November 2, 2026,

State of New York
2679 Route 8
County of Hamilton
Town of Lake Pleasant

A Meeting of the Lake Pleasant Town Board was held on Monday November 2, 2026, at Lake Pleasant Town Hall, 2679 State Route 8, Lake Pleasant, NY 12108. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., to make approvals, give reports, establish organizational tasks, and conduct any business that may come before the board.

The following were present:
Supervisor - Meg Parascandola
Councilpersons- Neil McGovern, Kathy O'Connell, and Susan Beltran
Budget Officer – Nancy Seifts
Substitute for Town Clerk – Karen McComb
Guests- Jeannette Barrett, Kendall Wilt, Shorty Hoffman, and Chris Ambrose
Absent: Councilman – Don Braunius, Highway Superintendent – Randy LaVarnway, and Town Clerk – Stephanie Smith

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #188 to Approve the Minutes of October 19, 2026.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: None
Be it resolved, that the minutes of October 19, 2026, be approved.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, O'Connell, and Beltran)
Nays: None

Parascandola opened the floor for public comment at 7:02 P.M.

Jeannette Barrett spoke on behalf of the Village of Speculator and as a resident of the Town of Lake Pleasant, appealing to the board to correct the disparity of financial distribution between the DA and DB lines in the budget. She pointed out specific areas where this inequality was in the budget and pointed out other villages within towns who either do not have a DA fund or funds were distributed in a different manner.
Parascandola thanked Barrett for her comments and closed the public comment at 7:10 with no other persons being heard.

Highway and Buildings –

Parascandola gave the report in LaVarnway's absence:

- Received 70% Voucher from Parks for Snowmobile Trails
- Received Payment from Auctions International for $21,650 Chevy Silverado
- FEMA Payment received 75% of CATz $20k (administrative management work) 25% from state still outstanding

- Perkins Clearing Project complete for 2026
- Mounting the plows this week
- Working on clearing the snowmobile trails
- Shoulder installed on Golf Course Rd. Monday

Old Business –

****Parascandola Opened the Public Hearing for the 2027 Town Budget at 7:15 P.M.**

Resolution #189 of the Lake Pleasant Town Board Adopting SEQUA Negative Declaration.
Offered by: O'Connell
WHEREAS, the Town Board seeks to adopt Local Law 1 of 2026, a new law intended to rescind and replace Local Law #4 of 2009 (Junk Storage Law) and Local Law #3 of 1983 (Town of Lake Pleasant Unsafe Building Ordinance) in order to update and reissue restrictions and procedures concerning junk storage and unsafe buildings and structures in the Town of Lake Pleasant; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the proposed Local Law to rescind and replace Local Law #4 of 2009 (Junk Storage Law) and Local Law #3 of 1983 (Town of Lake Pleasant Unsafe Building Ordinance) in order to update and reissue restrictions and procedures concerning junk storage and unsafe buildings and structures in the Town of Lake Pleasant; and
WHEREAS, the Town has prepared a short Environmental Assessment Form ("SEAF") for the proposed action as required by the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and
WHEREAS, the Town has declared itself as lead agency for review of this proposed action, which is a legislative act of the Town; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board as lead agency has reviewed the SEAF, the criteria set forth in the SEQRA regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, as well as any comments submitted by the public to identify the relevant areas of environmental concern, and has determined that the proposed local law will not have a significant impact on geology, soils, topography, water resources, wetlands, historic resources, land use, agricultural resources, air and noise resources, community facilities, transportation or disadvantaged communities. Upon reasonable consideration and careful scrutiny, the Town Board has determined that the adoption of Local Law 1 of 2026 will not have any adverse environmental impacts and a Draft Impact Statement will not be prepared. In making this determination, the Town Board has considered the action as defined in 6 NYCRR 617.2(b) and 617.3(g).
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that based on the foregoing pursuant to SEQRA requirements for a determination of significance of the proposed action, 6 NYCRR § 617.7, the available information is sufficient to determine that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required for the proposed action; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based on the foregoing and pursuant to SEQRA, the Town Board makes a negative determination of environmental significance and hereby issues a Negative Declaration with regard to the proposed action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the notice of Determination of No Significance attached hereto is hereby adopted and accepted by this Board as its Negative Declaration in connection with this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to complete and sign as required the Determination of Significance confirming the foregoing Negative Declaration, which fully completed and signed SEAF shall be incorporated by reference in this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Town Board as follows:

Pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.12, the attorneys for the Town are hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of the Negative Declaration on the ENB SEQRA Notice Publication Form, in the Environmental Notice Bulletin and file the Negative Declaration with the lead agency in the office of the Town Clerk, the Town Supervisor, with any person who has requested a copy.

Copies of the following documents shall be deposited in the office of the Town Clerk for public review: (a) the local law; and (b) the SEAF, including the Negative Declaration.

The Town Attorney is directed to cause the Negative Declaration to be served on each of the other involved agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

2nd by: McGovern

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, O'Connell, and Beltran)

Nays: None

Resolution #190 Junk Storage Law of the Town Board for the Town of Lake

Offered by: McGovern

In the Matter of the Adoption of a Local Law 1 of 2026 entitled "Town of Lake Pleasant Junk Storage and Unsafe Buildings Law."

WHEREAS, the Town Board for the Town of Lake Pleasant previously enacted Local Law No.4 of 2009 concerning Junk Storage and Local Law No. 3 of 1983 concerning Unsafe Buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to revise local requirements and restrictions governing unsafe buildings and structures and storage of junk in the Town of Lake Pleasant to protect the public health, safety and welfare and to safeguard the community against the deleterious effects of those conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that Local Law No. 1 of 2026, which rescinds and replaces Local Law No. 4 of 2009 and Local Law No. 3 of 1983, in order to update and reissue restrictions and procedures concerning junk storage and unsafe buildings and structures was necessary or convenient to ensuring such conditions can be appropriately managed and remedied in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026 was presented to the Town Board at least seven (7) days prior to the Town Board meeting on September 21, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted a resolution on September 21, 2026, scheduling a public hearing on the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026 for October 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026 was held on October 19, 2026 at the Lake Pleasant Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board reviewed and considered all public comments received on the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026, was on file for inspection at the Town Clerk's office prior to the hearing and during the public review process; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239-m, proposed local law No. 1 of 2026 was referred to the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board (LCLGRPB) and, by letter dated October 22, 2026, the LCLGRPB affirmed there would be no county-wide or intermunicipal impacts from the proposed action, thereby concluding the GML 239-m referral process; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board has caused to be prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) pursuant to the mandates for the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) (ECL Article 8 and 6NYCRR Part 617) for the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board has duly considered the contents of the SEAF for the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026 and completed required Parts thereof; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board has identified the relevant areas of environmental inquiry and performed a thorough review of them for the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board has issued a negative declaration under SEQRA for the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PLEASANT, HAMILTON COUNTY, NEW YORK:
That Town of Lake Pleasant Local Law No. 1 of 2026 is hereby adopted and the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file said Local Law with the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with State Law;
2nd by: Beltran
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Parascandola, (Councilpersons – McGovern, O'Connell, and Beltran)
Nays: None

Parascandola asked the board if they had reviewed the 2027 Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce Contract and if they had any questions.

Resolution #191 Town Board to Approve of the 2027 Speculator Regional Chamber of Commerce Contract.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Beltran
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, O'Connell, and Beltran)
Nays: None

*****See Attached****

Public Comment: Barrett had some additional questions about the budget and McGovern explained how highway department lines get funded in the budget. Discussion continued

****Parascandola Closed the Public Hearing on the 2027 Town Budget at 7:38 P.M.**

New Business –

Conflict of Interest – Library Board
Parascandola received a letter from SALS (Southern Adirondack Library System) stating that they do not allow a town board member to hold a seat on the library board that is funded by the town. O'Connell is stepping down from the library board and will remain on the town board. O'Connell was thanked by the town for her years of service on the library board.

Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages Membership Meeting –
Parascandola let the board know that this meeting will be on Monday December 7th of this year at a cost of $55 per person and she requested the boards approval for her to attend.

Resolution #192 Town Board to Approve of Supervisor Parascandola Attending the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages Membership Meeting on December 7, 2026.
Offered by: O'Connell
Discussion: Benefits of the town's participation in this organization.
2nd by: Beltran
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, O'Connell, and Beltran)
Nays: None

Resolution #193 Town of Lake Pleasant to Contract with John Foley's Lawn Care for $1,762.00.
Offered by: McGovern
Discussion: None
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, O'Connell, and Beltran)
Nays: None

Parascandola explained that a new survey of the Elm Lake Rd. Project will need to be done to exclude the court area and parking areas.

Resolution #194 Town Board to Hire Blanchard Survey Company to Survey the Elm Lake Rd. Project Site to Exclude Courts and Parking Areas at a Cost not to Exceed $1,800.00.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Beltran
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, O'Connell, and Beltran)
Nays: None

Parascandola reported on a webinar available with information on a grant to encourage housing growth in communities. She let the board know that applications are now open for County led projects that encourage housing growth, phase making and tourism.
Parascandola has sent the recommendations on speed limits on the two sections of Route 8 to Hamilton County.

Committee Reports:

Health Insurance Committee – Smith is working with Marshall and Sterling to set a date for them to come speak to employees and retirees on the new health insurance plans. Once the date is set Smith will send out letters to retirees and notify employees about the meeting and plan changes for 2027.

Buildings Committee – Meeting was held at the Museum with Karen McComb from the Historical Society to talk about lighting changes and flooring.

Youth Recreation Committee- O'Connell reported that letters have gone out to parents of school children about winter recreation at Oak Mountain.

Grants Committee –
Parascandola informed the room that she attended a meeting with the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board and they are looking to form a Steering Committee to work on comprehensive planning. She then reported that based on feedback from Sunshine on the Elm Lake Road Project, requirements in the grant request that the park be open to the public at least half of the year. Adjustments to open times will be, open from April through October for 2027.

Resolution #195 Approve Audit of Abstract #39 dated October 27, 2026, Voucher #4847-4853, Amount $30,638.39. Abstract #40 dated October 30, 2026, Voucher #4854-4867, Amount $40,176.57.
Offered by: Beltran
2nd by: O'Connell
Discussion: An amount for crush and run and its location of use was discussed.
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Parascandola, (Councilpersons – McGovern, O'Connell, and Beltran)
Nays: None

Public Comment:

- Barrett had additional questions about the 2027 budget and asked to sit in on the next budget committee meeting. Parascandola suggested that Barrett present her list of questions in a letter to the committee for specific items. Parascandola explained that with time constraints of the budget needing to be passed by November 16th, major adjustments to the budget and consequences to local taxpayers need to be considered. Parascandola thanked Barrett for her concerns and assured her that these concerns will be considered.

Round table:
-McGovern welcomed the towns new board member, Susan Beltran to the board and reminded everyone to vote tomorrow on election day.
-McComb reported for Smith that on October 21st Smith attended a webinar put on by Michael Martin with the NYS Archives on record retention including social media requirements and best practices. Smith has been working on updating the documents page on the website. The Preliminary budget can be found on the website with alert directions to easily find the

preliminary budget. Smith will be meeting with an individual who comes highly recommended by a resident for the deputy positions.
-O'Connell stated that the Lion's Club Halloween Party at LPCS was a success and it was nice to see so many Lions involved with the event. Discussion about the event was discussed at the table.
- Parascandola reported that at the County a Kratum Law is in the process of being passed to regulate this drug.
- The county has put together a short-term rental registry list and are about to enact their new law. Since the Town of Lake Pleasant already has a short-term rental law and registry its residents are exempt from the county regulations at this time.

Town Board Went into Executive Session at 8:05 P.M.

Town Board Came out of Executive Session at 8:45 with no action taken
Offered by: Beltran
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Parascandola and (Councilpersons – McGovern, O'Connell, and Beltran)
Nays: None

Next Meeting: Monday November 16, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M. @ the Lake Pleasant Town Hall
*****ON A MOTION BY**: Parascandola **2nd by:** O'Connell
TO ADJOURN @ 8:46 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk
and Karen McComb