



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board

Thursday, May 28, 2026

6:00 PM

Town Hall

1. **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING – May 28, 2026 – 6:00 PM**
2. **Agenda Review Session – 5:00 PM Supervisor Conference Room**
3. **Call to Order**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Peter G. Crummey	Supervisor	Present	
Rick J Field	Councilman	Present	
Kristen N. Blais	Councilwoman	Present	
Julian Kovacs	Councilman	Present	
Mark McCumber	Councilman	Present	
Joel Weingarten	Councilman	Present	
Alvin Gamble	Councilman	Present	
David M.. Brickner	Town Attorney	Present	
Julie Gansle	Town Clerk	Present	

4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
5. **Personnel: Resolution No. 201**

A. Shane M. Brino

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristen N. Blais, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Mark McCumber, Councilman
AYES:	Crummey, Field, Blais, Kovacs, McCumber, Weingarten, Gamble

B. E. Tucker Edwards

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark McCumber, Councilman
SECONDER:	Kristen N. Blais, Councilwoman
AYES:	Crummey, Field, Blais, Kovacs, McCumber, Weingarten, Gamble

C. Samuel J. Semon

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristen N. Blais, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Mark McCumber, Councilman
AYES:	Crummey, Field, Blais, Kovacs, McCumber, Weingarten, Gamble

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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark McCumber, Councilman
SECONDER:	Kristen N. Blais, Councilwoman
AYES:	Crummey, Field, Blais, Kovacs, McCumber, Weingarten, Gamble

6. Resolutions

Resolution No. 202 appointing Kerry Sleasman as a member of the Conservation Advisory Council.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Kristen N. Blais, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Mark McCumber, Councilman
AYES:	Crummey, Field, Blais, McCumber, Gamble
NAYS:	Julian Kovacs, Joel Weingarten

* Prior to the adoption of this resolution, Councilman Kovacs moved to adjourn this resolution to our next meeting (6/11/2026), the motion was seconded by Councilman Gamble, upon roll call, the motion was defeated (4-3) with the following vote.

Crummey	No/Nay
Field	No/Nay
Blais	No/Nay
Kovas	Yes/Aye
McCumber	No/Nay
Weingarten	Yes/Aye
Gamble	Yes.Aye

Resolution No. 203 requiring the Planning and Development Director to review and consider the proposed amendment of 32 Preston Drive in the Canterbury Crossing PDD.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark McCumber, Councilman
SECONDER:	Kristen N. Blais, Councilwoman
AYES:	Crummey, Field, Blais, Kovacs, McCumber, Weingarten, Gamble

Resolution No. 204 authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Morris Fence, LLC, to furnish and install new post sleeves at the Michael J. Anson Memorial Pocket Park.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristen N. Blais, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Mark McCumber, Councilman
AYES:	Crummey, Field, Blais, Kovacs, McCumber, Weingarten, Gamble

Resolution No. 205 authorizing the Supervisor to execute an agreement with New York StateWide Senior Action Council, Inc. in connection with providing health insurance counseling to Town residents for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark McCumber, Councilman
SECONDER:	Kristen N. Blais, Councilwoman
AYES:	Crummey, Field, Blais, Kovacs, McCumber, Weingarten, Gamble

Resolution No. 206 authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with New York StateWide Senior Action Council, Inc. in connection with publishing twelve (12) informational articles in the Senior Resources monthly newsletter for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristen N. Blais, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Mark McCumber, Councilman
AYES:	Crummey, Field, Blais, Kovacs, McCumber, Weingarten, Gamble

Resolution No. 207 authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an Engineering Agreement with Environmental Design & Research (EDR), in connection with cybersecurity services for the DPW/Division of Pure Waters.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark McCumber, Councilman
SECONDER:	Kristen N. Blais, Councilwoman
AYES:	Crummey, Field, Blais, Kovacs, McCumber, Weingarten, Gamble

Resolution No. 208 authorizing the Supervisor to execute Change Order No. 2 to the contract with ANJO Construction, Ltd., in connection with the West Albany Memorial Park Ice Skating Facility Improvement Project.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristen N. Blais, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Mark McCumber, Councilman
AYES:	Crummey, Field, Blais, Kovacs, McCumber, Weingarten, Gamble

Resolution No. 209 awarding the contract to Flach Industries, Inc. in connection with the Sodium Hypochlorite Tank Replacement Project at the Mohawk View Water Pollution Control Plant for the DPW/Division of Pure Waters.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark McCumber, Councilman
SECONDER:	Kristen N. Blais, Councilwoman
AYES:	Crummey, Field, Blais, Kovacs, McCumber, Weingarten, Gamble

Resolution No. 210 authorizing the Supervisor to execute a payment plan agreement with Jared Garone and JJ Companies in connection with outstanding water charges to the DPW/Division of Latham Water.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristen N. Blais, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Mark McCumber, Councilman
AYES:	Crummey, Field, Blais, Kovacs, McCumber, Weingarten, Gamble

Resolution No. 211 awarding the contract to Decker Group Northeast, LLC, in connection with the installation of brick pavers at the Newtonville Park and Environmental Center.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark McCumber, Councilman
SECONDER:	Kristen N. Blais, Councilwoman
AYES:	Crummey, Field, Blais, Kovacs, McCumber, Weingarten, Gamble

7. Public Hearings

Public Hearing in connection to a proposed local law of the Code of the Town of Colonie to rescind and replace Chapter 119 of the Town Code, entitled “Hotels and Motels.”

* Tracy Connolly, Senior Attorney, presented the public hearing explaining the restructuring of Chapter 119, explaining each of the Articles contained within the proposed law, the background of the committee's work as well as the purpose and intent of this Chapter to keep town residents, hotel guests and hotel staff safe at the 43 hotels and motels located within the town;

* Resident spoke commending the explanation given as well as the addition information provided including that of heat mapping of emergency services call results, agreed serious problem needing to be addressed, also expressed concerns for the homeless and immigrants based on the requirement of a permanent address to register, resident agreed it is serious county problem needing to ensure safety/housing and also inquired what could be done to help;

* Resident spoke expressing similar concerns for immigration and housing issues as a result of this law requiring permanent address upon registering ;

* Colonie Village Mayor expressed appreciation to the board for allowing the village to voice their concerns and work together to address this issue which the village fully supports;

* Colonie Village Code Enforcement Officer thanked the Board for its efforts which the village fully supports and intends to adopt a village law to mirror the towns, which currently requires ID to register with the goal of holding hotels/motels accountable for safety conditions of occupants as temporary stays, not as a permanent place to live as conditions aren't equipped for permanent living;

* Chief Gerace spoke in connection with the licensing procedure which has been in place, goal to decrease crime and disorder and hold the owners accountable; common sense piece of legislation from team effort to improve public safety;

* Resident spoke in connection with concerns for large number of occupants, low income housing issue and inquired as to the towns response for housing;

* Resident inquired as to the boards role, possibility to ask counties for funding assistance;

* Chief explained that those being placed are the victims this law aims to protect through ensuring safety;

* Resident spoke in connection with the 28 day stay, eviction process and DSS funding, sought to clarify if the town would seek evictions;

* TA clarified the town has no opinion as to occupancy numbers of the hotels, the 28 day is in the existing law and aims to hold owners accountable to deter crime, monitor activity and standards of their property;

* Resident spoke in connection with the necessity for the change in law, appreciation for the work that's gone into it and the concerns for the larger issue of planning for affordable housing;

*All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Councilwoman Blais moved to close the public, Councilman McCumber seconded, the motion carried unanimously; Public Hearing was closed

* Upon inquiry as to moving forward or adjourning the vote on the proposed local law to our next meeting, the Town Board unanimously agreed to move forward with a vote to adopt the proposed local law this evening.

Resolution No. 212 of 2026

Resolution adopting a proposed local law to rescind and replace Town Code Chapter 119, entitled “Hotels and Motels.”

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristen N. Blais, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Mark McCumber, Councilman
AYES:	Crummey, Field, Blais, Kovacs, McCumber, Weingarten, Gamble

8. Public Comment

* Resident spoke in connection with Colonie Senior Services, Inc. (CSSC) transportation and the limitations of the program, disappointment in the transportation service and disservice to town seniors;

* Mayor Marsh expressed his thanks to Fire Services and Police department, as well as his disappointment with board members direct contact to him, in response to the Village of Menands fire last week;

* Senior Resources Department Director, provided the board with some department updates which included the towns response to the Menands Senior Club which included providing a meeting location for the club as a result of the fire damage to the building; the town has also provided a meeting location for Christ our Light Senior Club; recent Lunch & Learn program for seniors which hosted representatives from the CDTA Access program and Director of STAR program operating within the county to provide vital transportation to seniors; update of Town of Colonie seniors that have signed up for Go Go Grandparent, the 406 non-essential rides provided to date and continued expansion of the time and access to the program;

* Resident spoke in connection with police and building department code enforcement response to resident issue in her neighborhood and concern for children and safety;

* No additional comments received