



Town of Beekman Town Board

Beekman Town Hall
4 Main Street
Poughquag, NY 12570

Regular Meeting of the Town Board

Tuesday, April 28th, 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 Hearing – A Local Law Amending the Town of Beekman Zoning Code to Regulate Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)
 - f. Proclamation – David Rugar, Boy Scouts
 - g. Acknowledgement of Minutes
 1. March 10, 2026
 - h. Public Comment on Agenda Items – please come up to the microphone and state your name and address
 - i. Resolutions
 - j. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
 - k. Adjournment
- The next Town Board meeting is Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Resolutions

1. Proclaiming May as Mental Health Month
2. Accepting the Resignation of Building Inspector
3. Accepting the Resignation of Maintenance Worker
4. Payment of Claims
5. Terminating the Contract with Neave Landscaping

RESOLUTION 04:28:26-1

Proclaiming May as Mental Health Month

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to the well-being and the vitality of our families, businesses, and communities, and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation with out of 5 Americans affected by mental illness each year, and

WHEREAS, more people die from suicide in the United States than from traffic accidents and an estimated 18 veterans die from suicide each day, and

WHEREAS, stigma and fear of discrimination keep many who would benefit from mental health services from seeking help, and

WHEREAS, with effective treatment those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives, and

WHEREAS, education, compassion, and awareness about mental illness can change negative attitudes and behaviors toward people with mental illness, and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, law enforcement agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen share the responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Supervisor Abbatantuono, on behalf of the Town of Beekman, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2026, MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as the Supervisor, I also call upon all Town of Beekman citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illnesses, reducing stigma and discrimination and promoting appropriate and accessible services for all individuals.

Introduced: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

Councilwoman Wohrman _____
Councilman Capollari _____
Councilwoman Ragusa _____
Councilwoman Blake _____
Supervisor Abbatantuono _____

CERTIFICATION OF THE TOWN CLERK

I, Alicia Turenchalk, Town Clerk of the Town of Beekman, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board at a meeting held on April 28, 2026.

Town Clerk: _____ Date: April 28, 2026

RESOLUTION 04:28:26-2

Accepting the Resignation of Building Inspector

WHEREAS, Jessica Peterson submitted her resignation as Building Inspector for the Town of Beekman effective May 5, 2026,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby accepts the resignation of Jessica Peterson as Building Inspector for the Town of Beekman.

Introduced: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

- Councilwoman Wohrman _____
- Councilman Capollari _____
- Councilwoman Ragusa _____
- Councilwoman Blake _____
- Supervisor Abbatantuono _____

CERTIFICATION OF THE TOWN CLERK

I, Alicia Turenchalk, Town Clerk of the Town of Beekman, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board at a meeting held on April 28, 2026.

Town Clerk: _____ Date: April 28, 2026

RESOLUTION 04:28:26-3

Accepting the Resignation of Maintenance Worker

WHEREAS, Ryan McLennan submitted his resignation as Maintenance Worker for the Town of Beekman effective April 24, 2026,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby accepts the resignation of Ryan McLennan as Maintenance Worker for the Town of Beekman.

Introduced: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

- Councilwoman Wohrman _____
- Councilman Capollari _____
- Councilwoman Ragusa _____
- Councilwoman Blake _____
- Supervisor Abbatantuono _____

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Town Clerk: _____ Date: April 28, 2026

RESOLUTION 04:28:26-4

Payment of Claims

WHEREAS, the Bookkeeper has audited and approved claims pursuant to Section 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	\$54,429.66
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$22,662.01
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer District Fund	\$1,665.24
Claims to be paid from the SW-Dover Ridge Water District Fund	\$911.23
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	\$14,362.30
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	<u>\$416.00</u>
	\$94,446.44

Pay Period – 04/05/26-04/18/26	04/23/26 Payroll #8
General Fund	\$39,450.20
Highway Fund	<u>\$25,767.78</u>
	\$65,217.98

Introduced: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

- Councilwoman Wohrman _____
- Councilman Capollari _____
- Councilwoman Ragusa _____
- Councilwoman Blake _____
- Supervisor Abbatantuono _____

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RESOLUTION 04:28:26-5

**Authorizing Nunc Pro Tunc the Termination of
the Contract with Neave Landscaping**

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman previously entered into a contract with Neave Landscaping for landscaping services, and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor and staff have determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to terminate the contract with Neave Landscaping due to performance issues and changes in service needs, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the contract terms, including any termination clauses, and finds that proper notice and procedures can be followed to effectuate the termination,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to terminate the contract with Neave Landscaping, effective April 9, 2026 and take all necessary actions to ensure proper closure of the contractual relationship, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to notify Neave Landscaping in writing of the termination in accordance with the terms of the contract, and to handle any related administrative or financial matters arising from the termination.

Introduced: Supervisor Abbatantuono

Seconded: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

Councilwoman Wohrman	_____
Councilman Capollari	_____
Councilwoman Ragusa	_____
Councilwoman Blake	_____
Supervisor Abbatantuono	_____

CERTIFICATION OF THE TOWN CLERK

I, Alicia Turenchalk, Town Clerk of the Town of Beekman, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board at a meeting held on April 14, 2026.

Town Clerk: _____ Date: April 14, 2026