

**TOWN OF ROSENDALE  
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING  
June 4, 2025**

Supervisor Walsh opened the meeting at 6:00 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance with a moment of silence for Dolores M. Lambertson, Tim Kiederling, and Esther Kiederling.

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Supervisor	Jeanne L. Walsh
	Councilmember	Ashley Sweeney
	Councilman	Marc Cassidy
	Councilmember	Carrie Wykoff

<b><u>Absent:</u></b>	Councilman	Joseph Havranek
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**Also Present:** Ken Hassett; Deputy Town Supervisor, Jill LaFera; Assistant to the Supervisor, Joe LaFera; Building Manager, Barbara Piombino; Eldercare Assistance Committee (Chair).

Supervisor Walsh wanted to thank everyone who was involved with preparation that did a wonderful job for the Memorial Day Parade. The Supervisor wanted to also thank the Deputy Town Supervisor Ken Hassett for taking the lead making sure all was completed, the volunteers that fixed up Veterans Park and all that chose to come to Rosendale to be a part of the parade.

**Public Input/Community Events:**

Councilmember Sweeney wanted to announce the opening of the Rosendale Pool on June 8, 2025. The pool will be open on the weekends in the month of June and will be open from July 1, 2025, seven days a week.

Hope Corenzwit- Tillson Resident

Ms. Corenzwit wanted to request that when doing the landscaping that they use plants that are not only to beautify the Rosendale Community Center, but to also benefit the environment. She stated there was concern about not seeing many bees for pollination, loss of habitat, and using low maintenance plants. The Supervisor discussed what the landscaping plan and location is for in the resolution being presented tonight.

Councilmember Sweeney stated the Recreation Commission is still reviewing the landscaping plans and invited Ms. Corenzwit to come to the next meeting to voice her thoughts, which is the third Wednesday of the month at 7:15PM at the Recreation Center. Councilmember Wykoff wanted to state before Ms. Corenzwit left that there are openings on the Environmental and Economic Commissions should she or others be interested.

Councilmember Wykoff mentioned Commission and Committees can be found on the Town of Rosendale website. Supervisor Walsh mentioned the volunteer applications are on the website under the document center that you can fill out and submit to the Town Clerk’s Office.

Councilmember Sweeney said the Second Annual Rosendale Gardeners Tailgate Garden Swap is this weekend on Sunday from 10AM until 12PM at the Recreation Center.

Councilmember Wykoff stated Happy Pride to all and there is a Pride Celebration in Kingston on Saturday.

### **Appointments/Resignations**

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale accepts the resignation of Robert Winrow effective May 19, 2025. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale accepts the resignation of Gabrielle Baker effective June 4, 2025. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale accepts the resignation of Nicholas Gantner from the Assessment Board of Review Effective June 3, 2025. Seconded by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hire Jaiden West as a Temporary Recreation Attendant at \$15.50 per hour for no more than 32 hours per week. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hire Goldy Conlin as a Temporary Recreation Attendant at \$15.50 per hour for no more than 20 hours per week. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hire Grace Cascio as a Temporary Lifeguard at \$17.75 per hour for no more than 37.5 hours per week. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hire Sara Jankowski as a Temporary Lifeguard at \$17.00 per hour for no more than 37.5 hours per week. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

### **Motions:**

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale enter into contract with T. Webber for emergency repairs for the grease pit at the Recreation Center. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney: ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale declare Local Law #1 of 2025 a Type 1 SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) action and to declare the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale as Lead Agency. Seconded by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale declare Local Law #2 of 2025 a Type 1 SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) action and to declare the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale as Lead Agency. Seconded by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion for the Deputy Town Clerk to open the Public Hearing at 6:10PM to consider a Local Law #1 of the year 2025, a Local Law amending Chapter 75 of the Town of Rosendale “Zoning” by adding provisions concerning camps, camping, campgrounds, Including use of Recreational Vehicles. Seconded by Councilman Cassidy ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

### **Speakers**

Lori Anderson-Rosendale Resident

Ms. Anderson wanted to discuss Camp Menucha on Bruceville Road and if the change affects them as it seems there are rumors, they are going to become a year-round camp. Supervisor Walsh stated that the Public Hearing is to voice your input about the amendment, but most likely Camp Menucha has been operating as a campground and may be grandfathered in. Ms. Anderson discussed the effects of the camp using recreational vehicles, RV campers in use, lighting, music/ live concerts, three-speaker systems, constant construction, garbage, and that the Police Department are involved. Supervisor Walsh stated calling the Police was the correct process to go through and those concerns should be continued through the Police Department. Ms. Anderson asks who is responsible for checking the camp to make sure they are following the codes. Ms. Anderson stated the person responsible for the camp shows they are doing the correct thing to the Building Inspector and then they change things to how they want to do it. The camp has built a building twice the size of the last one that was in the original location and the landscaping was supposed to be planted to become a light/sound barrier. The landscaping was not done. Supervisor Walsh mentioned the Public Hearing is to voice your concerns with the code that is being amended, but wanted Ms. Anderson to know the town does hear her concerns/complaints and will follow up with the Police Department and the Building Department.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion for the Deputy Town Clerk to open the Public Hearing at 6:20PM to consider a Local Law #2 of 2025, to amend Chapter 75 of the Town Code to amend § 75-28.4 entitled “Short-Term Transient Rentals”, to allow grandfathering of certain properties. Such Public Hearing to immediately follow the Public Hearing for consideration of a Local Law amending Chapter 75 of the Town of Rosendale “Zoning” by adding provisions concerning camps, camping, campgrounds, including use of Recreational Vehicles. Seconded by Councilman Cassidy: ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

### **Speakers**

Jim Melville – High Falls Resident

Mr. Melville purchased his property in High Falls February of 2020. When the property was purchased, it had an airstream already on the property. The airstream was used for rent until the Fire Marshal stated he could no longer have permission to do so. Mr. Melville wanted to understand the change and asked if it would allow him to use the airstream again. Supervisor Walsh read the information that states in section 2 part (a) for property owners that can provide adequate evidence to the Code Enforcement Officer or its designee, that the property was utilized as a Short-Term Transient rental for trailers, campers, and or recreational vehicles during the year

prior to March 7, 2024, and the Supervisor reiterated a thirty day period that Mr. Melville will need to reapply with the Fire Marshal who is the Town's Code Enforcement Officer for Short-Term Rentals.

#### Cheryl Schneider-Rosendale Resident

Ms. Schneider wanted to understand the definition of being housed in the Local Law #2 Section 1 75.28(s)(6) and asked what it meant by being housed. She asked if it is one night, thirty days or up to thirty days. Ms. Schneider stated that this is very broad as the town doesn't know if the resident is renting it or just letting someone stay on their property. Supervisor Walsh stated that this is a statement specifically in reference to Short-Term Rentals. Ms. Schneider stated the definition is way too broad because it doesn't allow anyone to have a guest come stay on their property with a tent or to have a camper should they have a need to stay a while without payment of rent. Supervisor Walsh reiterated that this particular amendment is for a part of the Short-Term Rental Local Law. Councilmember Wykoff stated that it is a part that is being amended and inserted into an existing Law that has been available on the Town website and thanked Ms. Schneider. Ms. Schneider spoke about housing and short-term rental issues in general and how awful it is.

#### Jordan Davis-Rosendale Resident

Mr. Davis stated he felt that a lot of people in Rosendale who have properties under this amendment that it may apply to, did not hear about it. Notification and spreading the word should have been done sooner. Mr. Davis stated he felt the amendment verbiage was very vague. He did admit to not having read the whole Local Law, but regardless of that the context does not refer to any housing crisis and whether the town wants to call it a guest or rental under STR Local Law. Mr. Davis discussed the discretion of non-commercial housing situations in permanent housing and a stable place for those homeless for a period of time. Mr. Davis reiterated he doesn't see clear verbiage in the amendment and as a business owner in Rosendale would like to know what's going. Supervisor Walsh wanted to review what he wasn't clear on as this amendment pertains to Short-Term Rentals not the housing crisis and that this amendment is for a paragraph to a Local Law that has existed since March of 2024. Mr. Davis said that the goal here is to pass the law, but it is very vague about what adequate evidence. Supervisor Walsh stated that in this case the law already exists, and the town is in need of doing an amendment to this law, which deals with Short-Term Rentals. When the Town is looking to make changes, the process is to have a Public Hearing so that the Town Board can hear the public's concerns and get input that may help in making the changes. When all is heard and the Public Hearing is closed, all concerns and questions are then sent to the Town Attorney's office to review the concerns and input for the change to be completed. But first and foremost, this change in question asks adequate evidence that the code enforcement officer or its designated person that the property had been utilized previously as a Short-Term Rental. That is pertaining to this Local Law, an example: a resident purchased a home that already had a trailer on it that was utilized as a Short-Term Rental may be grandfathered in when this change is made. As well as residents may have a period of time to reapply with the Fire Marshall or designated Code Enforcer. Mr. Davis asked if this allowed the code enforcer to start going around onto people's property. Supervisor Walsh stated this change is to allow any residents to reapply for a Short-Term for preexisting rental approval that fits the code and protects the public by making sure that people have safe environments for Short-Term rentals. Supervisor Walsh stated this may pertain to Short-Term rental, but wanted Mr. Davis to know that there are plans in the works in reference to the housing issues.

Councilmember Wykoff mentioned the Local Law has been on the website this past year and reminded all of the subscription sign up on the website so all may be notified to the public.

Barbara Piombino-Rosendale Resident-Eldercare Assistance Committee (chair)

Barbara mentioned that she misunderstood the subject but wanted to mention in reference to housing that the Town of Woodstock has a HomeShare Program and that Kingston began the same thing in February of 2025. The Committee is researching other ways to help with housing.

Rachel Gans- Bloomington Resident

Ms. Gans stated most of her questions were answered by previous conversations, but mentioned she struggled to find information on the town. Rachel also mentioned working with the legislature, contacting people to help with the housing issue, but wondered how to help the residents in this community and hearing that the town is working on a project. Supervisor Walsh mentioned that the town is a Housing Smart Community and worked hard on that to help residents to be eligible to apply for grants for housing. That had opened to the public at the Recreation Center to support to review that information for people finding a balance of opportunities. Supervisor Walsh stated the town has notified residents when help is available to them via the Town Website Facebook, and that on the website a subscription button to submit your email to in order to receive emergency notifications, agenda, public notices and general announcements straight to your email you provide.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale close the Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2025 for camps at 7:17PM. Seconded by Councilman Cassidy; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale close the Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2025 for Short-Term Rentals at 7:18PM. Seconded by Councilman Cassidy; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution 06-2025-#1** - – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Victoria Gardens for the landscaping of the Rosendale Community Center. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney: ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

**Resolution 06-2025-#2** - – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with The Carpet Store of Rosendale for replacement of the carpet in Meeting Room M1. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

**Resolution 06-2025-#3** - – Councilman Cassidy made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby accepts legal and maintenance responsibility of 320 feet long and 11 feet wide of Heinel Road onto the road list for the NYSDOT (New York State Department of Transportation) that submits to the Rosendale Highway Department for annual basis to confirm. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

**Resolution 06-2025-#4** - – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with NYSOCFS (New York State Office of Children and Family Services) to provide funding for an out-of-school summer recreational program. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the bills. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney: ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

GENERAL FUND	ABSTRACT 6	VOUCHER# 207 – 246	\$29,038.87
HIGHWAY FUND	ABSTRACT 6	VOUCHER# 83 – 100	\$20,395.96
SEWER FUND	ABSTRACT 6	VOUCHER# 68 – 78	\$ 3,025.94
WATER FUND	ABSTRACT 6	VOUCHER# 67 – 76	\$ 3,821.80
RMC FUND	ABSTRACT 6	VOUCHER# 97 – 99	\$ 6,698.40
SPECIAL LIGHTING	ABSTRACT 6	VOUCHER# 6	\$ 614.61

Councilman Cassidy made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale adjourn the meeting at 7:29PM. Seconded by Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff: ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Christine Harrison  
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes amended by the Town Clerk Mandy Donald