the payment, therefore, is hereby authorized as follows:

Claims to be paid from the A-General Fund	\$ 120,587.97
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 482,397.63
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 7,680.47
Claims to be paid from the SW-Dover Ridge Water	\$ 3,951.96
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust Fund	\$ 33,889.79
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	<u>\$ 39,385.88</u>
	<u><u>\$ 687,893.70</u></u>

07/31/2025 Payroll #16

General Fund	\$ 74,462.15
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 24,159.96</u>
	<u><u>\$ 98,622.11</u></u>

08/14/2025 Payroll #17

General Fund	\$ 70,224.49
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 23,869.57</u>
	<u><u>\$ 94,094.06</u></u>

Introduced: COUNCILMAN BATTAGLINI

Seconded: COUNCILMAN CAPOLLARI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari	AYE
Councilman Battaglini	AYE
Councilman Lemak	AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman	AYE
Supervisor Covucci	AYE

Dated: August 26, 2025

Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
	WAGERING FEES	Bingo Proceeds	1	30.24
			Sub-Total:	\$30.24
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	6	6.64
	Marriage Lic.	MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE	5	87.50
	One Day Officiant License	One Day Officiant License	1	25.00
	OTHER UNCLASSIFIED REVENUES	Xerox	20	5.00
			Sub-Total:	\$124.14
A1603	Vital Statistics Fees	Certified Copies	28	280.00
			Sub-Total:	\$280.00
A2544	Dog Licensing Fees	Female, Spayed	16	144.00
		Female, Unspayed	1	15.00
		Male, Neutered	5	45.00
		Male, Unneutered	1	15.00
			Sub-Total:	\$219.00
			Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$653.38
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				27.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				113.36
Amount paid to: State Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses				112.50
Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$906.24		Total Non-Local Revenues:	\$252.86

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Laureen Abbatantuono, Town Clerk, Town of Beekman, during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Mary Covucci

Supervisor

6/30/25

Date

Laureen Abbatantuono

Town Clerk

6/30/25

Date

Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	6	8.72
	Marriage Lic.	MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE	6	87.50
			Sub-Total:	\$96.22
A1603	Vital Statistics Fees	Certified Copies	54	540.00
			Sub-Total:	\$540.00
A2544	Dog Licensing Fees	Female, Spayed	19	171.00
		Male, Neutered	15	135.00
		Male, Unneutered	2	30.00
			Sub-Total:	\$336.00
A2545	OTHER UNCLASSIFIED REVENUES	Junk Dealer License	1	25.00
			Sub-Total:	\$25.00
			Total Local Shares Remitted:	<u>\$997.22</u>
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				40.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				149.28
Amount paid to: State Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses				112.50
Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$1,299.00		Total Non-Local Revenues:	\$301.78

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Laureen Abbatantuono, Town Clerk, Town of Beekman, during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Mary Covucci

Supervisor

7/31/25

Date

Laureen Abbatantuono

Town Clerk

7/31/25

Date

August 26, 2025

Good evening! As someone who tries to always see the good in everything and the glass half full, I would like to point out and say thanks to our Highway Superintendent, Tony Coviello and his staff for a fine job on the work done to Furnace and Dorn Roads. If you haven't driven on those roads, you should. The work was well done...so again, thanks. I felt this was something to be noted because often, it is the negative stuff that gets cranked about while the good stuff often doesn't even get mentioned.

In addition and keeping with the glass half full and trying to see the good in 'everything', I am noting here that while I don't go on FB, a friend sent me a posting from FB that was a long dissertation and criticism of those running against the current board. In addition to the comments was a comic depicting our current Town Clerk, Laureen as "Lazy Laureen" and our Highway Super, Tony Coviello as "No-show Tony". First off, neither was comical and certainly not true, but more importantly, I would like to thank whoever wrote it because you showed your true colors and it clearly was a bitter last-ditch effort, not to mention juvenile, to attempt to discredit these two elected positions. I believe the primary was a clear indication of who and what out town's people are looking for despite the fact that this TB doesn't listen or act on the majority's behalf. Clearly the thinking and desires of our town's voters isn't in line with the thinking of those who wrote such trash and the few who agree with that FB posting. Do you really think that such negativity is a true reflection on those depicted? News flash, it is a highly visible reflection on the author(s).

June Building Department Revenue

Month	Fire Inspection	Zoning Fees	Planning Fees	Licenses, Other	Building Permits	Certificate of Occupancy	Title Searches	Plumbing Permits	Electrical Permits	Permits, Other	Total Fees
Prior Month	1560	2110	2115	2545	2555	2556	2560	2565	2566	2590	323,010.35
June	-	-	2,300.00	8,188.00	1,850.00	1,500.00	2,090.00	525.00	-	16,453.00	
General Ledger (Manual Entered)			2,300.00	8,188.00	1,850.00	1,500.00	2,090.00	525.00	-	16,453.00	
			2,300.00	8,188.00	1,850.00	1,500.00	2,090.00	525.00	-	16,453.00	
											\$ 339,463.55

AP #48662 Ref
The above was cut from the disbursement account
and is in the general ledger has a negative.

Balance in bank account (Manual Entered) \$ 340,953.55

\$ 340,953.55

July Building Department Revenue

Balance in bank account (Manual Entered) \$ 158,717.00

Worksheet to balance to Recreation Department

June Recreation Revenue

49,524.00 From Bank Statement

Worksheet to balance to Recreation Department
July Recreation Revenue

	JE #	Special			Special					
		Recreation	Concession	Sr Events	Rec Facility	Rec Bldg	Event Fees	Credit In System	Equipment Sales	
		2001	2012	2015	2025	2026	2050	2411	2665	
7/1/2025	8454	2,167.00		44.50		163.00				2,374.50 6/24/25-6/25/25
7/3/2025	5704	(1,820.00)								(1,820.00) Deposit Item Return
7/1/2025	5701				163.00	(163.00)				- 6/24/25-6/25/25
7/1/2025	8455	385.00								385.00 6/26/2025
7/1/2025	8456	2,837.50	30.00							2,867.50 6/27/25-6/29/25
7/1/2025	8457	820.00	82.00							902.00 6/30/2025
7/8/2025	8456	1,067.00	351.50	4.00						1,422.50
7/8/2025	8451	872.00	85.50	6.00			350.00			1,313.50
7/8/2025	8453	1,285.00	104.50			75.00				1,464.50
7/9/2025	8490		121.50							121.50
7/9/2025	8491	1,820.00								1,820.00 Deposit Item Return. Redeposit
7/15/2025	8490	415.00	202.00	3,503.00	200.00		350.00			4,670.00 7/10/25-7/11/25, 2 dep \$2526, \$2144
7/15/2025	8499	962.50	120.50	-						1,083.00
7/15/2025	8491	59.00	13.00	5.00						77.00
7/15/2025	8492	50.00	87.00	460.00						597.00
7/11/2025	5713	(375.00)								(375.00) Deposit Item Return
7/22/2025	8506	375.00								375.00 Deposit Item Return. Redeposit
7/22/2025	8507	109.00	149.00							258.00
7/22/2025	8508	247.50	191.50	94.00						533.00
7/22/2025	8509	419.00	65.00	4.00						488.00
7/22/2025	48954	(20.00)	-							(20.00) Refund
7/22/2025	8510	1,056.00	124.50			350.00				1,530.50
7/22/2025	8511	30.00	177.00	30.00						237.00
7/29/2025	8512	378.00	226.00	30.00						634.00
7/29/2025	8513	259.00	130.00							389.00
7/29/2025	8514	630.00	150.50		200.00					980.50
7/30/2025	8527	66.00	31.00	4.00						101.00
7/31/2025	8532	44.00	139.00	3.00	100.00					285.00
7/31/2025	8535	12,879.50	109.00	20.00	150.00					13,158.50
7/31/2025	5743	(3,750.00)	-	-	-					(3,750.00)
		\$ 23,268.00	\$ 2,734.50	\$ 4,326.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,103.50 Balances to General Ledger
		1,089.50					-			1,089.50 Reversal of CC
		(27.00)					-			(27.00) CC In Transit
7/3/2025	5704	1,820.00								1,820.00 Deposit Item Return
7/11/2025	5719	375.00								375.00 Deposit Item Return
7/22/2025	48954	20.00	-							20.00 Refund
7/31/2025	5743	3,750.00	-	-	-					3,750.00 Reversal of Refund
		\$ 30,295.50	\$ 2,734.50	\$ 4,326.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 1,050.00	-	-	-	\$ 39,131.00 Balances to Bank Statement
		\$ 23,268.00	\$ 2,734.50	\$ 4,326.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 1,050.00	-	-	-	\$ 32,103.50 Balances to General Ledger

Below is balancing to the Recreation Department										
		\$ 23,268.00	\$ 2,734.50	\$ 4,326.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,103.50
7/1/2025	8454	(2,167.00)	(44.50)		(163.00)					(2,374.50) 6/24/25-6/25/25
7/1/2025	5701			(163.00)	163.00					- 6/24/25-6/25/25
7/1/2025	8455	(385.00)								(385.00) 6/26/2025
7/1/2025	8456	(2,837.50)	[30.00]			-				(2,867.50) 6/27/25-6/29/25
7/1/2025	8457	(820.00)	(82.00)							(902.00) 6/30/2025
		\$ 17,058.50	\$ 2,578.00	\$ 4,163.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,574.50

Rec Report \$17,058.50 \$2,576.00 \$4,163.00 \$729.00 \$1,050.00 - - - \$25,574.50

Generally, it is not legitimate for an outgoing town board to include themselves in the following year's committee work in New York. Once their term on the board has expired, their authority ends. Their replacement is responsible for making appointments for the new year. However, if a town board member is re-elected, they can serve on a committee.

Committee appointment process in New York

- **The new Town Board makes appointments:** In New York, the current town board has the authority to fill appointive positions, including committee memberships. Once a new town board is sworn in, they have the power to appoint and supervise all boards and committees.
- **Advisory committees can include citizens:** New York town boards can appoint citizen committees to advise them on particular matters, but these committees are advisory only. While membership on these advisory committees can include members of existing boards, a former board member would need to be appointed by the new board.
- **Qualifications and potential for reappointment:** Any individual, including a former town board member, who meets the qualifications for public office (such as being a US citizen and a resident) is eligible to serve on a committee, assuming the committee does not have stricter requirements. However, this requires a fresh appointment by the new town board.
- **Resignation from the board for specific appointments:** In some cases, a member of the town board who wants to be appointed to fill a vacancy in a town office must resign from the board before being appointed. This procedure illustrates the separation between a board member's role and other town offices.

Key takeaways for legitimacy

- **Authority is temporary:** An outgoing town board does not retain authority to make appointments for the future, as its power ceases at the end of its term.
- **New appointments are needed:** For an outgoing board member to serve on a committee in the new year, they would need to be reappointed by the newly constituted board.
- **Action by formal resolution:** Any legal committee or board must be created and appointed by a formal resolution of the town board. If an

outgoing board attempted to set future committee appointments, it would likely be challenged and overturned by the incoming board.