

Town Board Meeting
October 6, 2025

The Regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge Town Board was duly called, Monday, October 6, 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, Jim Buckley Highway Superintendent

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

Auditing of the Bills

General	#164 – 181	\$ 4,485.46
Highway	# 113 – 123	\$20,875.66

Approving of the minutes

Resolution #55

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2025 meeting as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Supervisor Fedler said that she had been in touch with the Town Attorney to start a new Solar Moratorium and to add BESS (Battery Energy storage systems). The Supervisor spoke with the Attorney and she is planning on having a Public Hearing at the December meeting.

The Supervisor mentioned that we need to be actively working on the law and it was suggested that we make sure to be careful how things were worded because the Town of Cambridge has no zoning. Because the Town of Cambridge does not have zoning makes it easy to challenge or get around. The attorney said that some use the NYSERDA law and some have modified, mentioned that they do a lot of laws for Towns.

Public Hearing Tax Cap Override and Budget

Resolution #56

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to set the Public Hearings for the Tax cap override and the 2026 Budget for Monday, November 10, 2025. Tax Cap Override will be at 7:30 PM and the 2026 Budget Hearing will immediately follow.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

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Councilman McIntosh asked about the 2026 County Budget and is it 45% increase. Mentioned that the increases in health insurance, workman's comp, retirement and IT costs were about 20% increase. They are working hard to try and get down as much as can.

Paving for the County 2026

No Bridge projects on Couty Route 74 this year. The plan was to Black Top from the Town Road to Lees Crossing to the County line. Also mentioned that Morris Road to the County line and Buskirk Covered Bridge to Morris Road.

JCAP Grant

Resolution #57

Motioned by Councilwoman Wilmot

Seconded by Councilman McIntosh

WHEREAS the Cambridge Town Court requires two secured fireproof filing cabinets,

Be It RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge authorizes the Cambridge Town Court to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program grant in the 2025 – 26 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Highway Report

- Cut trees and brush
- Culvert project on Wright Road
- Mower and Boom arm have been out a couple times
- Hauling sand and the pile is almost done
- The only line that has changed in the Highway budget is A5132.4 increased \$1000 other than employee increases

Planning Board

None – no meeting this month due to nothing on the agenda

Town Clerk Report

The Town Clerk reported that she has still been selling many hunting licenses. She has also been helping Supervisor Fedler with the 2026 Budget.

Executive Session

Resolution #58

Entered into Executive Session at 8:28 PM.

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Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #59

Exit out of Executive Session 8:32 PM.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

2026 Budget

2026 Budget presented to the Town Board.

The Supervisor reported that the Highway employees, Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk received raise per Board recommendation last meeting. Dog Control received an increase. The Supervisor mentioned that was also cut for the library and the youth program based on Town Board discussion in September. The increases were also in Health, State Retirement and Social Security. There was an Annual Maintenance Fee for Williamson Law accounting and payroll programs. The Assessor received a raise. There was also a raise in minimum wage which would increase the Deputy Town Clerk and the Cleaning Services for the Town Hall. The contractual for the Town Clerk and the Town Hall went up due to fuel, electric, and postage increase for mailing of tax payments.

Councilman Carrino suggested that lower the Town Board members salaries and increase the Supervisor’s salary. The suggestion was to lower the Town Board personal services A1010.1 from \$3900 to \$3500. Then to increase the Supervisor’s personal services line A1220.1 from \$3212 to \$4612.

The Supervisor also mentioned the increases in the health insurance were approximately 20%. The Supervisor reported that there are now only 2 retirees on the MVP insurance and one retiree is still on CDPHP.

The Highway Garage Contractual A5132.4 needed to have 1,000 added to it so the Contractual went from \$18000 to \$19,000. This is the only increase that Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley has requested.

The supervisor said that if any of the Town Board members had additional changes, for the 2026 budget please notify her. She mentioned that election position salaries must be posted and published in the Public Hearing Notice and they could not be raised only lowered after publication.

Appointment to the BAR

The term for Amy Clark on the Board Assessment Review expired on September 30, 2025. It was discussed at the September meeting that Amy Clark was interested in being reappointed to the BAR again for the full term 10/1/2025 – 9/30/30.

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Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to reappoint Amy Clark a resident of the Town of Cambridge to the BAR seat term starting October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2030.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Tour of the Battenkill

Dieter Drake had reached out to the Town clerk about the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge supporting the Tour of the Battenkill. The letter that was received shows that the race would include 5 roads in the Town of Cambridge. The Town Board had requested in the past couple years that the race not go through the Town of Cambridge. Short discussion and Councilman Bailey felt that should not shut the race down, if could find a way to make the race work 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 have not been considerate of the businesses in the Village of Cambridge in the past have shut down the roads affecting the businesses in the Village. It was mentioned that possibly Dieter should come to the Town Board meeting and present and discuss with the Town Board in how they can make this work.

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge