



Town of Beekman Town Board

Beekman Town Hall
4 Main Street
Poughquag, NY 12570

Reorganizational Meeting of the Town Board

Tuesday, January 13th, 2026
7:00PM

Town Board Members

Laureen Abbatantuono, Supervisor
Kate Blake, Deputy Supervisor
Gina Ragusa, Councilwoman
Mersin Capollari, Councilman
Sharon Wohrman, Councilwoman

Alicia Turenchalk, Town Clerk

RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Each presentation to the Board made by an individual shall be limited to three (3) minutes in duration, unless extended by agreement by the Town Supervisor/ designee

2. Comments should be directed to the Board. Comments should be made in a respectful manner to the Board and from the Board to the community.

The Town Supervisor or designee may:

a. Interrupt, warn, or terminate an individual's comment when the comment is personally directed, abusive or obscene.

b. Request that any individual leave the meeting when that individual fails to observe reasonable decorum.

c. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time.

The intent of these rules are:

1. To allow members of the public a fair and adequate opportunity to be heard.

2. To assure that the regular agenda of the Town Board is completed; and

3. To recognize the nature of the Board and community's time and to use that time effectively.

Meeting Agenda

- a. Roll Call of the Town Board
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Moment of Silence
- d. Administrative Announcement
- e. Public Comment on Agenda Items – please come up to the microphone and state your name and address
- f. Resolutions
- g. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
- h. Adjournment

Resolutions

- 1. Approval of Town Board Meeting Change in May
- 2. Appointment of Chair for Zoning Board
- 3. Appointment of Chair for Planning Board
- 4. Designating the Official Newspaper for Town of Beekman
- 5. Inclement Weather Policy
- 6. Paid Holidays for Employees
- 7. Standard Work Week for 2026
- 8. Designation of Depositories for 2026
- 9. Appointment of Engineering Services
- 10. Authorizing Overtime and Compensatory Time for 2026
- 11. Approving Bond Counsel Services for 2026
- 12. Approving Payment of Claims Process
- 13. Signature Authorization on Depository Accounts
- 14. Establishing Petty Cash Funds
- 15. Setting Town of Beekman Mileage Reimbursement for 2026
- 16. Appointment of Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics
- 17. Emergency Interim Successors for 2026
- 18. Appointment of Emergency Chain of Command for 2026
- 19. Dissolving the Semiquincentennial Committee
- 20. Appointment of Chairperson for Conservation Advisory Committee for 2026
- 21. Amending the Appointment of the Confidential Secretary to Town Supervisor
- 22. Authorizing Extension of Battery Storage Moratorium
- 23. Reinstating 2026 Salary Adjustments
- 24. Payment of Claims
- 25. Approval of Budget Revisions

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-1

Approval of Second Town Board Meeting Change in May Due to Grievance Day

WHEREAS, Grievance Day is the fourth Tuesday in May, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman Grievance Day will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 4 Main Street, Poughquag, and

WHEREAS, this date conflicts with the May 26, 2026 Town Board Meeting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the second Town Board Meeting in May will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM, 4 Main Street, Poughquag, NY.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-2

Appointment of Chair for Zoning Board for the Year 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that Cristian Hangau is hereby appointed as Chairperson of the Town of Beekman Zoning Board of Appeals for the calendar year 2026.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-3

Appointment of Chair for Planning Board for the Year 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that Robert Lopane is hereby appointed as Chairperson of the Town of Beekman Planning Board for the calendar year 2026.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-4

Designating the Official Newspaper for the Town of Beekman

WHEREAS, the Poughkeepsie Journal, a newspaper regularly published in the Town of Beekman, Dutchess County, New York, and having a general circulation in the Town, and being a newspaper entered as second-class mail matter, be and the same hereby is designated as the official newspaper of the Town, and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of such designation to the publisher of such newspaper.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-5

Inclement Weather Policy

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor shall be the individual named to execute the inclement weather policy. In her absence, the Deputy Supervisor or Town Clerk are the designees to execute the policy, and that all closings, delayed openings, or early closings will be posted on the main page of the Town website www.townofbeekman.gov or by Town Facebook page.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-6

Establishing Paid Holidays for Employees of the Town of Beekman

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby establishes the paid holiday schedule for non-union employees of the Town of Beekman for the calendar year 2026 as follows:

Martin Luther King's Birthday	Monday, January 19, 2026
Presidents Day	Monday, February 16, 2026
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2026
Juneteenth	Friday, June 19, 2026
Independence Day	Friday, July 3, 2026
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2026
Columbus Day	Monday, October 12, 2026
Election Day	Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Veteran's Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26, 2026
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2026

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-7

Establishing Standard Work Week for the Year 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby designates the following as the standard work week for the Town of Beekman for the year 2025:

Town Hall Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Recreation Department:

Summer Schedule Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Winter Schedule Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Maintenance Department Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Town Court Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Highway: In accordance with Collective Bargaining Agreement

Summer Schedule - Monday – Thursday: 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Winter Schedule - Monday – Friday: 8 consecutive hours

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor shall notify the effected employees and the bargaining unit as required by their respective collective bargaining agreements.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-8

Designation of Depositories for 2026

WHEREAS, Section 64 of Town Law provides for the Town Board to designate by written resolution the banks in which certain officers shall deposit monies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that any commercial bank conducting business in the State of New York shall be designated as depositories for the Town of Beekman in which monies may be deposited and invested for the year 2026.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-9

Appointment of Engineering Services for the Town of Beekman

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman is presented with important issues respecting future development and long-range planning requiring comprehensive analysis and coordination, and

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the firm of Hudson Land Design, Civil & Environmental Engineering Consultants, 174 Main Street, Beacon, NY, represented by Daniel Koehler, P.E., be retained on a contractual basis to provide Engineering, Planning, and Zoning services to the Town of Beekman for all matters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Hudson Land Design will also provide administrative services for the Town's Building, Planning, and Zoning Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby continues to retain Hudson Land Design, represented by Daniel Koehler, P.E., as attached hereto through December 31, 2026.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-10

**Authorizing the Town Board of the Town of Beekman
to Set the Policy Regarding Overtime and
Compensatory Time for the Year 2026**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman does hereby direct Department Heads for 2026 to obtain approval from the Town Supervisor for all overtime and compensatory time for the CSEA Employees and all Non-Union Employees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all CSEA, Local 456 I.B.T., and Town employees must clock in and out on the Town Official Paychex time clocks.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-11

Approving Bond Counsel Services for the Year 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that Douglas E. Goodfriend of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP, with offices at 51 West 52nd Street, New York, NY 10019 be, and hereby is employed and retained as Bond Counsel for the purpose of furnishing to the Town Board, the Town's departments and agencies such legal services as may be required during calendar year 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Douglas E. Goodfriend shall be paid in accordance with the established fee schedule of his firm effective calendar year 2026.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-12

**Approving Payment of Claims Without Routine
Town Board Claims Auditing Process**

WHEREAS, Town law allows certain payments to be made without going through the routine claims auditing process including the following:

- Monthly recurring utility bills
- Fixed salaries of officers or employees engaged at agreed upon wages
- Principal or interest payments on outstanding debt
- Court ordered payments
- Payments for approved lawful contracts exceeding one year
- Retirement system contributions, and

WHEREAS, the governing board of a local government may approve, by resolution, other payments to be made, in advance of claims audit process, for public utility services, employee benefits, postage, freight and express charges, and

WHEREAS, the Town Financial Advisor recommends that the Town approve this process to improve efficiency of the vendor payment process,

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board approves that public utility expenses, employee health insurance and other benefit payments, postage and freight charges and petty cash expenses can be paid in advance of routine claims audit.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-13**Signature Authorization on Depository Accounts for the Year 2026**

BE IT RESOLVED, that authorization is given to the Town Supervisor and Deputy Town Supervisor to sign signature cards and checks for the Town of Beekman, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that authorization is given to the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Supervisor to sign signature cards and to countersign checks exceeding \$2,500.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two (2) signatures are required on all checks exceeding \$2,500.00, one of which needs to be either the Town Supervisor or the Deputy Town Supervisor.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-14**Establishing Petty Cash Funds for Various Offices**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Law §64 (1-a), the Town Board is authorized to establish petty cash funds for any Town officer, head of a department or office in the Town, for payment, in advance of audit, of a properly itemized or certified bill for materials, supplies or services furnished to the Town for the conduct of its affairs and upon such terms as set forth in Town Law § 64 (1-a), and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby authorizes department Petty Cash Funds as follows:

Town Clerk	\$200.00
Tax Receiver	\$200.00
Parks & Recreation	\$550.00
Town Bookkeeper	\$50.00

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$1,000.00

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-15**Setting Town of Beekman Mileage Reimbursement Rate for 2026**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Law §116(1), the Town of Beekman compensates employees for the use of the employee's personal vehicle whenever the employee utilizes such personal vehicle for Town business, and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has established the allowable reimbursement rate for 2026 at the rate of \$0.72.5 per mile for business miles driven, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The recitations above set forth are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.
2. The Town Board hereby establishes and authorizes the allowable mileage reimbursement rate to a Town employee at \$0.72.5 per mile for business miles driven whenever a Town employee uses his/her personal vehicle for Town business, effective January 1, 2026. This rate shall remain in effect until modified by further Town Board Resolution.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-16**Appointment of the Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman is authorized under Town Law to make appointments and set salaries, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appointments for the year 2026 are hereby authorized and approved:

Registrar of Vital Statistics – Town Clerk	Annual Salary \$1,500.00
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics – Deputy Town Clerk	Annual Salary \$520.00
Green Haven Correctional Facility	No Annual Salary

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-17

Emergency Interim Successors for the Year 2026

WHEREAS, Dutchess County requires each municipality to designate emergency points of contact and Emergency Interim Successors to ensure continuity of government in the event of an emergency, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby appoints the following individuals as Emergency Interim Successors for the year 2026:

1. Kate Blake
2. Gina Ragusa
3. Mersin Capollari

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-18

Appointment of Emergency Chain of Command for the Year 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman does hereby appoint the following individuals as the Emergency Chain of Command for the year 2026:

1. Supervisor Laureen Abbatantuono
2. Kate Blake
3. Alicia Turnchalk

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-19

Dissolving the Semiquincentennial Committee

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman previously established the Semiquincentennial Celebration Committee to plan and coordinate events in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board now wishes to formally dissolve said Committee and conclude its operations, transferring all remaining responsibilities to the Beekman Recreation Committee, Recreation Director Dani Plastini, Town Supervisor Laureen Abbatantuono, Town Clerk Alicia Turnchalk, and Councilwoman Gina Ragusa,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby dissolves the Semiquincentennial Celebration Committee effective immediately, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board extends its sincere appreciation to the members of the Committee for their hard work, dedication, and service to the community.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-20

Appointment of Chair for Conservation Advisory Committee for the Year 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that Suzette Lopane is hereby appointed as Chairperson of the Town of Beekman Conservation Advisory Committee for the calendar year 2026.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-21**Resolution Amending the Appointment of the Confidential Secretary to the Town Supervisor**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor, Laureen Abbatantuono, has appointed Stephanie Giordano to serve at the pleasure of the Town Supervisor as Confidential Secretary for the Town of Beekman for the calendar year 2026, and

WHEREAS, the position of Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor was a part time position and the Town Board finds it to be in the best interest of the Town to make that position a full-time position,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution hereby amends the previously adopted resolution to reflect that Stephanie Giordano shall receive an annual salary of \$52,000.00, payable in 26 bi-weekly installments,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the position of Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor is hereby made a full-time position.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-22**Authorizing the Extension of the Battery Storage Moratorium**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman previously enacted a local law establishing a temporary moratorium on the review and approval of applications related to battery energy storage systems, in order to allow sufficient time to study potential impacts on public health, safety, and welfare, and

WHEREAS, said moratorium is scheduled to expire in January 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board continues to evaluate zoning, land use, and safety regulations pertaining to battery energy storage systems, and requires additional time to complete its review and adopt appropriate local legislations, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that extending the moratorium is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town, and to ensure that future development of battery energy storage systems is consistent with sound planning principles,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby authorizes the extension of the moratorium on battery energy storage systems for an additional period of six months, commencing upon the expiration of the current moratorium in January 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during the period of this extended moratorium, no applications for battery energy storage systems shall be accepted, reviewed, or approved by the Town, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and Town Attorney are hereby authorized to take all necessary steps to implement this resolution, including the preparation and filing of any required local law or notice.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-23**Reinstating 2026 Salary Adjustments for Non-Union Employees for the year 2026**

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously adopted Resolution 01:05:26-10, implementing a temporary freeze on 2026 salaries for all non-union employees in response to budgetary concerns, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has since reviewed updated financial projections and determined that current and anticipated revenues are sufficient to support standard personnel cost adjustments, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the importance of maintaining competitive compensation to support employee retention, morale, and the continued effective operation of Town services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the salary freeze established under Resolution 01:05:26-10 is hereby lifted, and all non-union employees shall be eligible for 2026 salary increases, step adjustments, and other authorized compensation changes consistent with Town policy and budgetary appropriations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any salary adjustments previously deferred due to the freeze may be implemented retroactively to January 1, 2026, subject to available funding and approval by the Town Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-24

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,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the payment, therefore, is hereby authorized as follows:

Claims to be paid from the A-General Fund	\$ 122,157.54
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 25,492.18
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 10,581.23
Claims to be paid from the SW-Dover Ridge Water	\$ 35.00
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust Fund	\$ 23.80
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	<u>\$ 140.00</u>
	\$ 158,429.75

RESOLUTION 01:13:26-25

Approve Town of Beekman Budget Revisions

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 #2026-1

Budget Revisions for January 2026 # 2026-1

<u>Revision #</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
General Fund				
2026-01-01	A-1220-0101	Supervisor Staff	18,650	
	A-1990-0400	Contingency Acct		18,650

-Amend Confidential Secretary to the Town Supervisor Annual Salary