

Town Board Meeting  
November 10, 2025

The Regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge Town Board was duly called, Monday, November 8, 2025 at Cambridge Town Hall, at 7:30 PM the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Larry Carrino

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Councilman Robert McIntosh

Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr., Alan Davis and Zephaniah Davis

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

### **Public Hearing Tax Cap Override Local Law No. 1**

Public Hearing was opened at 7:42 PM.

The Supervisor mentioned that will need to override the cap but looks like the budget is currently at 3.9% increase. If some of the unexpended balances are changed could get increase down to 2.73% but still \$3,864 over the cap. The Local Law No. 1 will need to be adopted to Override the Tax Cap.

The Supervisor asked three times if there was anyone that would like to speak about the tax cap override and were there any questions.

The Supervisor closed the Public Hearing at 7:44 PM.

### **Public Hearing 2026 Town Budget**

Public Hearing was opened at 7:44 PM.

The Supervisor mentioned that the Budget was straight forward increases in payroll. Supervisor Fedler mentioned that there was a discussion before the preliminary Budget was started and the Town Board decided to increase the Highway pay. Bulk of the increase was the health insurance. Supervisor mentioned that she spoke with the insurance broker and the Retiree insurance only have two retiree's and need 3. Broker is looking into it but might have to find another plan/policy. This budget has a built in 10% raise for employees.

Alan Davis resident of the Town mentioned that had questions about the insurances, wage increases and the increase in the salary for the Highway Superintendent. He questioned if they had compared Highway Superintendent salary to other towns. Supervisor Fedler responded and said that this was a Town Board decision and now the Town of Cambridge Highway Department are comparable to other Towns. Supervisor Fedler mentioned that changed the unexpended balances on the last page which brings the increase in 2026 Budget down to a 2.73%.

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The Public Hearing for the 2026 Town Budget was closed at 8:11 PM.

### **Auditing of the Bills**

General	#182 – 199	\$ 7,495.89
Highway	#127 – 137	\$59,834.17

### **County Budget**

The Supervisor reported that the battle on the budget for that day was about laying people off. She mentioned that it is in the budget. She did say that the Supervisor's are working on making amendments to the Budget. She did mention that Supervisor's did not vote for laying people off. Currently the 2026 County Budget is at 16.9% budget increase.

The Town Clerk handed out the logins for the new .gov emails. The Town of Cambridge is now all compliant with .gov emails.

### **Approving Town Board minutes**

#### **Resolution #61**

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2025 meeting as mailed with a few corrections: on the top of page 2 it should read that Supervisor Fedler mentioned, on page 3 the paragraph that starts with Councilman Carrino should read suggested decreasing NOT lowering. Then it should include in that paragraph that Councilman McIntosh suggested that take another thousand to increase the Supervisor's salary to \$4612. Then on page 4 under the discussion of the Tour of the Battenkill Councilman McIntosh suggested that add we and they through out to correct grammatical errors, should read as follows (**bolded and underlined words are the corrections**): "**There was a** short discussion and Councilman Bailey felt that **we** should not shut the race down, if **we** could find a way to make the race work **we** should try. The race is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2026, which is Mother's Day weekend. It was mentioned that those involved in the race have no concern or respect for lively hood of the people around. It was mentioned that **they** have not been considerate of the businesses in the Village of Cambridge in the past **they** have shut down the roads affecting the businesses in the Village."

Vote:                      Ayes – 5                      Noes – 0

### **Letter of Engagement from Attorney**

The Town of Cambridge current attorney Leah Everhart and Jacquelyn White will be out on disability soon. It was suggested by Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC that the Town of Cambridge reach out to Mike Crowe @ Fitzgerald Morris, Baker and Firth

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for representation on the N.E.E.D case. Mike Crowe is already representing the other municipalities. Letter of engagement has been received from Fitzgerald Morris, Baker and Firth and will need to be signed by Supervisor Fedler.

**Resolution #62**

Councilman McIntosh motioned,  
Seconded by Councilman Bailey,  
To have Mike Crowe @ Fitzgerald Morris, Baker and Firth represent Town of Cambridge on each of the municipality's interests regarding (N.E.E.D)the referenced material in the engagement letter and give Supervisor Fedler permission to sign the letter of engagement with the Fitzgerald Morris, Baker and Firth.

Vote:                      Ayes – 5                      Noes – 0

**Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System Moratorium**

**RESOLUTION #63**

**TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION \_63\_ OF 2025 SETTING  
PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH A  
MORATORIUM ON LARGE-SCALE SOLAR AND WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS AND**

**BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE**

**COUNCILMAN CARRINO MOTIONED,**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN MCINTOSH**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board wishes to consider the adoption of a six-month Moratorium on the construction, establishment, installation, review or approval of any new or expanded Solar and/or Wind Energy Systems or Battery Energy Storage Systems in the Town of Cambridge; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Cambridge Town Board shall meet and hold a Public Hearing at the Cambridge Town Hall, 846 County Route 59, Cambridge, New York, at \_\_7:30\_\_ p.m. on December \_\_8\_\_, 2025 to hear all interested persons and take any necessary action provided by law concerning the proposed Local Law; and be it further

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**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board further authorizes and directs the Cambridge Town Clerk to publish and post a Notice of Public Hearing concerning the proposed Local Law in the manner provided by law and to make a copy of the proposed Local Law available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's office following the adoption of this Resolution.

Duly adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, by the following vote:

Vote:           Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

**Update on NYS Solar Model Law**

Councilman McIntosh said that he had emailed Camille Warner at NYSERDA in regards to whether there had been any progress whether NYS had updated the Model Law, with new NYS fire regulations evolving to address battery storage. The last Councilman McIntosh had communicated with Camille Warner the State was still working on updating and it would be ready soon.

**Planning Board Report**

No Planning Board meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> due to nothing on the agenda  
December 3, 2025 next meeting

**Town Clerk Report**

- Hunting license sales 2025-2026 hunting season (Rifle season starts on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Working on getting minute books up to date. New archival paper and binders purchased and binders are up to date. Have been going through the office clearing out outdated paperwork.
- Have a Retirement Webinar on the Standard workday and the reporting on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Fuel Oil Bids**

**Resolution #64**

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to give Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. permission to go out to bid for town's fuel oil supply for 2026.

Vote:           Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

**County Route 60 Contract**

**Resolution #65**

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to give permission to sign the agreement between Washington County and the Town of Cambridge for the plowing of County Route 60 during 2026.

Vote:           Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

**Tax Cap Override Local Law No. 2 2025**

**Resolution #66**

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to adopt the Tax Cap Override Local Law No. 2 of 2025.

Vote:           Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

**Adopting of the 2026 Budget**

**Resolution #67**

Councilman Carrino motioned,

Seconded by Councilman McIntosh,

Be It Resolved and Determined, that the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge adopts the 2026 Budget as presented at the Public Hearing as the Annual Budget for the Town of Cambridge beginning in January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 with budget figures of \$1,576,960 for total appropriations less \$510,292, less estimated revenues less \$194,983 unexpended balance resulting in \$871,685 to be raised by taxes.

Be it furthered Resolved, that the Cambridge Town Board accepts the fire contract with the Village of Cambridge Fire Department for year 2026 in the amount of \$42,626, the Easton Fire Department \$9,750 and the Buskirk Fire Department \$20,436.

Vote:           Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt  
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge