

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026, AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Timothy Fisher  
Councilman Middleton  
Councilwoman Collier  
Councilman Suprenant  
Councilwoman Mullen

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Chuck Barton, Kara Lais, Liz DaBramo, Brian Brockway, Elizabeth O’Leary, Chuck Bump, Amanda Durkee, Andy Duggan, Richard Belden, Katie DeGroot, Mike Dickinson, Melanie Dickinson and Town Clerk Aimee Ives.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, seconded by Councilman Suprenant to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 9, 2026, **ALL AYES**

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION** by Councilwoman Collier, seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve the monthly reports of the Town Clerk, Dog Control Officer, Town Justice, Building Inspector and Highway as submitted **ALL AYES**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve Abstract #3 in the amount of \$59,169.72 **ALL AYES**

**ABSTRACT #3**

<b>GENERAL A – 14023-14059</b>	<b>\$30,179.24</b>
<b>GENERAL B – 14060</b>	<b>\$ 1,038.50</b>
<b>HIGHWAY – 14061-14067</b>	<b>\$ 6,888.16</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL – 14068-14072</b>	<b>\$ 2,915.81</b>
<b>SPECIAL LIGHTING – 14073</b>	<b>\$ 6,342.95</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER – 14074-14081</b>	<b>\$ 1,303.88</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER 2 – 14082-14085</b>	<b>\$10,501.18</b>

**TOTAL: \$59,169.72**

**BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearing 7:05pm  
Establishment of Fort Edward  
Canalside Energy Park Water District**

Supervisor Fisher opened the public hearing at 7:05pm

The following notice was published in The Post Star:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN OF FORT EDWARD, NEW YORK  
PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FORT EDWARD CANALSIDE  
ENERGY PARK WATER DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, Washington County, New York will hold a public hearing at the Town Offices, located at 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026, at 7:05 pm to consider the establishment of the Town of Fort Edward Canalside Energy Park Water District (the “District”).

A petition dated January 20, 2026, was filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Fort Edward pursuant to Article 12 of the NYS Town Law and included a Map, Plan and Report describing the proposed District and improvements as prepared by LaBella Associates, PC.

The boundaries of the proposed District are generally described as follows:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Fort Edward, County of Washington and the State of New York, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the point in the northwesterly bounds of the lands of the People of the State of New York, known as the Champlain Canal, where the same is intersected by the westerly bounds of the corporate lines of the Town of Fort Edward and the easterly corporate line of the Village of Fort Edward, being also in. The easterly bounds of lands of James and Julia Wilson; running thence along said lands North 07 degrees, 42 minutes and 02 seconds West, along said Village/Town line, a distance of 179.92 feet to the northeasterly corner of said lands of Wilson; thence running along said Village/Town line North 08 degrees, 9 minutes and 51 seconds West, a distance of 1,600.47 to a point in the easterly line of CP Railroad; thence running along said line of CP Railroad North 08 degrees, 09 minutes and 51 seconds West, a distance of 116.40 feet to an angle point in said CP Railroad; thence continuing along said railroad, North 35 degrees, 42 minutes and 22 seconds East, a distance of 764.14 feet to the southwesterly corner of a strip of land owned by the State of New York for a drainage ditch; thence running along said drainage ditch, North 82 degrees, 11 minutes and 08 seconds East, a distance of 1303.19 feet to the westerly bounds of other lands of the State of New York, known as the Champlain Canal; thence running along said canal lands the following four courses and distances:

- (1) South 29 degrees, 34 minutes and 50 seconds West, a distance of 1220.55 feet;
- (2) South 00 degrees, 06 minutes and 10 seconds East, a distance of 297.86 feet;
- (3) North 69 degrees, 09 minutes and 20 seconds East, a distance of 42.12 feet;
- (4) South 34 degrees, 15 minutes and 20 seconds West, a distance of 1610.48 feet to the point and place of beginning, containing 50.96 acres of land to be the same more or less.

Tax Map Parcel No.	Address	Owner
163.-2-20.1	470 Lock 8 Way	Counties of Warren and Washington IDA

The improvements proposed are as follows: construction of water facilities to provide water service to the property contained within the boundaries of the proposed District, as is more specifically described in the Map, Plan & Report.

The total maximum amount to be expended on the proposed District is Two Million One Hundred Forty Three Thousand Dollars (\$2,143,000.00).

The costs of constructing the proposed improvements will be paid for by the sole property owner in the proposed District. The sole property owner is the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency, a public benefit corporation organized pursuant to NYS General Municipal Law.

The estimated cost of operation and maintenance charges and water charges are more fully described in the Map, Plan & Report.

The Map, Plan & Report describing the proposed District and improvements is on file in the Town of Fort Edward Town Clerk's Office and is available for public inspection during regular business hours.

All interested persons will be heard at the time and place of the public hearing.

Dated: February 24, 2026

By Order of the Town Board  
Town of Fort Edward

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to close the public hearing at 7:07pm **ALL AYES**

### **Intermunicipal Floodplain Management Agreement**

### **INTERMUNICIPAL FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** made as of the date of its execution by both parties is by and Between the County of Washington, ("County"), a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of New York with offices located at 383 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York, 12828 and the Town of Fort Edward, ("Town"), a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of New York, with offices at 118 Broadway Fort Edward, NY 12828.

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) have promulgated regulations concerning the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which, inter alia, require Towns to enact a local law adopting certain floodplain management regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the local law must include the designation of a "Local Administrator" as defined in such local law to administer and implement the provisions of the local law including enforcement thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has or will adopt a local law naming the Washington County Department of Code Enforcement as the local administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington County has personnel trained in building code administration and enforcement activities and has the knowledge and expertise to administer and enforce the applicable floodplain management requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington County is willing and able to assist the Town by undertaking to act as the Local Administrator on behalf of the Town in accord with the Town floodplain prevention local law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town wishes to utilize the services offered by Washington County to effectuate the purposes of the local law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law the County and Town are authorized to enter into a Municipal Cooperation Agreement with respect to the activities provided for herein.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein the parties agree as follows:

1. Washington County agrees to act as Local Administrator for the Town under the Town's local law, which is incorporated herein by reference. The County will so act through its County Code Enforcement Office.
2. The Town agrees to designate the Washington County Code Enforcement Office as its Local Administrator under the Town local law for flood damage prevention.
3. The County and Town and their respective officials and employees will fully cooperate to effectuate the purposes of this agreement and the underlying floodplain management program under the National Flood Insurance Program. Such cooperation shall include, but not be limited to, sharing information and data received from the federal and state governments, meeting as necessary to facilitate the efficient administration of the applicable programs, establishing procedures to identify personnel in each governmental unit who will communicate information related to activities impacting floodplain issues within the Town.

4. The Town will timely provide County with documents, data, maps, communications from the federal and state agencies, and related information concerning the floodplain management program.
5. This agreement shall commence upon its full execution by both parties and continue through December 31, 2026 and shall be automatically renewed for each calendar year thereafter unless terminated as provided below.
6. Each party shall have the right to terminate this agreement upon one hundred and twenty (120) days advance written notice to the other. Such notice shall be served by personal delivery or certified mail to the address set forth above.
7. The Town shall save and hold harmless the County and shall assume all risk and liability for damage to persons or property and for claims arising from the performance of the Agreement, excepting the negligence of the County.

**IN WITNESSETH WHEREOF**, the parties have signed this Agreement on the dates set forth below.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chairman Of the Board of Supervisors

TOWN OF FORT EDWARD

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name: Timothy Fisher  
 Town Supervisor

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Mullen, seconded by Councilwoman Collier to enter into the agreement for Washington County Code Enforcement to act as the local administrator for floodplain management requirements **ALLAYES**

**Keystone Fireworks  
 Peddling/Soliciting Permit  
 6 Months**

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to approve the 6-month peddling/soliciting permit for Keystone Novelties to sell fireworks at Broadway Lanes, permit expiring 9/30/2026 **ALLAYES**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14 OF 2026**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MIDDLETON**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN**

**RESOLUTION TO ADD ROADWAY TO TOWN HIGHWAY INVENTORY**

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Town Board previously resolved to accept title from the Counties of Warren & Washington Industrial Development to a certain roadway known as Lock 8 Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the title of said roadway and the description thereof are set forth in the annexed Bargain and Sale deed recorded in the Washington County Clerk's Office on February 28, 2023 as Instrument No.: 2023-849; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Fort Edward wishes to add said Lock 8 Way roadway to its highway inventory.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward hereby adds Lock 8 Road to its Town Highway inventory; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Fort Edward hereby affirms that the Town Board accepts responsibility for the maintenance and repair of said Lock 8 Road; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that the Fort Edward Town Board accepts full legal responsibility for said Lock 8 Road; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that the Fort Edward Town Board hereby represents that the Lock 8 Road has been fully completed, and further that the Lock 8 Road has been accepted by the Town of Fort Edward as complete and fully open to public use.

Dated: March 9, 2026

**Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES: 5**  
**NAYES: 0**  
**ABSENT: 0**

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF NEW YORK**

Resolution No. 15 of 2026  
Adopted March 9, 2026

Introduced by Councilwoman Collier  
who moved its adoption

Seconded by Councilman Middleton

**RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO NYS ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT  
(SEQRA) RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TOWN OF FORT  
EDWARD CANALSIDE ENERGY PARK WATER DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward is considering the establishment of the Town of Fort Edward Canalside Energy Park Water District, which will consist of the construction of water facilities to provide water service to the property contained within the boundaries of the proposed District, as is more specifically described in the Map, Plan & Report; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that the proposed action is subject to environmental review pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and its implementing regulations found at 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

**WHEREAS**, the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) previously established itself as Lead Agency for the coordinated environmental review of the proposed action pursuant to SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has reviewed the Amended Part 1 Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), together with supporting information, and Resolution 01-26 of the Agency adopted January 20, 2026 concerning the potential environmental impacts of the proposed establishment of the Town of Fort Edward Canalside Energy Park Water District and the Agency’s issuance of a Negative Declaration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward hereby acknowledges and accepts the Negative Declaration issued by the Agency on January 20, 2026 in connection with the establishment of the Town of Fort Edward Canalside Energy Park Water District.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board finds that the requirements of the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act and 6 NYCRR Part 617 have been satisfied with respect to the environmental review of the proposed establishment of Town of Fort Edward Canalside Energy Park Water District.

Dated: March 9, 2026

Vote: Councilman Middleton – AYE  
Councilwoman Collier – AYE  
Councilman Suprenant – AYE  
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE  
Supervisor Fisher – AYE

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD**

**COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF NEW YORK**

Resolution No. 16 of 2026  
Adopted March 9, 2026

Introduced by Councilman Suprenant  
who moved its adoption

Seconded by Councilman Middleton

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12 OF TOWN LAW TO  
ESTABLISH THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD CANALSIDE ENERGY PARK WATER  
DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, a petition dated January 20, 2026 has been duly filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Fort Edward (the “Town”) pursuant to Article 12 of the Town Law of the State of New York for the establishment of a water district in the Town to be known as the “Town of Fort Edward Canalside Energy Park Water District” (the “District”); and

**WHEREAS**, said petition was signed and acknowledged, in the manner required by law, and complies with the requirements of Town Law section 191 and sets forth the boundaries of the District, the improvements to be constructed and the estimated costs thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, a Map, Plan and Report describing the proposed District and improvements has been prepared by LaBella Associates, PC and has been duly filed with the Town Clerk and is available for public inspection during regular business hours; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board previously adopted a Resolution and Order calling for a public hearing on the establishment of the District pursuant to Town Law section 193; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of said public hearing was duly published and posted as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on March 9, 2026 at 7:05 pm at the Town Hall, at which all persons desiring to be heard were duly heard.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, after due deliberation, hereby determines as follows pursuant to NY Town Law section 194:

1. That the petition filed with the Town on January 20, 2026 was signed, and acknowledged, as required by law and is otherwise sufficient.
2. That the notice of public hearing was published and posted as required by law and is otherwise sufficient.

3. That all property and property owners within the proposed Town of Fort Edward Canalside Energy Park Water District are benefited thereby.

4. That all property and property owners benefited are included within the limits of the proposed Town of Fort Edward Canalside Energy Park Water District.

5. That it is in the public interest to establish the proposed Town of Fort Edward Canalside Energy Park Water District.

6. That the proposed improvements are as follows: construction of water facilities to provide water service to the property contained within the boundaries of the proposed District, as is more specifically described in the Map, Plan & Report.

7. That the total maximum amount to be expended on the District is Two Million One Hundred Forty Three Thousand Dollars (\$2,143,000.00).

8. That the estimated cost of the operation and maintenance charges are more fully described in the Map, Plan and Report, which provisions are incorporated herein by reference.

9. That the estimated cost of the water charges is more fully described in the Map, Plan and Report, which provisions are incorporated herein by reference.

10. That the boundaries of the proposed District, which shall consist of one parcel. Reference to the Town Tax Map Parcel Number and Name of Owner are as they appear in the Washington County Tax Rolls in the year 2025:

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward hereby establishes the Town of Fort Edward Canalside Energy Park Water District in accordance with the provisions of NY Town Law Article 12.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to record this resolution and cause the same to be filed as required by law, including filing with the Office of State Comptroller.

Dated: March 9, 2026

Vote: Councilman Middleton – AYE  
 Councilman Suprenant – AYE  
 Councilwoman Mullen – AYE  
 Councilwoman Collier – AYE  
 Supervisor Fisher – AYE

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**The following letter was received from Ben Bramlage regarding the ESMI/Clean Earth Project:**

Mayor Traver and Supervisor Fisher,

I am following up from the last times that I have spoken to you both as we are now coming to the close of the public comment period on the ESMI/Clean Earth project. I fully understand how a situation like the one that you have been presented with may make both boards feel somewhat isolated or on an island. I also understand how the boards may be hesitant to take a formal stance at this point in the process although I could make an argument for why the boards might want to take a formal stance. Be assured in any case, that your boards and the communities you represent are not on an island.

At a minimum, Carrie Woerner and Matt Simpson are engaged with the situation. Jake Ashby, Dan Stec and Elise Stefanik are at least aware of it. The Village of Hudson Falls and the Towns of Kingsbury and Moreau have taken formal stances in opposition to the project. I am told that the Town of Northumberland has as well, and the City of Glens Falls and the Town of Granville are considering their options in regards to opposing the project. The Washington County Board of Supervisors has submitted a letter to NYSDEC's Commissioner, Executive Staff and Region 5

regional leadership and permitting staff pressing for a full DEC led public hearing to be held. This is significant because as of yesterday, no decision had been made by DEC regarding holding a public hearing. Numerous other Washington County Supervisors have expressed concern and asked for additional information.

Earth Justice, the environmental legal group that assisted in opposing Saratoga Biochar, is finalizing an extensive letter in opposition of the project to DEC. At least 2 other significant legal groups have joined Earth Justice in preparing the letter of opposition and, as of this morning, 71 groups and organizations from across the region, the Northeast and the country have signed on to the letter. By comparison, the Earth Justice letter opposing Saratoga Biochar had roughly 25 groups sign on. We have no way of knowing how many individual letters opposing the project have been submitted to DEC but anecdotally it numbers in the many hundreds.

Please forward this information to your board members and other town and village officials as you see fit. Clearly, this is going to be a long and drawn out process and we, as a community, are all in it together regardless of any political affiliations or disparate points of view on any other topics.

As always, feel free to contact me at any time with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Best,  
Ben Bramlage

**Supervisor Fisher:** According to DEC the permit has been suspended until a public hearing is held.

**Katie DeGroot:** Does that mean that nothing can go forward at the moment?

**Supervisor Fisher:** It is my understanding that until they have a public hearing nothing can be done.

**Amanda Davie:** Public comment closed on February 17<sup>th</sup> and within the last few days DEC has been contacting local officials to inform them that the permit has been parked, and no determination has been made one way or the other, and the plan is to move forward with a DEC led public hearing. Ben Bramlage sent a letter of concern to the Village of Fort Edward Code Enforcement Officer in August, received a response from the Code Enforcement Officer in the middle of December and these documents can be found on the Village website. The company's Attorney has filed an appeal to that determination and will go before the Village Zoning Board of Appeals on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. I would encourage you to access the document from the Village website, read what the Attorney's appeal states. Silence is not a permit. We have got DEC's attention, the letters they received were overwhelming.

**Brian Broackway:** The roads have been treated with stone due to the mud from the warm temperatures. Received a call that the culvert was frozen at the golf course on East Rd. but it has opened itself up.

**Andy Duggan:** I cleared out the culvert; the road was covered.

**Supervisor Fisher:** Thank you, we appreciate that.

**Brian Brockway:** That happens every year due to plowing snow into that ditch.

**Andy Duggan:** I can see where that could be a problem.

**Katie DeGroot:** I would like to request that DeGroot Rd. be swept on a damp day due to large amounts of sand on the road. The Town Highway crew did a great job plowing.

**Mike Dickinson:** I had asked in a previous meeting if ESMI had a land use permit for the soil storage pile and since then the soil has been moved.

**Supervisor Fisher:** I checked with both DEC and ESMI; DEC never responded but ESMI said they are seasonal and the soil in the pile was treated soil and the inventory is high this time of year.

**Mike Dickinson:** My concern is that I have never seen that much in the pile before and is it really clean?

**Melanie Dickinson:** They burned next to nothing last summer.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: February 13, 2026

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Aimee Ives, Town Clerk

