

TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 14, 2025

Supervisor Walsh opened the meeting at 7:00 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance with a moment of silence for Sándor Kozma, Josephine Morgan and Barbara Russell.

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

Also Present: Deputy Town Supervisor; Ken Hassett, Supervisor's Assistant; Jill LaFera, Building Manager; Joe LaFera, Environmental Commission Chair; Penny Coleman, Planning Board Chair; Billy Liggan, Eldercare Assistant Committee Chair; Barbara Piombino, Judith Minissali.

Public Input/Community Events:

Speaker – Robert Howe

Robert a Rosendale resident, wanted to discuss support from the Town of Rosendale for working on a project sponsored by Bard College and NY Enviracom that is similar to Hudson Valley Climate Program. This will allow Mr. Howe sponsored by Bard College for an internship to apply for a grant that will be awarded to four applicants. Supervisor Walsh stated they will need Mr. Howe to follow up with the Supervisor to review more information about the project with Mr. Howe's plan of action.

Supervisor Walsh made mention of hiring someone to conduct synchronized swimming lessons for the children, get the word out and would like input from residents as to if anyone is interested.

Councilmember Wykoff wanted to make users of our website aware that there is a function to sign up for notification to receive agendas, minutes, announcements and emergency post that will go straight to the email they submit.

Other Business

Site Plan Review – Street Festival – Kieran Liggan

Kieran reviewed all the concerns for the amendments to the event application. They thanked Chief Schaffrick for the Police Department handling the barricades. They discussed the amendment of two residents having music on their porches. The Environmental Commission is working on dealing with food waste and composting. They mentioned that due to a balanced budget last year they are able to offer for the first time a scholarship (Uncle Willie Rosendale Street Festival Scholarship). This scholarship will be awarded to graduating seniors, involved in music and their towns, from New Paltz, Rondout, and Kingston School Districts.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the amendments for the Street Festival on the condition that letters are received from the two private properties of concern sent to the Police Department. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE:

Councilmember Sweeney	Yes
Councilman Havranek	Yes
Councilmember Wykoff	RECUSE
Councilman Cassidy	RECUSE
Supervisor Walsh	Yes

Site Plan Review – Alpha Win – Tom Vizerie

Tom discussed the triathlon and 2025 will be their ninth year. Tom reviewed all concerns/questions about the triathlon through multiple towns and had all in order.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the triathlon contingent upon the approval letters of the other town's being submitted to the Town Clerk's office, contact Marbletown First Aid, and a contact person's name and number for first aid tent. Seconded by Councilman Havranek; ROLL VOTE:

Councilmember Sweeney	Yes
Councilman Havranek	Yes
Councilmember Cassidy	Yes
Councilmember Wykoff	RECUSE
Supervisor Walsh	Yes

Site Plan Review – Memorial Day Parade- Eric Waldheim: American Legion

Eric reviewed the plans for the Memorial Day Parade mentioning Kingston and Marbletown are not having a parade. Eric mentioned there is more involvement this year, information has been reviewed with all departments for approval and the parade information has been posted in various locations.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the Memorial Day Parade event. Seconded by Councilman Havranek; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Site Plan Review – Joppenbergh Jam – Amanda Monges

Amanda came to discuss three Joppenbergh Jam music events set for July 3, 2025, August 6, 2025 and September 20, 2025. They discussed concerns with traffic control, parking, EV stations, contacts and signage.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the three Joppenbergh Jam events contingent upon removing John Hughes name as event contact the correct contact name to be submitted to the Town Clerk's office and waive the event fees. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Appointments/Resignations

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Amy Summers as Recreation Aide for Aquoga at \$125.00 per class for 8 classes from July 1, 2025 to August 30, 2025. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Councilmember Reports:

Councilman Havranek –

Police Department – The Police Commission met on April 22, 2025. No Correspondence last month. Police personnel now has two full time position appointed and one part time. Recently they have appointed another part time position. For vehicles the new EV Police vehicle is on premises newly equipped and waiting for police lettering to be applied to the vehicle. Vehicle 362 will be taken off of the road, but still utilized for town services. The Police Department has submitted applications for grants. Police stats were 928 calls for service, 72 criminal, 31 arrests, 27 property accidents, 2 personal injury, 4 medical calls and 90 percent of those calls the Rosendale Police were the first responders. Training has been ongoing with in service training, dive training and wilderness training. No old business, the total revenue taken in was \$700.60 and the next Police Commission meeting will be Tuesday, May 27, 2025. EMS Service report stats are 124 calls from January through April. Supervisor Walsh stated she attended the Marbletown First Aid Public Hearing to take over the services for the town, they were receptive to information brought forward and it will be voted on May 21, 2025.

Highway Department – Robert Gallagher states they completed road sweeping and have recycled 400 ton of sand, milling and pot hole patching will begin, they will be working on the thruway overpass by Grist Mill and Coutant Road, which will be a one lane passing, Buildings and Grounds have begun tree and brush cleaning and there will be a resolution presented tonight for the purchase of a zero turn mower.

Water Sewer Departments –Rosendale did not have a meeting, due to no quorum. Rosendale now has two new members that will fulfill a quorum for attendance at the next meeting. The High Falls meeting went well with Tom Konrad as speaker from Marbletown Environmental Commission who proposed several projects. They discussed the upgrade of the High Falls plant. There was discussion of additional self-communicators on the tower such as T-Mobile bringing on more revenue. There are 210 meters to install with 54 installations completed and Terry will inspect them. Some residents have refused the new meters and they may do as Rosendale charging for manual meter readings at an extra fee. There was discussion of cost to connect High Falls Water District and Rosendale Water District. Terry mentioned there will be an inspection done by the DEC and EPA on May 29, 2025. Total Revenue for Rosendale Sewer \$29,162.09 Water \$32,416.68 for the month of April.

Councilman Cassidy –

Planning Board – There have been two Planning Board meetings to report on.

At the April meeting the Ulster County Planning Board held a public hearing on the Williams Lake Major Subdivision application and declared there was no County impact. The Rosendale Planning Board provided preliminary plat approval

There was a Special use Permit for Stone Mountain Farm. All of the Planning board comments were addressed by the applicant. Final approval is dependent on responses from the Town Police, Fire, Highway, Water and Sewer officials. A public hearing was held on March 13 and there was no public objection to the issuance of the permit. The town must vote to approve/disapprove the project with 62 days of the close of the public hearing.

At the May meeting there were three new applications, ADU on Campbell Street, subdivision on 213 and special use permit for a wedding deck at Six Bells (1850 house).

The Planning Board commenced SEQRA on each project, did the appropriate county referrals and scheduled public hearings for the June meeting for projects requiring a hearing.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Their April 15th meeting was cancelled.

Fire Marshal –

The Fire Marshal had four Inspections for short term rentals, nine reinspection's, three Fire inspections, two property maintenance complaints addressed, two burn permits dated for the end of burn ban, and no appearance tickets were issued.

Building Department –

The Building Department forty three fees were collected for a variety of permits and applications. Total revenue that was collected \$6,930.00.

Justice Department –

Justice Departments accounts for March: Judge Pape fines were a total of \$7,288.00, bail was \$13,850.00 and Judge Ragucci was \$8,561.00, bail \$11,321.00. For the month of April : Judge Pape fines were a total of \$5,710.00, bail \$13,850.00 and Judge Ragucci was \$5,546.00, bail \$11,321.00.

Town Clerk-

The Town Clerk's office renewed thirty dog Licenses \$268.00 to the town and \$38.00 to New York State Agricultural and Market. Building Permits \$6,930.00, Transfer Station sold fifty-two permits at a total of \$1,740.00 and miscellaneous fees a total of \$327.16.

Historian –

The Historian Bill Brooks is now established at the Maple Hill location with the help from the Highway Department. They discussed multiple items he is working on for showcasing and the

Highway Department will install stained glass recovered from the Grange Hall as they work on the location becoming a museum.

Councilman Cassidy is a member of the Ulster County Transportation Board and stated he presented concern of the poor condition of State and County roads as well as other concerns of speeding on Main Street in the Town of Rosendale.

Councilmember Wykoff –

Environmental Commission-

Last Monday weeding was completed by Trees for Tribes group. A film was done at the Rosendale Theatre “Plastic People” that was presented with the Town of Marbletown, ongoing research of composting options, Heart & Soul came to discuss the Funding Futures grant, and Manna Jo Greene updated the Commission of a proposed County Level Zero Waste Resource Innovation Center, which will include a repair café John Wackman.

Economic Development –

Two members currently, but still no quorum.

RMC –

Three way valve for the furnace has been installed and wired, Joe is working on carpet quotes and roof repair estimates. There was a tree donated at the Rondout Municipal Center by Mark Maseo from Kalico Nursery for Arbor day.

Transfer Station –

Total income for April \$9,210.20 fees and \$1,560 permits, which included disposal of over \$1,000 to West Kingston Recycling for Aluminum.

Councilmember Sweeney-

Youth Department –

Youth Department took in \$9,380.80 for Summer registration fees, Mother’s Day Out went even better this year than last year and their next meeting will be on Monday, June 2, 2025.

Recreation Commission-

The Rondout Community Center playground is done with phase one. They are focusing on landscaping projects and a number of donations that are designated for this project. Tonight, the town will be appointing for Aquoga, the pool will be filled next week, and will be opening in June. They had sign-ups for memberships and swim lessons with Session One Level One evening lessons at 5:15 are full.

Eldercare Assistance Committee-

There was discussion about tech help for seniors and Barbara Piombino is presently looking for Social Workers to volunteer for once a month sessions. The Ulster County Office for the Aging conducts digital literacy presentations, and they are working on getting this set up. Every Tuesday they are working on having a table with food in front of Bill Brooks to help with the limitation of food availability from the Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels.

Tax Collector-

Debbie reports payments are trickling and winding down.

Food Pantry –

They are still looking for volunteers with trucks for large food pickups and appreciate donations of cans, vegetables, fruits, and meats.

Supervisor Walsh read the financial reports

Motions:

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board approve the April 2nd and 9th Town Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to the Town Board to hold a public hearing 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, such Public Hearing to be held on June 4, 2025 at 6 PM, at the Rondout Municipal Center, Room M1, 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, NY 12419 , and to direct the Town Clerk to publish legal notice of the same, and to forward to the Ulster County Planning Board and the Town of Rosendale Planning Board for recommendation. Seconded by Councilman Cassidy; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to the Town Board to hold a public hearing 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 be held on June 4, 2025 immediately following the close of 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, at the Rondout Municipal Center, Room M1, 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, NY 12419, and to direct the Town Clerk to publish legal notice of the same, and to forward to the Ulster County Planning Board and the Town of Rosendale Planning Board for recommendation. Seconded by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Resolutions

Resolution 05-2025-#8 -- Supervisor Walsh made a motion to the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale to hereby authorizes the purchase of a zero turn mower for use by the Highway/Building & Grounds Department from Artic Adventures of Rosendale for a total of \$12,440.00. Seconded by Councilman Havranek; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes

Resolution 05-2025-#8 -- Supervisor Walsh made a motion to the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale to hereby authorizes Supervisor Walsh to sign an agreement with Arcadis to install solar at 176 Mohonk Road, High Falls, NY 12440, contingent upon review, modification & approval by the attorney for the Town upon a like resolution passed by the Town of Marbletown Seconded by Councilman Havranek; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes

GENERAL FUND	ABSTRACT 5	VOUCHER# 185 – 206	\$45,780.14
HIGHWAY FUND	ABSTRACT 5	VOUCHER# 81 – 82	\$ 1,870.01
SEWER FUND	ABSTRACT 5	VOUCHER# 61 – 67	\$ 2,284.35
WATER FUND	ABSTRACT 5	VOUCHER# 61 – 66	\$ 1,609.40
RMC FUND	ABSTRACT 5	VOUCHER# 85 – 96	\$ 7,047.40
SPECIAL LIGHTING	ABSTRACT 5	VOUCHER# 6	\$ 1,992.00

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the bills. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney: ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale to adjourn the meeting at 9:11PM. Seconded by Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney: ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Respectfully Submitted by

Christine Harrison
Deputy Town Clerk

Amendments corrected by the Town Clerk Mandy Donald