



Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
MINUTES
May 14, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Bott called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Bott asked the Town Clerk, Janice Hannigan Kerwin, to do a roll call. The following Board Members were present.

Supervisor Bott	<u>Present</u>
Councilwoman Hoffman	<u>Present</u>
Councilman Sabo	<u>Present</u>
Councilwoman Merola	<u>Present</u>
Councilman Gordon	<u>Present</u>

Also present at meeting:

Town Clerk, Janice Hannigan Kerwin

Deputy Clerk, Janet Dickinson

Town Attorney, Nia Cholakis

Announcements from Supervisor:

Supervisor Bott asked for a moment of silence for Past Supervisor James Flanigan who passed away. Supervisor Bott added that our Memorial Day Parade is May 25th, stepping off at town hall at 1:00 p.m. with our usual route, line-ups start at 12:30. The Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Bloomingrove Cemetery and continue to 5 other sites. The final ceremony will be right after the parade here at town hall. Our Sunday night concerts will begin on June 28th with Legacy Classic Rock.

Public comments on Agenda Items:

No public comment on agenda items was received.

Discussion:

Proposal for new Ambulance Project, including an overview of the project and a review for public informational sessions and timeline for official authorization to proceed. Supervisor Bott asked Jim Gordon, the Ambulance Commissioner for the Town's Committee, to explain. Councilman Gordon added where the location is and how the land was allocated for the ambulance project and the project could start as early as 8 to 10 months. He added that an informational public meeting will be held on June 1st at the Defreestville Fire Department and then on June 8th here at town hall. The meeting will have more details and cost and finance. Supervisor Bott stated that this resolution on the agenda helps get the ball rolling for the project. Supervisor Bott introduced Ed Anker from the Finney Group and Ryan French, along with Kathleen Allen from the NGAA. He stated we are looking forward to sharing the information with all on the project.



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Supervisor Bott made a motion to table Resolution 2026-05-46: In the matter of authorizing the accrual of sick time to be used by David Keevern for the purpose and in the manner expressly stated in the resolution, seconded by Councilperson Hoffman. Roll call was taken and the result was 5 Ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

Resolution 2026-05-43: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of the appointment of Michael Martinez to the Climate Smart Committee, seconded by **Councilperson Sabo**. All board members present voted Aye; motion carried.

Resolution 2026-05-44: Councilperson Merola made a motion in the matter of approving the purchase of a Police Vehicle, seconded by **Councilperson Hoffman**. All board members present voted Aye; motion carried.

Councilperson Sabo asked where the funds were coming from, Supervisor Bott answered from the equipment line item in the Budget. Sabo added so it's a cash deal no loan, correct.

Resolution 2026-05-45: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of acknowledging the retirement of Chief of Police David M. Keevern and appointing Raymond White as acting Chief of Police, seconded by **Councilperson Merola**. All board members present voted Aye; motion carried.

Resolution 2026-05-46: TABLED-In the matter of authorizing the accrual of sick time to be used by David M. Keevern for the purpose and in the manner expressly stated in contract

Resolution 2026-05-47: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of accepting dedication of Kohler Way (as extended and revised), seconded by **Councilperson Hoffman**. All Board members voted Aye by roll call, motion carried.

Resolution 2026-05-48: TABLED- In the matter of authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the Federal-Aid-and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid eligible costs, of transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds.



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Councilwoman Sabo asked where it is going to be paid from for the 20%. Nia Cholakis, Town Attorney, stated that it is the project that DOT already has started but requires an additional resolution, as the board already voted on it last year, it's more of an extra step for DOT. Eryn Foster was asked exactly where the money would be coming from for the 20% needed to complete it. He stated he's still trying to figure out the budget numbers, and that Tuesday the Auditor would be in to go over the formulas and numbers, but as of right now it would be from contingency lines of highway, water, sewer and general fund.

After a lengthy discussion **Councilperson Gordon** made a motion to table resolution 2026-05-48 due to the lengthy discussion with Eryn Foster, town Comptroller, seconded by **Councilperson Merola**. All Board members voted Aye by roll call, motion carried.

Resolution 2026-05-49: Councilperson Merola made a motion in the matter of establishing new 2026 wages for summer staff, seconded by **Councilperson Sabo**. All Board members voted Aye by roll call, motion carried.

Resolution 2026-05-50: Supervisor Bott made a motion on the matter of holding a Public Hearing to consider a Local Law, seconded by **Councilperson Merola**. All Board members voted Aye by roll call, motion carried.

Supervisor Bott asked if the local law to change the 2 year term to a 4 year term had a Local Law #, Nia Cholakis, the town's Attorney, explained that we did not number it yet, as if it doesn't pass in November we won't lose the numbered law like we did last year, so we will number the this one after the November Election when the paperwork is sent to the state. Councilperson Gordon asked why it is going to the people again? He stated he feels the same as last year, if the people want this

then he's fine with it, the will of the people as he stated. Supervisor Bott felt compelled to say that it wasn't advertised and people were unaware that they had to vote on the back of the ballots and the number for turn out didn't match the voting numbers for the local law. Councilperson Sabo stated that a 2nd time is a charm.



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Resolution 2026-05-51: Councilperson Hoffman made a motion in the matter of retaining the Hodgson Russ, LLP as Bond Counsel to the Town of North Greenbush for the Ambulance Project, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All Board members voted Aye by roll call, motion carried.

Resolution 2026-05-52: Councilperson Merola made a motion in the matter of scheduling a public meeting regarding the North Greenbush Ambulance Project, seconded by **Councilperson Hoffman**. All Board members voted Aye by roll call, motion carried.

Resolution 2026-05-53: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of authoring the placement of topsoil & seed for restoration purposes incidental to town right-of-way improvements, seconded by **Councilperson Hoffman**. All Board members voted Aye by roll call, motion carried.

Resolution 2026-05-54: Supervisor Bott made a motion in the matter of approving 2026 Intermunicipal Agreement Mutual Access to Employees, seconded by **Councilperson Sabo**. All Board members voted Aye by roll call, motion carried.

Department Reports:

Supervisor Bott advised the board to review their Departmental reports.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilperson Sabo made a motion to accept the Regular Monthly Minutes for April 9, 2026, meeting, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. Roll call was taken with 3 Ayes from **Bott, Merola and Sabo**. **Council members Hoffman & Gordon abstained**, as they were absent from April's meeting, motion carried.

Public comment on town business:

Councilperson Sabo spoke up and asked where the monthly financial report was from the Town Comptroller, Eryn Foster, as they haven't received one yet this year. Eryn Foster, the new Comptroller for the town, answered that he was meeting with the Auditor on Tuesday and as he stated to her before once they look over the numbers so he is comfortable, he will then do a report based on their findings.

Councilperson Gordon asked him what he meant by comfortable with the numbers? Eryn stated he wants to review with the Auditor before working off the numbers from the 2026 budget. He



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continued to ask if the budget is accurate, he would not be happy if the previous Comptroller lied to him and the town residents. Eryn said he would be reviewing it and he could meet with him once he meets with the Auditor. Councilperson Sabo asked if we have been paid by the state for the Rt. 4 project that was discussed last year, Nia Cholakis said some funds and is looking into if it now completed with all payments received. Nia added she re-did the paperwork last year and it was processed. Last month in March/April the town received an additional payment, and she is looking into the completion of payment process.

Councilperson Sabo stated she received a report that the Superintendent of Highways, Mike Martinez had a delivery of firewood to his home during work hours by his employees of town firewood. She asked if the Supervisor was aware of this? Supervisor Bott stated he did not get a report. Where her report was from, she stated a town resident. Supervisor Bott stated that they are going through negotiations right now and the Highway employees are trying to agree and sometimes things like this goes on with reporting things on each other in negotiations within Union Contracts. Councilperson Sabo stated she knows the town garage will deliver mulch to town residents, as there are piles of mulch that is free at the Highway Department. She stated if there is free firewood there too, she felt town residents should know too and have a chance for the free wood to be delivered to their homes, it is only fair. Supervisor Bott agreed.

1.) **Joe Styczynski, Hillview Court**, said thank you for tabling Resolution 2026-05-48. He also stated it doesn't make sense to try for the Local Law as the vote was done and it didn't pass last year. He asked about 78 West Sand Lake Road situation. Nia stated there is no rezoning for this property as it is illegal to spot zone and it's been a 4 unit and is staying a 4 unit, as it is pre-existing non-conforming parcel. Mr Styczynski feels the Planning and Zoning Board missed it completely.

The soil above the retaining wall has eroded and needs to be fixed. Nia stated that they have plans to meet with the owner and Engineer and our Building Inspector to review the retaining wall questions. Mr. Styczynski asked if everyone could go to the meeting at 78 WSL Road? Nia said no, as it is private property and she hardly thinks the owners would want people on this property. He then added could the abutting neighbor be present and Nia answered of course, but on her own property, not 78 West Sand lake Road's private property.



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Mr. Styczynski asked when his many foils would be answered as they were from the beginning of the year on Dedrick Park. Supervisor Bott stated they are working on the Foils.

2.) **Michael Carey, West Sand Lake Road**, started off that he too has around 15 foils still outstanding and is waiting on responses. Supervisor Bott says it takes time for the number of foils that he and Joe Styczynski have sent in. Mr Carey then asked why the Supervisor signed paperwork to relocate poles out at the lake with NYSEG, Mr. Carey stated you (Supervisor Bott) signed easements to move power lines and poles. Supervisor Bott signed the easement without town board's approval, had an easement been on town agenda for resolution approval, the other conscious board members would have been aware, stated Mr. Carey. Supervisor Bott stated he had no idea what he was talking about. Mr. Carey stated he has a foil in asking why the town spent money on relocating poles that were fine. Supervisor Bott added that if we did all of which you are stating, then it would be for safety reasons.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Bott made amotion to close the meeting, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members present voted Aye; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

- **A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF ALL DISCUSSIONS ON THE AGENDA IS AVAILABLE TO REVIEW VIA STREAMING ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE @ THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS www.northgreenbush.gov**

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Hannigan Kerwin
Town Clerk, Town of North Greenbush