

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Supervisor Fisher
Councilwoman Collier
Councilwoman Mullen

ABSENT: Councilman Suprenant
Councilman Middleton

OTHERS PRESENT: Shannon Rose, Steve Stimpson, David Earsing, Chuck Bump, Maria Ruggi, Vernon Stone, Kyle Cozzens, Elizabeth O’Leary, Brian Brockway, Ashley Leemans, Connor Ladd, Ben Bramlage, Katie DeGroot, Richard Belden, Town Attorney Bill Nikas and Town Clerk Aimee Ives.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilwoman Collier, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2025 **ALL AYES**

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to approve Abstract #5 in the amount of \$83,950.83 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #5

GENERAL A – 13305-13313,13319-13343	\$13,596.42
GENERAL B – 13344-13345	\$ 203.46
HIGHWAY – 13346-13353	\$ 2,614.02
MUNICIPAL – 13354-13355	\$ 1,032.00
SPECIAL LIGHTING – 13314	\$ 8,379.69
SPECIAL WATER – 13315-13317,13356-13358	\$ 1,177.71
SPECIAL WATER 2 – 13318,13359-13360	\$ 485.53

TOTAL: \$27,488.83

BUSINESS:

**Peddling & Soliciting Permit
Brandon Nichols
Food Truck**

Supervisor Fisher: We received an application from Brandon Nichols for a Peddling & Soliciting Permit to participate in the Washington County Food Truck Tuesday's.

MOTION by Councilwoman Collier, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve the Peddling & Soliciting Permit for Brandon Nichols for a period of 1 year **ALL AYES**

Supervisor Fisher: We received an application from Shannon Rose of 80K Catering for a Peddling & Soliciting Permit to participate in the Washington County Food Truck Tuesday's.

MOTION by Councilwoman Collier, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve the Peddling & Soliciting Permit for Shannon Rose for a period of 6 months **ALL AYES**

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14 OF 2025

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN COLLIER

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Town Board does hereby approve the Highway Superintendent, Brian Brockway, to attend the Association of Town's Highway School June 2-4, 2025 held in Ithaca, New York.

DATED: May 12, 2025

VOTE: Councilwoman Collier – AYE
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
Supervisor Fisher – AYE
Councilman Middleton – ABSENT
Councilman Suprenant – ABSENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 15
OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD FOR THE YEAR 2025**

**Introduced by Councilwoman Mullen
Who moved its adoption**

Seconded by Councilwoman Collier

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Edward, with the assistance from Washington County has gathered information and prepared the Washington County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Edward is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Edward has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward adopts the Washington County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions of the Plan.

Dated: May 12, 2025

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 16
OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD FOR THE YEAR 2025**

**Introduced by Councilwoman Collier
Who moved its adoption**

Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen

**RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD RECOGNIZING THE 2025
TOWN OF FORT EDWARD EMPIRE STATE TRAIL TOWN ACTION AGENDA AND
ESTABLISHING A TRAIL TOWN COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE, COORDINATE, AND
IMPLEMENT EFFORTS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE,
AND PROMOTION OF THE TOWN’S STATUS AS A TRAIL TOWN; AND**

WHEREAS, the Empire State Trail is a trail network of national significance, spanning 750 miles via the Erie Canalway Trail from Buffalo to Albany and via the Hudson and Champlain Valleys from NYC to the Canadian border; and

WHEREAS, the Canalway Trail received nearly 4 million visits each year and provides economic, quality of life, and health benefits to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Edward recognizes the importance of promoting and enhancing its trails and trail amenities as a vital community resource for recreation, tourism, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Edward has participated in the Empire State Trail Town Program administered through Parks & Trails New York and the NYS Canal Corporation, resulting in the development of the Trail Town Action Agenda; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Empire State Trail Town Program has helped the Town of Fort Edward identify strategies to harness visitation to the Canalway Trail and to increase opportunities for residents to access high-quality recreational opportunities and support and advance economic development along the Canal Corridor; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of this Trail Town Action Agenda, the Town of Fort Edward will be recognized by Parks & Trails New York and the NYS Canal Corporation as a certified Empire State Trail Town.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Fort Edward adopts the 2025 Town of Fort Edward Trail Town Action Agenda and commits to work towards implementation of the recommendations included herein.

Dated: May 12, 2025

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

I, Aimee Ives, Clerk of the Town of Fort Edward do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Fort Edward Town Board at the regular meeting held on May 12, 2025.

Dated: May 12, 2025

Aimee Ives, Town Clerk

Supervisor Fisher: There will be a drone flying over the GE property surveying the property all day on May 13, 2025.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Fisher: We have received a letter from Washington County Sewer District II asking that before we approve any applications that require connection to Washington County Sewer District I or II that we refer the applicant to the Sewer District before any sewer connections can be approved.

Supervisor Fisher: We received an email from Ashley Leemans, Ashley lives in the Town of Fort Edward and is inquiring if Fort Edward has any plans on becoming a “Tree City”.

Ashley Leemans: Tree City is an Arbor Day Foundation Program and to become a Tree City you have to fulfill 4 criteria; formation of a Tree Board, Establish a Tree Care Ordinance, Annual Budget of at least \$2 per capita on the planting, care and removal of trees and have a celebration on Arbor Day. NYS recognizes Tree Cities and could help with grant procurement.

Supervisor Fisher: Have you been to the Village Board with this yet?

Ashley Leemans: Not yet.

Supervisor Fisher: I would recommend that you do the same thing in the Village, and we will review this as well.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Brian Brockway:

- We had C&L come to the garage to look at the plumbing, we would like to get a fire hydrant fitting put in the plumbing in the garage so that we can wash the trucks in the Winter. We are using a garden hose right now which takes 2 hours for 1 truck. The C&L quote was \$2,792.00.
- The Sullivan Parkway sign needs to be replaced.
- Flags and flag poles need replacing.
- Blacktopping prices: **Joint Galusha:** \$210,841.00
Peckham: \$236,431.00

Attorney Nikas: I FOILED the PFA’s Application for the ESMI project and received a copy of a permit that was apparently issued in 2023 authorizing the processing of PFA contaminated soil. I sent them a letter asking how they found it appropriate to issue a permit to allow hazardous waste to be processed there. The answer was that it is not hazardous waste; it is not defined in the code as a regulated hazardous waste. I am working on a response and will send it to the Board when it is finished. The permit was labeled research meaning they did not know what was going to come out of the stack.

Ben Bramlage: I was aware of that permit also; my understanding is that research was for combining the contaminated soil with a binder material to slow the leeching of the PFA’s from

the soil and it was not going to be burned. They were going to combine it and then test it for leeching.

Attorney Nikas: Regardless of what you do with it; it is still hazardous and shouldn't be in that facility.

Ben Bramlage: I agree; it is still processing. We have corresponding records from the burn plant; it may have gone to the burn plant in Hudson Falls to be burned.

Attorney Nikas: It did get burned at the burn plant which means the plant is now burning PFA's with no regulation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Katie DeGroot: The Bi-Partisan Coalition has started in Warren/Washington County to deal with Medicaid cuts which will affect Hudson Headwaters. Hudson Headwaters takes care of many people who are on Medicaid. They started this Non-Partisan group to get the word out that if that money is cut it will severely hurt the healthcare system in the north country. Town Supervisor's can sign up to support this group.

Vernon Stone: I live on Leavy Hollow Ln. There is stuff next to the old landfill that needs to be cleaned up. (pics given to the Board)

Supervisor Fisher: We will get it cleaned up.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilwoman Collier, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: May 15, 2025

Aimee Ives, Town Clerk

