



# Town of Beekman Town Board

Beekman Town Hall  
4 Main Street  
Poughquag, NY 12570

## *Regular Meeting of the Town Board*

Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 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. Acknowledgement of Minutes
  - 1. January 5, 2026
  - 2. January 13, 2026
- f. Public Comment on Agenda Items – please come up to the microphone and state your name and address
- g. Resolutions
- h. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
- i. Adjournment

## **Resolutions**

- 1. Appointment of Engineering Services
- 2. Approving Bond Counsel Services for 2026
- 3. Request for Bids for Scrap Metal
- 4. Appointment to the Stormwater Program Coordinator for MS4 Compliance – Mersin Capollari
- 5. Appointment to the Planning Board
- 6. Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals
- 7. Re-appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals
- 8. Authorizing Updated Procurement Policy
- 9. Appointment to Ethics Board
- 10. Appointment of Deputy Town Clerk for Greenhaven Correctional Facility
- 11. Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign Agreement with Unifirst Corporation
- 12. Authorizing Proposed Senior Bus Trips and Events for the 2026 Calendar Year
- 13. Approval of Budget Revisions
- 14. Payment of Claims

# **Resolutions**

**RESOLUTION 01:27:26-1****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 THEREFORE 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 01:27:26-2****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 52<sup>nd</sup> 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 01:27:26-3****Authorizing Town Clerk to Advertise Request for Bids for Scrap Metal**

WHEREAS, the Town held its annual Clean-Up Day on October 25, 2025, and has received a sizeable volume of old equipment and materials that need to be disposed of, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has recommended that these materials be sold for scrap, as the materials cannot be used by the Highway Department,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise a request for bids for the sale and removal of scrap metal located at the Beekman Highway Department.

**RESOLUTION 01:27:26-4****Designating Voting Representative to MS4 Coordination Committee**

WHEREAS, the SPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from MS4's requires that the Town develop, implement and enforce a storm water management program (SWMP) designed to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the town's storm sewer system to the maximum extent practicable as required by federal and state law, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman is an active member in the Dutchess County MS4 Coordination Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman continues to recognize the committee as integral to the safety and efficiency of our Town's soil and water infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, membership allows the Town of Beekman to assign a representative to represent the town and vote on committee procedures, and

WHEREAS, the SPDES General Permit requires that a Stormwater Program coordinator be appointed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman designates Mersin Capollari as a voting member to represent the Town of Beekman on the Dutchess County MS4 Coordination Committee until such time as a replacement is named and names him as the Town's Stormwater Program Coordinator until such time as a replacement is named.

**RESOLUTION 01:27:26-5**

**Appointment to the Planning Board**

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Town of Beekman Planning Board, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman has determined that Eric Verhave has an impressive resume, experience and background that is best suited for the position,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby appoints Eric Verhave to serve a three-year term on the Planning Board ending on December 31, 2028.

**RESOLUTION 01:27:26-6**

**Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals**

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Town of Beekman Zoning Board of Appeals, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman has determined that Colleen Hayes possesses the background and experience best suited to fill this position,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Colleen Hayes is hereby appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term, ending December 31, 2027.

**RESOLUTION 01:27:26-7**

**Re-Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Linda Porter is re-appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending on December 31, 2028.

**RESOLUTION 01:27:26-8**

**Authorizing the Updated Procurement Policy**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman has conducted a review of the Town's existing Procurement Policy in accordance with General Municipal Law §104-b, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that updates are necessary to ensure continued compliance with State law, promote fiscal responsibility, and reflect current best practices in purchasing procedures, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the proposed updated Procurement Policy and finds it to be in the best interest of the Town,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby adopts the updated Procurement Policy, effective immediately.

**RESOLUTION 01:27:26-9****Appointment to the Ethics Board**

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Ethics Board to be filled by a Town Board Member, and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Gina Ragusa has expressed interest in filling said vacancy,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby appoints Councilwoman Gina Ragusa to serve a three-year term ending on December 31, 2028.

**RESOLUTION 01:27:26-10****Appointing Deputy Town Clerk for Green Haven Correctional Facility**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Beekman finds it necessary and in the public interest to ensure the orderly and lawful issuance of marriage licenses and certificates to eligible applicants at Green Haven Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, the appointment of a Deputy Town Clerk for the limited and specific purpose of handling marriage-related matters at Green Haven Correctional Facility will facilitate compliance with NYS law and administrative efficiency,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby appoints Florence Henry as Deputy Town Clerk for the sole and limited purpose of processing, issuing, and certifying marriage licenses and marriage certificates for applicants at Green Haven Correctional Facility.

**RESOLUTION 01:27:26-11****Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Agreement with Unifirst Uniform Corporation**

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman is desirous of retaining a uniform company to supply work uniforms to the highway department employees, and

WHEREAS, the purchase contract is a Sourcewell cooperative agreement and therefore not subject to competitive bidding pursuant to the Town's purchasing policy, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has recommended the Town enter into an agreement with UniFirst Corporation,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with UniFirst Corporation for highway department employee uniforms.

**RESOLUTION 01:27:26-12****Authorizing Proposed Senior Bus Trips/Events for 2026**

WHEREAS, the 2026 Budget includes funding for the cost of a variety of bus trips and events for the Senior Citizens Program, and

WHEREAS, deposits are required for tours, shows and meals to guarantee the reservations, which deposits are reimbursed to the town through tickets sales,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that payment for the charter of a bus for the following trips and/or entertainment is hereby authorized:

Date

Venue/Bus Cost

Resident Seniors

GF Seniors

Non-Resident/Non-Seniors

May 13	“Whitney Houston” Resorts Worlds Casino Monticello, NY <b>Bus Cost: \$1,990</b>	\$61.00	\$71.00	\$76.00
June 18	“Johnny Cash Tribute” Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Hampton, NJ <b>Bus Cost: \$1,990</b>	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$105.00
July 9	“Crazy for You” Godspeed Opera House East Haddam, CT <b>Bus Cost: \$1,990</b>	\$95.00	\$100.00	\$105.00
August 13	“Boardwalk” Casa Bianca Oak Ridge, NJ <b>Bus Cost: \$1,990</b>	\$65.00	\$75.00	\$80.00
September 8	“Doo Wop Show” Aqua Turf Plantsville, CT <b>Bus Cost: \$1,990</b>	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$75.00
October 15	Steam Boat, Train & Lunch Essex Steam Boat Essex, CT <b>Bus Cost: \$1,990</b>	\$85.00	\$90.00	\$95.00

#### **RESOLUTION 01:27:26-13**

#### **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 #2026-1A

#### **Budget Revisions for January 2026 # 2026-1A**

<u>Revision #</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>				
2026-01-01	A-1330-0440	Receiver Contract	3,000	
	A-1990-0400	Contingency Acct		3,000
		-Labor costs for Temporary Hire of Data Entry Clerk		

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	\$ 132,047.68
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 20,091.71
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 5,045.00
Claims to be paid from the SW-Dover Ridge Water	\$ 1,336.30
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust Fund	\$ 8,255.75
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	<u>\$ 1,731.19</u>
	\$ 168,507.63

Payroll #1	
General Fund	\$38,253.36
Highway Fund	<u>\$39,406.10</u>
	\$77,659.46