

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026, AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 6:55 P.M.

Supervisor Fisher opened the public hearing at 6:55 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Albert Nolette, Elizabeth O’Leary, Chuck Bump, Steve Stimpson, Robert Nassivera, Jeremy Carter, Marie Carter, Brian Brockway, Theresa Rose, Kara Lais and Town Clerk Aimee Ives.

The following notice was published in The Post Star on October 6, 2026:

**TOWN OF FORT EDWARD
NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING**

Notice is hereby given, the preliminary budget for the Town of Fort Edward, Washington County, New York, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027, has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York where it is available for inspection during regular business hours.

Further notice is hereby given, the Town Board will hold a public hearing thereon Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 6:55 P.M. at the Town Hall, 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York and at such hearing any person may be heard.

Pursuant to Section 113 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town officers are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor	- \$ 12,780
Town Councilman (4)	- \$ 5,765
Superintendent of Hwy	- \$ 79,628
Town Clerk/Collector	- \$ 62,400
Town Justice	- \$ 54,080

In addition, REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW-SECTION 495

Exemption report: shows total assessed value on the final assessment roll that is exempt from taxation: shows the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted: this report is part of the final budget and made available at the Town Hall.

Albert Nolette: I went through and reviewed the accounts and looked at trends to make sure we weren’t overbudgeting on revenue or expenses. We have eliminated some accounts that have not been charged in a couple of years. All of the smaller funds were held to a 2% increase, and the general fund had a decrease in the levy which is attributable to the PILOT’s that are coming in. This budget allows money to be placed in the highway equipment fund to possibly pay cash for

trucks as opposed to borrowing for them. We made the final payment this year on the last truck purchase so that money that was in the budget will go into the equipment line also. We also have a couple negotiations in the works that are not included in this budget, and they will be considered new revenues when /if the projects are completed and you will be able to discuss how to best use that money.

Supervisor Fisher: Roseanne Lemery and I met with the New York Power Authority who have taken over the Somers Solar Project; we have just started negotiating with them. We are hoping to put most of that money into equipment so that we don't have to borrow money.

Albert Nolette: There is an Interfund Transfer in the general fund of \$49,000.00 which is the PILOT coming in from the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) line. That money is being put into the equipment line for the Highway Dept. The Host Benefit money comes in 2 pieces, one part comes as part of the taxes and the other part you can choose how to use it, and this budget proposes using it to help fund future highway equipment purchases.

Overall increase of 1%

BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Councilman Suprenant: How much are the garbage stickers increasing in price?

Supervisor Fisher: We are going to raise the price from \$2 per sticker to \$3 per sticker.

MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, seconded by Councilman Middleton to close the public hearing at 7:06 P.M. **ALL AYES**

Supervisor Fisher called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilman Middleton, seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 14, 2026, and 2027 Budget workshop held September 28, 2026, **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION by Councilwoman Collier, seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the monthly reports of the Town Clerk, Dog Control Officer, Town Justice, Assessor, Building Inspector, Highway & Supervisor.

AMENDED APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, seconded by Councilwoman Collier to amend the motion to approve the monthly reports and to approve the amended motion to exclude the Building Inspector from the approval **ALL AYES**

Councilman Suprenant: We have not received a report from the Building Inspector since we asked him to include addresses in his report. I asked him to include the addresses so that I knew where the property is that he is describing in his report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Middleton to approve Abstract #10 in the amount of \$72,353.60 **ALLAYES**

ABSTRACT #10

GENERAL A – 15212-14544	\$10,546.58
GENERAL B – 14545-14547	\$ 4,139.44
HIGHWAY – 14548-14555	\$17,913.51
MUNICIPAL – 14556-14560	\$ 2,042.59
SPECIAL LIGHTING – 14561	\$ 3,932.68
SPECIAL WATER – 14562-14568	\$33,713.29
SPECIAL WATER 2 – 14569-14570	\$ 65.51

TOTAL: \$72,353.60

- Updated Highway Inventory was given to the Board.

**Set Public Hearing
Local Law #2 of 2026
Prohibiting Battery Energy Storage Systems**

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, seconded by Councilwoman Collier to set a public hearing on November 9, 2026, at 7:05 P.M. to hear comments on proposed Local Law Number 2 of 2026 prohibiting battery energy storage systems in the Town of Fort Edward **ALLAYES**

RESOLUTIONS:

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

Resolution No. 22 of 2026
Adopted October 13, 2026

Introduced by Councilwoman Collier
who moved its adoption

Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen

**RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE REVISED MAP,
PLAN AND REPORT FOR THE FORT EDWARD CANALSIDE ENERGY PARK
WATER DISTRICT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12 OF THE TOWN LAW**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Law § 191, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward (the “Town Board”) accepting a petition from the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) requesting that the Town Board establish the Town of Fort Edward Canalside Energy Park Water District (the “District”) in accordance with the Map, Plan and Report, as included in the petition; and

WHEREAS, following a public hearing duly noticed and held on March 9, 2026, the Town Board adopted Resolution No. 16 of 2026 on March 9, 2026, which authorized the establishment of the Town of Fort Edward Canalside Energy Park Water District; and

WHEREAS, following the establishment of the Town of Fort Edward Canalside Energy Park Water District several amendments were made to the Map, Plan and Report, specifically relating to Phase II of the water district improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”), the Agency reviewed the proposed amendments to the Map, Plan and Report, and determined that said action constituted an Unlisted Action as defined by SEQR, and adopted an amended Negative Declaration dated July 20, 2026, determining that the action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, thereby satisfying the requirements of SEQR; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2026, the Agency adopted Resolution No. 16-26 approving the amendments to Map, Plan and Report, which Map, Plan and Report was prepared by LaBella Associates, PC and was most recently amended September 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has presented said amended Map, Plan and Report to the Town Board and requested that the amendments be approved by the Town Board following a hearing thereon as required by Town Law section 196.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Town Board hereby acknowledges receipt of the amended Map, Plan and Report prepared by LaBella Associates PC as most recently amended September 10, 2026.

Section 2. The Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing in accordance with Town Law section 196 to be held at the Town Offices, located at 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York, on the 9th day of November 2026, at 7:00 pm, to consider the amendments to the Map, Plan and Report, specifically as the amendments relate to Phase II of the water district improvements.

Section 3. The Town Board hereby directs that a detailed copy of the amended Map, Plan and Report be kept on file in the office of the Town Clerk, where it shall remain available for public inspection during regular business hours.

Section 4. The Town Board hereby directs the Town Clerk to cause a notice of said public hearing to be published at least once in the official newspaper of the Town and posted on the

Town's signboard not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of said hearing, all in accordance with the provisions of Town Law section 196.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: October 13, 2026

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

Kara Lais (IDA): Since the last time we were here, the water district has been formed and some modifications were made to the Map, Plan & Report regarding Phase I vs. Phase II. The original Map, Plan & Report that was approved didn't segment the 2 phases. The second phase deals with the area that is under the railroad and the Map, Plan & Report was amended to say that additional analysis during Phase I will dictate which scenario that Phase II will be taken under by. Phase II is going to happen regardless, but it depends on whether we can utilize what is there or it needs to be a partial replacement or a full replacement under the railroad. On Pages 7,8 & 15, it says that the WWIDA as the sole owner of the property that will be using this district so they will be responsible for whatever way the engineer's and the Town agree upon moving forward.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Fisher: We received a thank you card from Dave Earsing thanking the Town Board for their support for the 2nd Annual Founder's Day.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Suprenant:

- We received 1 quote for repairing the fence at the pool for \$6,200.00, and we have another fencing company coming to look at it to give another quote.
- Dave Earsing is bringing back the Memory Lane Christmas Trees at the Yacht Basin; trees are \$100.00 and must be purchased by 11/14 and you have to provide your own lights and decorations. The trees have to be decorated by 11/27 for the lighting on 11/28.
Checks can be made payable to the American Legion and mailed to David Earsing at 538 Drifting Ridge Rd. Fort Edward, NY 12828. Volunteers are welcome to help.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Nassivera: I live on Woodard Rd., next to one of the solar projects and it's an absolute travesty. I bought my house because of the location, beautiful fields with a river behind it,

wildlife everywhere and now I have to look at solar panels. I want to know if my property is getting reassessed and what will the reassessment be? I'm not going to be able to sell my property with this in my backyard. Who is going to reimburse me for the investment I have made in this property living there for 20 years. You stole my investment to put in solar panels. There is no way my property is worth what you are saying that it is now. Who is in charge of watching over the solar company people because they are tearing up our road. I live on a dirt road and it is like a washboard. Why are they driving their construction vehicles on a dirt road when they put in a rock road to encompass the entire field and they should not be driving on our road. I have pictures of them driving the bulldozer down Woodard Rd. Why are they driving ATVs down our road? They aren't doing anything agricultural, why are they on the road? Where is the run-off going from the solar field behind my property? I want to know how they are going to mitigate the run-off coming onto my property because it all slopes down to my land. What materials are in the solar panels? I don't believe that there is not hazardous materials in solar panels. Who is doing the water testing? Is there a report on that?

When is the property on the corner of our road going to be cleaned up? They are storing garbage in the burned-out trailer that's been burned out for over a year. There are several residences on that property without sewage; where are they dumping it? Truckloads of food to feed his pigs sit out for wildlife and rats to get into. That property is an eye-sore and a health hazard.

Councilman Middleton: I am down Woodard Rd. once a day and I agree that the heavy equipment should not be on Woodard Rd.

Supervisor Fisher: The Code Enforcement Officer has turned the case regarding the property on the corner of Woodard Rd. over to the Town Attorney.

Robert Nassivera: When will my road be paved?

Brian Brockway: We have not paved Woodard Rd. yet due to the solar project. We didn't want to have to re-do it when the project was completed.

Supervisor Fisher: I will contact the Solar Company regarding your concerns.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 P.M. **ALL AYES**

Dated: October 16, 2026

Aimee Ives, Town Clerk

