

TOWN OF BUTTERNUTS

Regular Meeting

August 12, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 6:58 pm by Supervisor Bruce Giuda. Pledge was said by all during the Public Hearing.

Minutes by Town Clerk Penny Klingman.

Board Members present: Supervisor Bruce Giuda, Council Members Keith Lilley, John Hill, Paul Irwin and Teresa Winchester.

Visitors present: Barbara Lilley, James Polhemus, James Powers County Representative, Vikki Cates, Sherri Hall, Bruce Beckert, Alberta Koslow.

Privilege of the Floor: Sherri Hall said the Park Caretakers would not be at this meeting and wondered if that report would be discussed. Bruce Giuda said it would. Vikki Cates asked about the roads, particularly Copes Corners, wondered when work may occur. She said having signs out on the road ahead of time stating when the road would be closed would be helpful. James Powers provided updates on the use of the property across from the jail and on the creation of a Fire Training Center.

Keith Lilley made the motion to dispense with the reading of all 3 of the July meeting minutes, Paul Irwin seconded the motion, all agree, motion carried.

John Hill made the motion to approve the July 8, 2026 special meeting/public hearing minutes and Teresa Winchester seconded, all agree, motion carried.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve the July 8, 2026 regular meeting minutes and Teresa Winchester seconded, all agree, motion carried.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve the July 26, 2026 emergency meeting minutes as corrected and John Hill seconded, all agree, motion carried.

Reports: See Reports. There were no reports from the Assessor or the Court. Teresa Winchester made the motion to accept all reports, John Hill seconded the motion, all agree, motion carried.

Committee Reports: Paul Irwin reported all audits are complete.

Old Business: 1. Town Dog Law

Keith Lilley made the motion to accept the Dog Law with the noted changes, John Hill seconded the motion, all agree, motion carried.

New Business: 1. Legal Services Agreement – Robert H. McKertich PLLC

Paul Irwin made a motion to allow Bruce Giuda to sign a contract on an as needed basis for any renewable energy matters and any specific land use concerns, Teresa Winchester seconded the motion, all agree, motion carried.

2. Town Law Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems & Town Law Moratorium on Data Centers

Information was provided on both proposed laws for the board to review. A Public Hearing will be held on 9/9 at 6:30 for both.

3. Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve Vouchers 26227 – 26251 for \$63,060.89. John Hill seconded the motion, all agree, motion carried. Voucher for paving – do not have the funds available to pay this board decided to wait until the chips money comes in September to pay this.

4. Keith Lilley made the motion to approve SEQRA for Subdivision Law. John Hill seconded the motion, 4 agree (Giuda, Lilley, Irwin, Hill), 1 abstain (Winchester), motion carried.

5. John Hill made the motion to approve SEQRA for Site Plan Law. Paul Irwin seconded the motion, 4 agree (Giuda, Lilley, Irwin, Hill), 1 abstain (Winchester), motion carried.

6. Teresa Winchester made the motion to approve transfer of \$588.00 from DA 1990.4 to DA 5130.2. Keith Lilley seconded the motion, all agree, motion carried.

7. Vehicle Use Policy – discussion on when personal vehicles could be used.

8. Donation of Lumber – Bruce Giuda made a motion to accept a donation of lumber from the Klingmans to be used for sideboards on the trucks, Paul Irwin seconded the motion, all agree, motion carried.

9. Donation of Black pick up truck box – discussion on this because the truck it would be for has been red flagged and not sure what is needed to get it working again.

10. Paul Irwin made the motion to approve financial reports for June & July 2026. Keith Lilley seconded the motion, all agree, motion carried.

Board Discussion: reviewed the Highway Winter Maintenance Policy. The board feels the name should indicate this is the Highway policy, not a town board policy. The wording of the first sentence needs to be changed under the Complaints section to say: Written complaints should be addressed to the Superintendent of Highways. Any complaints addressed to the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk or Town Board members will be referred to the Superintendent of Highways.

Discussion on Copes Corners Park per report from caretakers:

Park caretaker is asking to purchase a Honey wagon for the park for \$2800, if it is in good condition. Keith Lilley made a motion to allow spending up to \$2800 on a Honey wagon for the park, Paul Irwin seconded the motion, 4 agree (Giuda, Lilley, Winchester, Irwin), 1 against (Hill), motion carried.

2027 rates for the Park were discussed, Bruce recommended leaving the rates the same as this year. Keith Lilley made a motion to keep the existing rates for the 2027 year, Bruce Giuda seconded, all agree, motion carried.

Discussion of if there will be winter parking allowed at the Park. Bruce Giuda made a motion to allow winter parking, John Hill seconded, all agree, motion carried.

Discussion on issues at Site 22 at the park.

Privilege of the Floor: no comments

Bruce Giuda made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm, Teresa Winchester seconded the motion, all agree, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Klingman