

Special Town Board Meeting
September 26, 2025
9:00am

This meeting is being held "in-person" in Town Hall. The access information for the meeting has been posted and there are members of the public present virtually.

Members Present: Supervisor Wolf, Councilperson Gansowski, Councilperson Gabaccia, Councilperson Haight, and Councilperson Morningstar.

Present: Town Clerk Lynn DeRocha, Highway Superintendent Bill Gregory, Administrative Assistant Gwen Menshenfriend, and Town of Copake CPA, Robert Patterson.

Supervisor Wolf opens the Special Town Board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Wolf states that this meeting is being held in person in Town Hall but we are allowing remote access. This meeting is being recorded and the recording will be posted online within five business days.

Supervisor Wolf states that the purpose of this Special Town Board Meeting is to convene a budget workshop and to address any new business that has come before the Town Board.

Supervisor Wolf states that the town has received a request from Tommy B's. They are seeking a liquor license and request a 30-day waiver.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and seconded by Councilperson Morningstar to approve the 30-day waiver for Tommy B's liquor license.

Supervisor Wolf states that the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee has recommended the following be appointed as members of the committee; David Gurin, Amelia Harnish, and Roberta Roll.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to appoint David Gurin, Amelia Harnish, and Roberta Roll to the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Supervisor Wolf states that he was contacted by the county to have the board nominate someone to be on the Columbia County Climate Smart Task Force. This position has been held by Cara Boyle in the past and she is willing to continue. This is a two year term.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and seconded by Councilperson Morningstar to approve the nomination of Cara Boyle to the Columbia County Climate Smart Task Force.

A motion was made by Councilperson Morningstar and seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to go into the Budget Workshop in order to discuss the tentative budget of 2026.

All in favor. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Haight to come out of the Budget Workshop.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Supervisor Wolf notes that the Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget will be Thursday, October 09, 2025 at 6:45pm.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn DeRocha