

TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 11, 2026 7:00 P.M.

TOWN HALL

The following is a summary of the Town Board Meeting as recorded by the Town Clerk.

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[06-11-2026 Town Board Meeting](#)

Board Members Present: Supervisor Herrington, Councilman Cipperly and Councilman Balistreri, Councilman Sullivan, Councilman Christian.

Also Present: Town Attorney, Dave Gruenberg, Town Clerk, Alicia Saunders.

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at: 7:03

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Councilman Balistreri made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting on May 14, 2026. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved.

Reports by Elected Officials and Department Heads:

Town Clerk: Alicia Saunders

The Town Clerk's office processed, 19 hunting and fishing licenses, for a total of \$999, of which our share was \$52.33, 35 dog licenses for a total of \$225, and 6 EZ passes for a total of \$150, 83 Summer camp applications received to which we collected a total of \$56,175, 11 reservations made for the Community Center which brought a total of \$2,200 and 1 Peddlers License for \$50 collected.

The Town Clerk's office commissioned \$337.50 for Vital Statistics and \$41.70 in Bingo & Games of Chance proceeds.

The office remitted \$63,390.23 to the Supervisors office, \$112.50 to the NYS Department of Health, \$41 to the NYS Ag & Markets and \$946.67 to the DEC.

Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Cipperly. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Highway Superintendent: Michael Bayly

Mr. Bayly reported that one man did recycling pulls for two days, three men did shop work for three days, four men did beach work for three days, four men did ditching for two days, two men picked up bags for five days, five men did patch work for thirteen days, six men did brush pick up for four days, one man did mowing for eighteen days, one man did roadside mowing for eight days, two men did work on picnic tables for six days, six men did paving for one day, six men did catch basin repair for seven days, two men hung banners for one day and one man did millings for two days.

Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Water & Sewer: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley gave the report for May, stating it had been a relatively quiet month. The Water Department had been concentrating on getting all of the leak detection sensors out in the field. They have less than 60 to get out there. A recent survey showed a hydrant leaking and there is a potential leak going up the Cropseyville line we need to investigate.

The Sewer Six station was down 2 weeks ago and we had a spare pump brought in. There is fallacy around alternating pumps equally. It ended up both pump impellers were totally shot, fortunately there were spare units in stock. They had been purchased in the Covid era and the pumps are now rebuilt and running.

There was a meeting with National Grid to try and stop the construction interference with existing utilities. Mr. Bradley continues to work with the Building Department to review proposed site plans for stormwater compliance.

Mr. Bradley closed his report stating he is working to meet the goals of the MS4 audit.

Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Supervisor Herrington. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Building & Zoning Supervisor: Kevin Mainello

Mr. Mainello wasn't present for the meeting.

Town Historian: Tracy Broderick

Ms. Broderick wasn't present for the meeting.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster gave the report for the month of May. The Recycling Center sold a total of 318 of blue bags collecting a total of \$934, 800 blue bags purchased from vendors for a total of \$2,040, 151 purple bags purchased for a total of \$302, 2.59 tons of baled cardboard for a total of \$51.80, .723 of car batteries for a total of \$432.90, 4.29 tons of metal and light iron collecting \$874.60, 12 large and small appliances, 10 tires, 1 propane tank, 12 AC's and 2 dehumidifiers to which \$330 was collected bringing in a total revenue of \$4,985.30.

Mr. Engster went on to present the general expenses for the month which there were 15.29 tons of refuse landfill to which we paid \$3,272.70, 12.73 tons of SSR to which we paid \$2,455 bringing the total amount of expenses to \$5,727.70.

Mr. Engster closed with the total amount of recycling and landfill for April was 35.62 tons.

Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Brunswick Community Library: Sara Hopkins

Ms. Hopkins gave the report for the month of May. The library had 2,103 visitors, 333 reference questions, 171 Wi-Fi users averaging 17 per day, 377 study space users, 117 visitors helped with tech use and other assistance, and 21 new BRUN Patrons. There was a total of 3,122 services rendered. There were also 3,243 physical items checked out, 1,977 overdrive, 97 comics plus, 1099 News Bank. The total items checked out across of the services was 6,416. There were 18 different programs. Ms. Hopkins gave a brief overview of all of the upcoming events for the month of June.

Ms. Hopkins closed with an announcement promoting the Libraries Summer Reading Program sign up will begin June 22nd. The reading challenge runs from June 28-August 29th, all ages are welcome!

Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Town of Brunswick Ambulance: Ryan French

Councilman Balistreri gave the monthly report for May. There were a total of 93 EMS calls in which 86 were the Town of Brunswick, 6 were the Town of North Greenbush and 1 Hoosic Valley Rescue Squad. Of the 93 EMS calls, 91 arrived at the scene and 2 of the calls were canceled prior to arrival. The average response time for all 97 calls from mean dispatch to arrival

was 9:39. These calls consisted of 72 high priority calls with an average response time from mean dispatch to arrival being 9:31.

Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 53, 2026

RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026 RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF GRAFTON QUARRY, LLC FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING LAW TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Grafton Quarry, LLC submitted an Application to the Town Board pursuant to Article 16 of the Town of Brunswick Zoning Law requesting an amendment to the Zoning Law to change the zoning classification of certain parcels of real property; and

WHEREAS, the Application requests that the Town Board change the zoning classification of four (4) parcels of real property, designated and identified as Tax Map Nos. 83.-4-12.2, 93.-3-2, 93.-3-3, and 83.4-12.12 and comprising a total of 30.02 acres, from Agricultural (A-40) to Industrial Heavy (IND-H); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Code § 160-123, the Town Board referred the Application to the Town Planning Board for its recommendation and to the Rensselaer County Department of Economic Development and Planning for its recommendation pursuant to General Municipal Law § 239-m; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received the recommendations of the Town Planning Board and the Rensselaer County Department of Economic Development and Planning in response to the referrals; and

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026 was introduced before the Town Board on April 9, 2026, which would amend the Zoning Law of the Town of Brunswick and the Zoning Map of the Town of Brunswick to rezone the subject four (4) parcels from the Agricultural (A-40) Zoning District to the Industrial Heavy (IND-H) Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, following the publication, posting, and circulation of a Notice of Public Hearing, a public hearing on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026 was held by the Town Board on May 14, 2026, at which time all interested persons were afforded the opportunity to be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, acting as Lead Agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and for the reasons set forth in Exhibit A to Part 3 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form, hereby determines that the

proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and, therefore, issues a Negative Declaration under SEQRA; and it is further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Zoning Law § 160-126(C), the Town Board has considered the proposed zoning amendment in relation to the Town of Brunswick Comprehensive Plan in deliberating on whether to adopt proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026, and finds that the proposed amendment is consistent and in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan; and it is further

RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026 is hereby adopted.

The foregoing Resolution, offered by COUNCILMAN SULLIVAN and seconded by COUNCILMAN CHRISTIAN, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

COUNCILMAN CIPPERLY	VOTING	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN CHRISTIAN	VOTING	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN SULLIVAN	VOTING	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN BALISTRERI	VOTING	<u>AYE</u>
SUPERVISOR HERRINGTON	VOTING	<u>AYE</u>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: June 11, 2026

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business discussed.

WARRANTS:

The warrants were offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved.

VISITORS WHO WISHED TO SPEAK:

Zach Metzger, NY-2, spoke on behalf of the Brittonkill School Board, thanking the Town Board and community for their support in passing the school budget, acknowledging that it was a challenging budget year. Mr. Metzger noted that next year's budget is also expected to be challenging and encouraged the community members to share their concerns, ideas, and the budget development process. Mr. Metzger said the School Board plans to hold listening sessions and distribute surveys, in partnership with the PTSA, to gather public input. Mr. Metzger emphasized that the Board wants to ensure its budget and policy decisions reflect the values of the community and invited residents to participate in the process and share their feedback.

Jim Tzacik, Brunswick Road, continued his discussion from last month's meeting about the Town's comprehensive plan to address solar energy, explaining that it could help strengthen the Town's position if future zoning regulations are legally challenged. Mr. Tzacik referenced NYSERDA guidance on the importance of aligning land use regulations with a comprehensive plan and suggested that the Town could update the existing plan rather than complete a full rewrite. During his comments, he provided a packet containing the NYSERDA guidance and supporting information for the Board's review to the Town Clerk. Mr. Tzacik, also spoke positively about NYSERDA as a resource with emphasis on NYSERDA's technical guidance and training opportunities, particularly regarding battery energy storage systems (BESS), to help prepare for future energy projects.

Tim Gilchrist, Creek Rd, expressed appreciation to the Board and Town staff for their hard work. He shared that he had spoken at a public hearing the previous July about a personal experience waiting forty minutes for an ambulance during an emergency. Hearing that ambulance response times have improved to around nine minutes was very meaningful to him, and he praised everyone involved for working together to make it happen. He said the effort was a great example of how community support and collaboration can lead to real improvements. Tim also took a moment to recognize the Highway department. He noted that many residents may not always see the work they do, especially if they do not live on a Town road, but said services like monthly brush pickup help residents see the value of the department's efforts. He added that the reduction in engine brake noise on Creek Road has been appreciated as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Christian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully,

Alicia Saunders
Town Clerk