

February 9, 2026

The Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown was held February 9, 2026 at the Town Hall, Tomhannock, New York. Those present included Supervisor, Matthew Curley, Councilpersons, Robert Russell, Tanya Lipinski and Erin Maxon. Councilman, Jason Eddy was absent. Highway Superintendent, Paul Campbell and Town Attorney, Stacey Goldstein were also present. Supv. Curley called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Supv. Curley stated that there was a change in the Agenda. The Hudson Taconic Lands – Otter Creek Community Forest will go ahead of Public Access.

### **HUDSON TACONIC LANDS – OTTER CREEK COMMUNITY FOREST**

Jim Bonesteel from Hudson Taconic Lands gave a presentation in regard to the property they acquired on Otter Creek Road due to the questions that the Board had from their last meeting. There was discussion of the times of operations, what types of recreation would be permitted, would permits be required to hunt, how many permits would be given, would snowmobiles be permitted, would they encourage large gatherings, and how these would all be monitored. Curley stated that while we encourage recreation, we are losing tax base; Bonesteel stated that they are working with the Town of Berlin with payment in lieu of taxes. There was a discussion on the funding for the acquisitions of the lands they are purchasing and the continued costs for upkeep, etc. Bonesteel stated that while the letter of support for the grant they are applying for would be appreciated, it is not required.

**PUBLIC ACCESS** – Vincent Meade from Phillips Road questioned if the farmer at the Otter Creek property would be able to maintain farming in the interim while they apply for their grant? J. Bonesteel advised they would and then it would get turned into forest or meadows.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 1/26/26 ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MEETINGS**

Motion: Curley, Second: Russell to accept the minutes of the meetings of 1/26/26 – Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND CONSULTANTS**

Motion: Curley, Second: Russell to accept the Town Clerk’s report as presented. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Reports were received from the Supervisor/Bookkeeper, Code Enforcement Officer, Town Justices, Dog Control and P. Campbell reported on the highway.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES**

**ERCSWMA** – Russell – they are meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. It is their first meeting of the year.

**Highway** – Campbell – the new truck is here. They cleared the land for the new sign; which has been installed but not connected at this point.

**Buildings** – nothing

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**VanDerKar v. Pittstown, et al – Consent Judgement**

Motion: Lipinski, Second: Maxon to authorize Supv. Curley to execute and deliver the Consent Judgement in the VanDerKar v. Town of Pittstown, et al. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

**MEMBERS PRIVILEGE**

Russell – nothing; Lipinski – she feels that the Town does not need to do a letter of support for the Otter Creek Forest grant; they do not need it for their application and it is open to all not just our Town; Maxon – questioned the status of the other truck promised last year. Campbell advised that he was told it was being built and should have it mid-March. Maxon also wished Supv. Curley a Happy Birthday. Curley – received an e-mail stating that the hazard mitigation plan has received FEMA’s approved pending adoption status. We will need to adopt once we received the link from the County to review our plan. Our Cyber Security is all set. Internet has been approved on Sproat Road. We are waiting for warmer weather for the roof replacement over the offices. The Justice audit needs to be conducted. He will set a date with Lipinski. He received information on NYS Class – it is an investment that would pay us more money than we are currently receiving in our money market accounts. He has reviewed it with Maureen and they are ready to proceed. It will be tabled until the March meeting.

**PUBLIC ACCESS**

Vincent Meade wished Supv. Curley a Happy Birthday.

**AUDIT OF BILLS**

Motion: Maxon; Second: Lipinski to pay the vouchers on Abstract 2. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Curley, Second: Lipinski to adjourn the meeting at 7:01. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Hoag  
Town Clerk