

Town Board Meeting
January 12, 2026

The Organizational meeting of the Town of Cambridge Town Board was duly called, Monday, January 12, 2026 at Cambridge Town Hall, at 7:30 PM the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Larry Carrino

Councilman Robert McIntosh

Councilman Gretchen Wilmot

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Peter Sherratt New Planning Board Member

Town Supervisor Catherine Fedler called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and led in the Pledge to the Flag.

The Town Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 7:37 PM for Local Law No. 1 of 2026 Establishing a Moratorium on Large-Scale Solar and Wind Energy Systems and in the Town of Cambridge.

The Supervisor called three times for any comment on the Local Law. Peter Sherratt had a question whether the Moratorium was for 6 months. The Supervisor said yes.

With no further comment the Supervisor closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 PM.

Councilman Carrino and Councilman McIntosh were sworn in to the Town Board positions by the Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#1 – 7	\$5,304.79
Highway	#1 – 5	\$4,111.64

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley mentioned that he was submitting a voucher for a Equipment Trailer. The current Equipment Trailer has reached its end of life. He has seen the Equipment Trailer today and it looks like in good condition, its located in Cossayuna. Jim Buckley Highway Superintendent would like permission to purchase.

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that she had texted the Town Board about some end of the year transfers that must be done. She had received verbal approval on Wednesday, December 31, 2025. These were the following transfers:

-move \$72.99 from A1220.4 to A1010.4 Supervisor contractual to Town Board Contractual. (Newspaper ads)

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- \$1229.40 from A1110.4 to A1420.4. Contingency to lawyer (over budget)
- \$798 from A1110.4 to A1920.4 Contingency to assoc. dues. 2026 bill for Association of towns snuck thru. Had only budgeted to pay the 2025 bill.
- \$500 from PT budget officer clerk A1350.12 AND \$1177.78 from Contingency A1990.4 to A1220.12 Supervisor's Clerk. This is to cover the hours Heather worked.

Approval of Town Board members: Councilman Bailey
Councilman Carrino
Councilman McIntosh

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #1

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2025 Town Board meeting with the following corrections:

- -Bottom of Page 1 Resolution #68 – should be clarified that there was a double digit increase in health insurance.
- Page 3 under the Town Board section should be that Councilman McIntosh spoke with Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner.
- On page 4 New law suit no "e"
- One page 4 Supervisor Fedler mentioned that it might benefit County.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

Councilman Bailey and Councilwoman Wilmot Abstained due to being absent.

Resolution #2

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2025 year end meeting.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

Councilman Bailey and Councilwoman Wilmot Abstained due to being absent.

2026 ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION

Resolution #3

Resolution by Councilwoman Wilmot

Seconded by Councilman Bailey

Be It Resolved, the following salaries and expenses may be paid to the Town of Cambridge Officials for the year 2026:

<u>OFFICIAL</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>PAYABLE</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Town Supervisor	\$ 4612	Quarterly	\$ 2,400
Deputy Town Supervisor	200	Annually	
Clerk to the Supervisor	12000	Bi-weekly	
Clerk (P/T)	200	Quarterly	\$16.00 hr. per diem
Supt. Of Highways	66904	Bi-weekly	2,000

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Town Justice	2400	Quarterly	(.2)-250 /(.4)-1,300
Council Members(4) \$875.00ea.	3500	Quarterly	1,350
Town Clerk	30000	Bi-weekly	(.2)-200/(.4)-7,500
Deputy Town Clerk	3,050	\$16.00 hr. per diem	
Assessor	17,050	Bi-weekly	(.2)-300-(.4)-2100
Board of Review 3 @\$100ea	300	Annually	
Secretary to Planning Board	2462	Quarterly	500
Registrar Of Vital Statistics	196	Annually	
Dog Control	0	Monthly	(.2)- 50/(.4)-4200
Health Officer	50	Annually	
Budget Officer	2500	Quarterly	(.4)1375
Account Clerk (P/T)	500	Quarterly	
Historian	324	Annually	100
Town Attorney	0	\$250/hr. per diem	(.2)-50/(.4)-10000

Further Resolved, each Planning Board member shall be paid \$20.00 for each meeting attended, and the Acting Chairman at such meeting of the Planning Board shall be paid \$25.00 for each meeting chaired, and be it

Further Resolved, that the officials of the town, using their own vehicles on official town business, may be reimbursed at the rate of \$.72 per mile, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the hourly wage rates in the Highway Department be: \$27.52 for working Supervisor; \$27.06 for heavy motor equipment operators (HEO); \$26.58 motor equipment operators (MEO); \$24.02 for year-round part-time \$21.87 for part-time laborer; \$22.44 part-time mechanic and \$24.77 for Exp. PT MEO specifically over 5 yrs snowplowing experience, 26.55 Experienced PT HEO specifically over 5 years Highway experience and be it

Further Resolved, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to use unexpended balances in all the funds for expenses in 2025, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Board appoints Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC on a per diem basis as Legal Counsel to the Town as required by the Board, and be it

Further Resolved, that the voting premises for District I and District 2 will be in the Fellowship Hall of the Coila church, 93 State Route 372,

Further Resolved, that the Town Board meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month at the Town Hall. In the event that Town Board meeting is canceled the meeting will be the following Thursday. Bills will be audited at 7:30 PM after the beginning of the meeting unless changed by the call of the Supervisor, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Board Meeting for the month of October, Columbus Day or Veteran's Day (if affected by the Holiday) will be the 1st Monday of the month.

Further Resolved, that the electric bills, telephone bills, annual Retirement bills, NYMIR and Disability insurance be paid without prior audit, and be it

Further Resolved, that the following Town Officials be and are hereby appointed for the year 2026:

Deputy Town Supervisor..... Larry Carrino
Secretary to the Planning Board..... Heather A. Greenawalt
Historian..... TBA
Registrar of Vital Statistics, Tax Collector.....Heather A. Greenawalt

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Budget Officer..... Catherine Fedler
Account Clerk (P/T)..... Heather A. Greenawalt
Clerk to the Supervisor..... TBA
Clerk per diem to Supervisor..... Heather Greenawalt
Deputy Town Clerk, Registrar, Tax Collector.....Lisa Proch
Deputy Town Clerk #2

Code Enforcement Officer Contracted through the County
Town Attorney.....Lea Everheart of Miller, Mannix. Schachner & Hafner, LLC.
Health Officer.....Bruce Bailey
Dog Control/Warden (Yearly Contract).....Animal Safe-Home & Rehab

Further Resolved, that the Eagle is hereby designated the official newspaper of the Town of Cambridge, and the ArrowBank, Cambridge, NY, and, NYCLASS (New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System) are hereby designated as the official depositories of town funds for the year 2026, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Board shall make all necessary arrangements and issue invitations as are deemed practical to attend the meeting of the Association of Towns in 2026, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Board designates Catherine Fedler as voting representative to the Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns (included in the 2026 Budget) and if need be the supervisor will choose an alternate to attend, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Board gives the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent permission to attend annual conferences (included in the 2026 Budget), and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Board does authorize the Superintendent of Highways to advertise for bid: culvert pipe, oil and stone, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Highways to purchase equipment, tools and implements without prior approval of this Board in the amount not to exceed \$4,000 per invoice for the year 2026, and be it

Further Resolved, that the price paid for gravel purchased in 2026 be not more than \$22.50 per yard, and the price for sand be not more than \$15.00 per yard and the price of shoulder stone be not more than 22.50 per ton.

Further Resolved, that the Supervisor be authorized to make application to the NY State Youth

Commission for approval of a recreational project in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and the Rules and Regulations of the Youth Commission, and be it

Further Resolved, that this Town Board authorizes the acceptance of claimant's certifications on a voucher form approved by the NY State Department of Audit & Control.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

There was a question by Councilman McIntosh whether or not it should be the Fellowship Hall for the voting site. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt said that she would look into that. Councilman McIntosh also asked for explanation of the unexpended balances and whether the year for 2025 was correct. The Supervisor said yes.

Agreement of the Highway Spending

Resolution #4

Councilwoman Wilmot,
Councilman Carrino,

Agreement between the Town Superintendent of Town of Cambridge, New York, Washington County, New York and the Undersigned members of the Town Board.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows: General Repairs. The sum of \$110,000.00 shall be set aside for primary work and general repairs upon 62.8 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or renewals thereof. All board signed and Highway Superintendent and filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Official Undertaking

Resolution #5

Councilman Bailey motioned,
Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot,

Adopt the Official Undertaking for the Town of Cambridge and which is filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Vote: Ayes -5 Noes – 0

Appointment

Resolution #6

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to appoint Julian Hadley as the Representative for the Town of Cambridge to the Advisory Board with the Office of the Aging.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #7

Councilman Carrino motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to appoint Dorothy Yurschak to the position on the Planning Board term January 12, 2026 to December 31, 2031.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

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Resolution #8

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to appoint Peter Sherratt to fill the position on the Planning Board for Peter Hemmerlings remaining term which is January 12, 2026 to December 31, 2030.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Solar Moratorium

Resolution #9

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to adopt the Local Law No. 1 of 2026 Establishing a Moratorium on Large-Scale Solar and Wind Energy Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems in the Town of Cambridge.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Councilman Bailey asked where the Town is with the Local Law for Solar. Councilman Carrino said that don't think that we are getting anywhere but hopefully that will change. Councilman McIntosh said that a new Model Law is out from NYSERDA a couple months ago. Councilman McIntosh said that Planning Board doesn't need to be experts on this. An engineer and a consultant can be hired and the Planning Board not involved.

Highway Report

Jim Buckley the Highway Superintendent reported that they plowed and sanded snow and ice. Since the last Board meeting they have been out 20 days. Trimmed branches and ice off roads. Truck #4 Red single axle is at AT Hoosick, estimate is approximately \$5,000. The Town Board gave approval/OK to go over the \$4,000 spending limit to repair the turbo.

Jim also reported that he is still having an issue with the Toll by mail and trying to resolve the issue. He has received another bill again.

The report on salt is that some independent contracts have been shut off because of the shortage. The Town is working with the new company and they are good, this is a County bid and it has been good.

Supervisor Fedler reported that she would be meeting with the Insurance Company on Wednesday. The Supervisor also briefly mentioned about the fraud that occurred in Warren County and now on the hook for 3 million. She mentioned about the importance of being cautious with emails and opening safe guards.

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Planning Board

Planning Board meeting was canceled for January 7, 2026 due to nothing on the agenda. Next meeting will be February 4, 2026.

Town Clerk Report

2026 Town and County Taxes are coming in steady. Working on things that need to be done for the first of the year. Will be putting together things for Civil Service for first of the year paperwork.

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that she is the Vice Chair at the County again this year.

It was mentioned that the Town would need to find a Town Historian discussed Councilman Carrino possibly interested or could we ask Ken Gottry?

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge