

TOWN OF BUTTERNUTS
MEETING AGENDA
JUNE 10, 2026
REGULAR MEETING

AUDIT VOUCHERS

OPEN MEETING AND PLEDGE

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – THREE MINUTES EACH

MINUTES CORRECTIONS AND ADOPT – May 13, 2026 Regular Meeting

REPORTS: TOWN CLERK -TOWN JUSTICE – DOG CONTROL - ASSESSOR
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS- POLICY * AUDIT

OLD BUSINESS 1. Town Dog Law
 2. Subdivision Law Revisions

NEW BUSINESS 1. Approve Payments of Vouchers 26172 – 26199 \$ 79,943.71
 2. Financial Reports May 2026

BOARD DISCUSSION

Policy for overpayment to Town Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – THREE MINUTES EACH

ADJOURNMENT

Town of Butternuts

Regular Meeting

June 10, 2026

Sign-In Sheet

Please sign & print your name.

1. Barbara Lilley

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2. Madison Lockwood

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3. Peyton Townsend

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4. Scot Luedt

DCO

5. James P. Powers

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6. Jim Polhemus BAK

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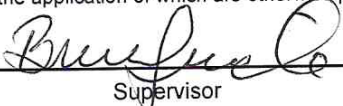

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	MISC. FEES	Certified - Death	8	80.00
		Certified - Marriage	1	10.00
		Sub-Total:		\$90.00
A2544	After expiration date Dog Licensing	After expiration date	6	30.00
		Female, Spayed	6	36.00
		Female, Unspayed	3	36.00
		Male, Neutered	5	30.00
		Male, Unneutered	4	48.00
		Sub-Total:		\$180.00
B2402	Town Clerk	Planning Board Fees	8	190.00
		Sub-Total:		\$190.00
Total Local Shares Remitted:				\$460.00
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				32.00
Total State, County & Local Revenues:			\$492.00	Total Non-Local Revenues: \$32.00

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Penny Klingman Town Clerk, Town of Butternuts during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.


6/2/26

5/31/26
 Supervisor Date Town Clerk Date

* DECALS commission \$3.21
 Interest \$0.07

Adjusted Local Shares Revenue: \$463.28



**Department of
Environmental
Conservation**

STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233

Phone 1-800-962-5622

Invoice 000874-303293

TOWN OF BUTTERNUTS
1234 State Hwy 51 P O Box 318, Gilbertsville NY, 13776

Invoice Period: 05/01/2026 to 05/31/2026

Invoice Summary

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Sales Summary	Items Sold	Sales Total	Print Fee	Vendor Commission	Sweep Amount
	6	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$3.21	\$41.79
Reversals / Voids Summary	Items Reversed / Voided	Reversal / Void Total	Print Fee	Vendor Commission	Sweep Amount
	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Manual Adjustment Summary		Adjustment Note	Adjustment Type	Adjustment Amount	
Invoice Totals					Sweep \$41.79

\$41.79 Will be swept from your bank account on **6/15/2026**

**Town of Butternuts
Monthly Assessor's Report**

Date May

Number of tax payers visited in office 1111

Number of properties visited 0

Number of cards and assessments updated None - Things are frozen until August.

Correspondence received regarding town taxes 1

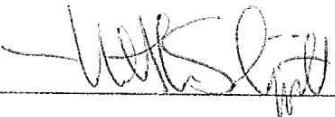
Complaints mitigated 1

Out of office work completed Grievance Day 5/25 - No one came.

Total increase or Decrease in town tax valuation 0

Training updates available 0

Additional hours of training completed 0

Signed 

Town of Butternuts
Dog Control Officer Report

For service period 5-1-26 through 5-31-26

Date	Mileage	Name & Nature of call
5-8	0.0	Tomiou – dog running at large
5-8	0.0	Reinbach – dog running at large
5-9 thru 5-31	22.4	Nichols – unlicensed, barking dogs
5-22	72.8	Avery – two found dogs, transported to shelter
5-24	10.0	Lum – unlicensed dogs

Total mileage 105.2 miles

Respectfully submitted by,

Scot Lueck
Scot Lueck, DCO

Town of Butternuts Highway

Monthly Report

June 10, 2026

1. I attended Cornell hwy school in Ithaca. Topics were; ensuring your asphalt works, securing loads, working together (shared services), role of superintendent & the governing board, factors for cipseal success, and going on a low sodium diet.
2. Discussion on broom for sweeping roads.
3. We are continuing to do ditching, changing out failed cross tubes, driveway tubes.
4. NYS CHIP program has been approved, we were awarded \$23176.66 more than last year.
5. We are out mowing roadsides and trimming brush & weeds.

6/10/26 Supervisor / Park Report

The OSC audit of the Town's financial records and systems is complete. This audit has taken 11 months as opposed to the 4-5 months that was initially stated by the auditors. I disagree wholeheartedly with the process, and the conclusions of this audit. I have written a response which should be included within the publication. The claims made by the OSC auditors are substantially, and in some cases completely false, misleading or incomplete. All banking and investment information is available for Board review at any time, and monthly financial statements are reviewed and approved at Board meetings. The Board member who audits all Town departments uses the manual and forms provided by the Office of the State Comptroller, and yet was criticized for not doing more. Board members were chastised for not exercising adequate oversight, when that claim is patently false. Every transaction is reviewed at monthly meetings, and the Board is keenly aware of the financial position of the Town. The method of banking that we now use does not conform with the antiquated evaluation forms that the auditors use. Everything is done electronically, and yet they insist on written records printed on paper. I could go on but I will summarize as follows : The Butternuts Town Board works diligently with the Town Supervisor continuously to safeguard and maximize every penny of taxpayer money. The financial position of this Town is excellent because of that cooperative relationship, and we will continue to work in that manner into the future.

I have met several times with the Highway Superintendent throughout the past month. Discussions were concerning CHIPS funding and strategy, truck issues, chain saw issues, culvert inventory, sod loader, UNIFIRST, identifying excess parts and equipment, and most importantly the need for a broom.

Depot Engineering is requesting a zoom meeting Monday 6/15 to discuss new building plans and options.

The equalization rate for the Town has been set at 69. Three years ago it was at 100. I will discuss what to do about this with County Real Property office.

PARK- June water tests have been done. No issues. Working with Steve Lawton to boost WIFI signal. Campers have been told that this is the last WIFI / Internet improvement that will be made at the park by the Town. If they feel it is unsatisfactory they will have to install their own systems.

There are a few open seasonal sites, and I have encouraged the caretakers to find a way to fill them. Revenues are down from last year at this time. Z turn mower is in for service and will be back shortly.

Respectfully submitted

Bruce Giuda / Supervisor

AT THE JUNE 9TH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD, WE DISCUSSED THE INFORMATION ASSEMBLED ON BATTERY STORAGE FACILITIES. THIS INCLUDED THE INCREASE IN FOIL REQUESTS TO THE CLERK RELEVANT TO ELECTRICAL PERMITTING ACTIVITY IN OUR AREA. OUR REVIEW DETERMINED THAT, WHILE THEY ARE OF A DIFFERENT NATURE THAN COMMERCIAL SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATIONS, THEY ARE VERY SIMILAR IN THAT A PILOT AGREEMENT MAY BE THE BEST WAY FOR THEM TO BE HANDLED.

THE PLANNING BOARD AGREED WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THE TOWN BOARD CONSIDER PLACING A MORATORIUM ON THESE BATTERY STORAGE FACILITIES (PERHAPS A YEAR) TO ALLOW TIME FOR CONSIDERATION OF INCLUDING BATTERY STORAGE FACILITY REGULATIONS IN THE TOWN'S CURRENT COMMERCIAL SOLAR FACILITIES LAW.

FOR INFORMATION THE LAST TIME WE HAD A INCREASE IN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PERTAINING TO OUR CURRENT SOLAR LAWS AND ENERGY ACTIVITIES, WITHIN 4-5 MONTHS DEVELOPERS WERE HERE TRYING TO PERMIT THE COMMERCIAL SOLAR ARRAY ON HALBERT HILL.

IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE TOWN BOARD MAY WISH TO INCLUDING DATA CENTERS IN THESE REGULATIONS AS WELL.

THANK YOU, THE TOWN OF BUTTERNUTS PLANNING BOARD