

Town Board Meeting
March 10, 2025

The Regular meeting of Town of Cambridge Town Board was duly called, Monday March 20, 2025 at Cambridge Town Hall, at 7:30 PM the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Larry Carrino

Councilman Robert McIntosh

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Absent: Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Ashleigh Morris from the Eagle, Alan Davis, Zeph Davis

Supervisor Fedler called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Tiashoke Farms application for ASA

Alexander Warshal attended the meeting from ASA he is the Project Manger. He is requesting approval of the Town Board on a PDR grant for Tiashoke Farms as the operator, but the lands in the Town as part of the application are in Tim Trinkle's land as well as Michael Jacobs and Sheridan's Hay's property since Tiashoke leases them both.

The project is comprised of approximately 434 acres owned by Timothy Trinkle and approximately 134 owned by Michael Jacobs & Sheridan Hay in the Town of Cambridge. Both properties are part of a larger project totaling 668 acres of productive land operated by Tiashoke Farms.

Resolution #17

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino and Bailey the Town of Cambridge would like to convey its full support for the Tiashoke Farms application to the state for the Farmland Protection Implementation Grants Program (Round 20), for which two properties in the Town are included.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Auditing of the Bills

General	#43 – 60	\$32,209.69
Highway	#18 – 31	\$16,497.67

Transfer of monies

Resolution #18

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman McIntosh to take money from the Budget Officer contractual line A1340.4 in the amount of 1,200.00 and put in the Clerk to the Supervisor Equipment A1220.2 to pay for the new computer screen and the printer.

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Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Councilwoman Wilmot will be working on the Court Audit with Town Justice Perlman.

Resolution #19

Councilman Carrino motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to appoint Councilman Carrino as the 2nd Deputy to the Supervisor in case that Councilwoman Wilmot is unable to fill in due to sickness or unable to attend.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Supervisor Report

- The Supervisor reported that Solar farms have gone to court. They have lost and now are back into Assessor realm. Assessor's can now assess Solar Farms.
- She researched 2 quotes for insurance. She met with them, they presented and only about \$250 apart. So she stayed with NYMIR which is who we already had. Increased the umbrella and values of the buildings.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan – Jurisdiction Annex completed and sent in. Part II is coming soon.
- Annual Report Code Enforcement John Graham will handle from county Code Enforcement.

Request signs be posted on 372 Amish

There has been a request from a resident of the town that the Amish signs be posted on State Route 372. Especially important since there have been 2 accidents involving Amish buggies on State Route 372.

Resolution #20

Councilman Carrino motioned,
Seconded by Councilman Bailey,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cambridge Town Board is requesting of the State and County DPW that Amish signs be place on State Route 372 for precautionary measures.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Assessor Report

The deadline to file exemption paperwork was March 1, 2025. The Assessor is working on processing all the exemptions. He is also working on inputting all the sales, splits, and mergers for the month and transmitting to the state the required forms. He is also working on preparing

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the tentative roll which will be published on May 1, 2025. As a reminder grievance day is on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 from 4 to 8 PM at Town Hall.

Supervisor mentioned that she would be out of Town April 3rd thru April 14th.

Highway Superintendent Report

Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent reported that they spent quite a few days busy plowing and sanding roads. They even had the grader out after one mixed precipitation storm to get ice off the roads in places.

- For this last bit of rain, they were busy making repairs and getting equipment ready for spring.
- They did get about 57 ton of salt from Atlantic salt since American Rock Salt is unable to supply any. This should get them through till spring.
- Highway Superintendent went to Advocacy Day in Albany, where they spoke to State Senate and Assembly people about CHIPS funds, the salt problem, and the problems with the Electric Truck Mandate, among other things.
- Washington County has put out a bid for salt. If the prices come back good, we will be able to buy off this. If prices are not good, they will still have a chance to buy off OGS contract.

Approval of minutes

Resolution #21

Councilman Bailey motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the minutes with corrections: 1st one being on page 4 section with solar, sentence that starts with Thought-it should say that the developer should be responsible for training Fire personnel. The same sentence NYS Fire Code will update 2025 and it was suggested that Cambridge have moratorium on Battery Storage.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Planning Board Report

Planning Board meeting was March 5, 2025 with 3 members present Scott Clark, Valerie Morigerato, Dorothy Yurschak, Secretary Heather Greenawalt and surveyor Jake Keasby

Received information from the Town of Easton on their requirements on what should be listed on the survey maps. Scott Clark said that they would discuss this next meeting that would give everyone time to read and discuss the next meeting.

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Brian Larson on King Road came to meeting to have the mylar copy restamped because it was not filed with the County within the 60 days.

Survey was presented for Minor subdivision Copses Farms – Eric Mayer, Jake Keasby the surveyor presented for 257 Wright Rd. tax map #271.-3-1 – 176.60 acres. They will be subdividing out 9.8-acre lot with the house and the barns, the remaining amount of 166.8 acres will remain agricultural land. There was a question on the map of the amount of the agricultural land that will be fixed before next meeting. The septic is on the right side of the house. There was plenty of road frontage. The Planning Board found everything to look good.

Dorothy Yurschak motioned, seconded by Scott Clark to approve the survey map and to move forward to the Public Hearing for 257 Wright Rd. tax map #271.-3-1 for the April 2nd meeting. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Town Clerk Report

- Still working with Williamson and Law more setting up the accounting software program. Have all the ICS and the NYCLASS account inputted and hoping to do the reports soon. Wendy Ford has come in more and is learning more about the program. Things are moving along.
- The second deadline for taxes February 28th and the remaining amount has been turned over to the Washington County Treasurer, \$115,000. Delinquent tax letters have gone out.
- Copier is not working well and looking for permission to research and find amounts to purchase new copier or lease.

Thank you notes were received from EMS, Food Pantry and the Senior for money budgeted for 2025.

It was mentioned that the County has put out to bid for the Salt to see if they can get a better price. Jim and Travis, the Highway Superintendents have put a lot of work into this so they will not get caught like they did this year.

Solar

Councilman Carrino and Councilman McIntosh have talked and hope to get copy of Schaghticoke law to compare with the Town of Jackson, etc. and see where they differ. Supervisor Fedler suggested that put into larger landscape stuff that block solar farm. Nice privacy fencing and setbacks must be very specific and not decrease the property values.

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Councilman McIntosh said that Williamstown Plan out by Watertown description and lengthy of what happens when ownership changes. Town of Jackson has hold harmless clause (at any point in the process of project). Jackson Local Law prohibiting battery storage. Jackson project concern and the hillside, drainage pond, steep and how would you get a fire truck up there.

Supervisor Fedler said when meet up at the County with Fire Coordinator then she will give or send info. Still working on Solar progressing.

The Books were Audited for the Clerk to the Supervisor and the Town Clerk, the Town Board signed off on all books from 2024.

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge