

Summary
Town of Rhinebeck Town Board Regular Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026

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Present:	Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia	espinzia@rhinebeckny.gov
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Resolutions

The following is a summary of the main resolutions passed by the Town Board (TB) at this meeting.

Resolution 2026- 147 – Presentation of the Annual Historic Preservation Award

At the request of the Town's Historic and Archaeological Preservation Advisory Committee (HAPAC), the TB approved the resolution recognizing the Quitman House and the Palatine Farmstead as the recipients of the third annual Historic Preservation Award due to extraordinary achievements in the ongoing restoration, maintenance, and stewardship of these local historic resources.

Resolution 2026-148 - Historic and Archaeological Preservation Advisory Committee (HAPAC) Assisted Historic Sites Survey

The Town's HAPAC has recommended that the list of historically significant sites, found in the Comprehensive Plan, be reviewed and that other, potentially similar sites be explored and added to the designated list. It also recommended hiring Isabel Pronto Breslin to cover field work, involving photographic and written documentation, to provide a comprehensive compilation of information related to these newly designated sites. Planning4Places will be hired to format and collate the various databases to serve as a baseline for the project. For more information regarding local sites selected for further study, scroll down to pages 8-9 of the agenda.

Resolution 2026-153 – Thompson-Mazzarella Park Intermunicipal Agreement Between the Town and the Village of Rhinebeck

The Town and Village of Rhinebeck jointly own Thompson-Mazzarella Park and have developed and operated the park through a series of intermunicipal agreements since 2003. The most recent agreement has expired and needs to be reauthorized. If the Village agrees to the terms of this new contract it will remain in effect for three years. To review the terms, scroll down to pages 19–26 of the agenda.

Resolution 2026-154 – Resolution Commencing Unsafe Building Proceedings

After his inspections of the Eveready Diner site along Route 9 Brian Tamm, Building and Zoning Administrator, has concluded that the buildings are no longer structurally sound being in extreme disrepair. He has recommended that the Town take immediate action (demolition) to protect the public from imminent danger posed by the damaged structures. To read Tamm's full report, scroll down to pages 30-32 of the agenda.

The TB agreed to hold a public meeting (June 17th) with the owners of the diner in the near future to discuss the Town's plan of demolition and to allow the owners the opportunity to present a response and remediation plan of their own.

Resolutions 2026-155 and 156 – Introducing Proposed Local Law to Amend Town Code Section 125-37 - Sign Regulations

The TB announced that a public hearing will be scheduled for Monday, July 13th, at 6:00 PM to address this proposal.

- To review the full proposal, scroll down to pages 34-40 of the agenda.
- To review the SEQRA Review for amending the local (sign) law, scroll down to pages 41-44 of the agenda.
- To review the Narrative Description of the Intent of the proposed action, scroll down to page 45 of the agenda.

Resolution 2026-158 – Resolution Supporting State Home Rule Legislation for a Local Occupancy Tax in the Town of Rhinebeck

NYS Senator Michelle Hinchey and Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha are proposing State Home Rule Legislation authorizing the Town of Rhinebeck to collect a local occupancy tax. In order for the bill to proceed, the TB must express its formal support. The TB authorized the Supervisor and Clerk to execute and file with the State Legislature any Home Rule messages or forms necessary to certify the Town's formal support for this legislation.

Note: The regularly scheduled TB meeting for June 8th has been moved to Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 1:30 PM.