

**TOWN OF LINCOLN**  
**6886 Tuttle Road Canastota, NY 13032**  
**Town Board Meeting**  
**April 9, 2025**

***Call to Order:*** 7:00pm

***Attendance:*** Supervisor Melissa During, Peggy LeClair, Doug Holdridge, and Jayne Black.

***Others in Attendance:*** Mat Spendley, Anthony Domenicone, John Schoeck, Jon Black, Marva Smith, Robert Germain, Dorthy Willsey, Mark Hogan (zoom) Steve Koop and Michele Koop.

***Pledge of Allegiance***

Approval of the March 12, 2025 meeting minutes with corrections.

**Resolution 52-25:** Motion to accept the March 12 meeting minutes with a few corrections, was made by Doug Holdridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jayne Black, motion carried.

Approval of the March 26, 2025 meeting minutes with corrections from town attorney Jonathan Karp.

**Resolution 53-25:** Motion to approve the March 26 meeting minutes with corrections was made by Doug Holdridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peggy LeClair, motion carried.

Financial information from Bryn Wilcox was presented to the board with no issues.

***Supervisor's Update:***

A Special Election of the Lincoln Fire Districts is scheduled for April 29 from 6-9pm at the Lincoln Firehouse, 7229 Old County Road. The Fire District needs approval to take on debt to replace a 1988 truck that is out of service and needs repairs far exceeding its value.

Bryn Wilcox submitted the following list of records to be destroyed:

2018 deposits/receipts

2018 financial statements

2018 bank statements

2018 abstracts

**Resolution 54-25:** Motion to allow Town Clerk Smith to destroy the 2018 financial records was made by Jayne Black, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peggy LeClair, motion carried.

NYS Ag. & Markets conducted a Municipal Shelter Inspection on 2/28/25. Dog service shelters were rated as satisfactory.

There is still a vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review

NYS Retirement Services: The Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials is due to be filed with the State Comptroller's Office.

**Resolution 55-25:** Motion to complete and file the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials was made by Peggy LeClair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jayne Black, motion carried.

The Resolution will be posted on the town's website, outside bulletin board and at the clerk's office for 30 days.

Beginning 12/31/25 bids on public projects and certain private projects must follow Article 8 Labor Laws.

Newsletter is complete.

Weisbrod Solar Project - Supervisor During responded to concerns expressed during and after the Special Board Meeting held on March 26, 2025.

During explained why the Town Board voted on Weisbrod solar project before allowing public comment. The public hearing was closed on 3/13/25 and further public discussion would have required re-opening the public hearing and that would require a legal notice to be published.

The Weisbrod solar project is not grandfathered in and must with the Town's new solar law.

The town's attorney did not tell the board how to vote. Attorney Karp presented different options along with the potential consequences of each option.

The solar panels will contain no cadmium and .001% lead.

The solar company has a bond in place to cover the cost of Ray Road repairs.

If the property is sold, the contract stays with the property.

### **Deputy Supervisor:**

The Town's Easter Egg Hunt will be held 11am April 19<sup>th</sup> from at the Town Hall. Peggy has ordered 15 bicycles for the bike give away during the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Town of Lincoln will celebrate Earth Day with a clean-up of the town's cemeteries on April 26th, weather permitting.

Clerk's report was approved with no corrections.

**Resolution 56-25:** Motion to approve the clerk's report was made by Doug Holdridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peggy LeClair, motion carried.

Codes Officer Larry Cesario provided the board an outline of his activities for March 2025.

Highway Superintendent Anthony Domenicone announced a new employee, Josh Holtham started this past week. The department has most summer equipment serviced and ready to go. Spring clean-up is underway, and potholes will be repaired as soon as the temperatures warm up. Tony mentioned problems with maintaining Nelson Road. It gets too much traffic for the town to be able to afford the upkeep. Tony would like to see the County take care of the road. Supervisor During will investigate this suggestion.

Grievance Day is scheduled for May 27 from 4-8pm at the Town Hall.

#### **New Business:**

Madison County has an Amazon account contract and is making purchases with a Prime Business Account.

#### **Old News:**

Robert Germain, an attorney for OCWA, explained to the Board the new agreement between the town and OCWA is basically the same contract as the first agreement between the two, but updated to reflect the current water district plan. Mr. Germain also mentioned that in the future OCWA will be seeking the town's assistance in inventorying homes and building in the town with the town.

The town has the Oxbow Road Water District, the Madison County Water District and District 1. The Board would like clarification of the town's responsibilities for the Oxbow Water District and Water District 1. Mr. Germain will provide a copy of the original OCWA agreement as well as the last bill sent to the town from OCWA.

The Board would like the town's attorney to review the agreement.

Dot Willey shared information on the NYS Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway. The project needs letters of support from every town along the 500-mile route.

**Resolution 57-25:** Motion to support the NYS Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway was made by Doug Holdridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peggy LeClair motion carried.

A copy of the agreement with the NYS Harriett Tubman Underground Railroad Byway is attached at the end of the meeting minutes.

Discussion of zoning application and fee schedule was tabled until the next meeting.

**Resolution 58-25:** Motion to approve payment of claims as presented was made by Peggy LeClair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jayne Black, motion carried.

John Schoeck shared the Planning Board's current activities including the Nadeau SUP 1-25, Morris SD 3-25 and the addition of 2 new members – Heather Whalen Smith and Wayne Brothers.

BSI (Building Safety Inspector) Aaron LeClair has completed his training and already busy at work. Cleaning up the town's 3 entire fire losses, 4 clean up notices were issued on Old County Road. He has contacted the owner of a condemned structure, but no action has been taken.

Aaron provided the following recommendations:

- Establish a fund to cover the cost of property clean-up and apply the cost to the property's tax bill.

- Create a law prohibiting living in campers for more than 3 months/year.

- Purchase 6 placards to post on buildings.

- Clarification on what is permitted on old farmsteads that are not actually farming anymore.

Aaron also announced a seminar on the roles and responsibilities of towns for keeping fire departments on April 10 at 7pm at the Stockbridge School. If towns lose their fire departs, residents will not be able to afford the cost for coverage. We desperately need more and younger members.

Public Comment:

Steve and Michele Koop are new to the town and are building a house on Harp Road. They were inquiring about further water district plans, specifically along Harp Road. Doug Holdridge explained there are no plans at this time and a problem with municipal water on Harp Road would require a pump station. The cost of getting water there would be too great to justify based on the of people living along this rural road.

Mark Hogan requested the town look for a way to slow traffic near Nelson and Ray Roads.

**Resolution 59-25:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:80pm was made by Peggy LeClair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jayne Black, motion carried.

# Resolution for Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway

## Nomination and Corridor Management Plan Adoption

WHEREAS, the historic qualities of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, as described in the corridor management plan, and the surrounding areas have been appreciated and celebrated for over a century by the residents of New York State, as well as tourists, historians, artists, authors, and other visitors to the region; and it is this unique combination of the journeys of Harriet Tubman and those Freedom Seekers who traveled on the Underground Railroad that create the special sense of place that is vital in telling the New York story of the human desire for freedom and the historic sites they created during their journey to emancipation; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, composed of representatives of 22 municipalities along the proposed scenic byway route, committed to work cooperatively to protect and promote the historic, scenic, recreational, and economic well-being of the 544-mile Corridor throughout the state and agreed to pursue the nomination of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Steering Committee, each of the 22 counties contributed to the development of this corridor management plan by forming local byway groups, encouraging public participation, and leading individual meetings of the Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, consisting of relatives of Harriet Tubman, Descendants of Freedom Seekers, Harriet Tubman and/or Underground Railroad historians, representatives from state and federal agencies has strengthened the historic integrity, representation, and the principles of the corridor management plan; and

WHEREAS, in the process of developing this corridor management plan, the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Steering Committee has strengthened the bonds of inter-municipal cooperation, and the involved entities envision further benefit through scenic byway designation including sustained collaborative progress, increased funding opportunities for recommendations identified in the plan, enhanced partnerships with agencies responsible for the stewardship of resources along and adjacent to the byway route, and an improved transportation experience that preserves, interprets, and promotes the corridor's intrinsic qualities and resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lincoln supports the designation of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway which includes programs for stewardship and enhancement of the scenic byway and guidance to manage future activities along its corridor; and

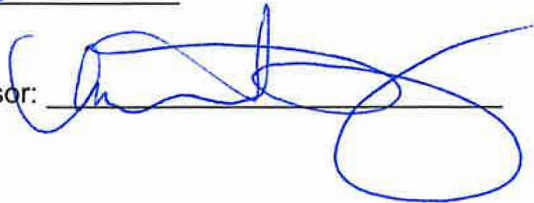
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Lincoln confirms that they will not approve any requests for new off-premise outdoor advertising signs along the designated Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway route; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Lincoln will work in partnership with the other municipalities along the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway and local and regional stakeholders in order to support future Byway program development and collaborate with these interested entities to explore opportunities for cooperation and methods to advance the Scenic Byway.

(Resolution must be dated, signed, and notarized.)

Date 04-22-2025

Signature of Town Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_



Notary Public.

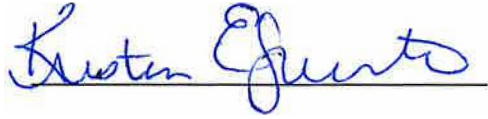
State of New York

County of Madison

On this 22 day of April, 2025, before me personally appeared

Melissa During, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who

executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristin Gunto", is written over a horizontal line.

Notary Public

My commission expires: 7/11/27

<sup>v</sup>cGZISTIN GUNTO

State of New York

NOTARY PUBLIC

Qualified in Madison County

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My Commission Expires 7/11/20