

**Summary**  
**Town of Rhinebeck Town Board Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 29, 2026**

For more information regarding this meeting's agenda and all the resolutions, go to Rhinebeck Town Government Agenda webpage at <https://ecode360.com/RH0960/document/753222181.pdf>

Present:	Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia	<a href="mailto:espinzia@rhinebeckny.gov">espinzia@rhinebeckny.gov</a>
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	Councilperson Allan Scherr	<a href="mailto:ascherr@rhinebeckny.gov">ascherr@rhinebeckny.gov</a>
	Councilperson Chad Kleitsch	<a href="mailto:ckleitsch@rhinebeckny.gov">ckleitsch@rhinebeckny.gov</a>
	Councilperson Dana Colleen Peterson	<a href="mailto:dcpeterson@rhinebeckny.gov">dcpeterson@rhinebeckny.gov</a>

**Announcements**

County/Town Tax Bills have been mailed. Payment is due on or before February 28 (Saturday), 2026. Payments can be made at the town hall.

**Resolutions**

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

**Resolution 2026-056** – Contract for Post Closure Landfill Reporting and Sampling

The TB approved the contract with Labella Associates. LaBella will continue its study and monitoring at the town landfill located on Stone Church Road. The study includes the following:

- Conducting explosive gas monitoring and inspection of site conditions as required once per year.
- Monitoring four wells with water sampling and sampling surface water at well sites.
- Visually reviewing the condition of the landfill cap and condition of the gas vents, mowing status, and standing water levels surrounding the landfill.
- The 2026 annual report will be prepared no later than early 2027, with a total estimated cost of \$7,750

**Resolution 2026-057** – Approving Workforce Housing Project (WHP) Road Name (Sally Gilson Way)

The TB approved the request from Kearney Construction, with input from the Dutchess County Historical Society, to name the WHP road in honor of Sally Gilson, (ca. 1787-1893), one of the earliest Rhinebeck Black woman landowners who lived near Locust Hill on Oak Street in the Village of Rhinebeck.

**Resolutions 2026-058, 060 and 061 – Town Appointments**

The TB approved the following appointments:

- **058** - Joe Gelb was re-appointed to the Workforce Housing Committee.
- **060** – Andrea Gellen was retained to serve as Special Prosecutor for the Town at a legal service rate of \$175 per hour.
- **061** – Warren Replansky will continue to serve as the special counsel attorney, representing the Town in its civil suit against the Towns of Clinton and Hyde Park at an hourly rate of \$225.

**Resolution 2026-066 – Approve Letter of Support to the Village of Rhinebeck for the STaR Award**

The Village has asked the Town for a letter of support towards its nomination application before the American Planning Association’s Small Town and Rural Planning Division Veron Deines (STaR) Award for the Village’s 2024 Comprehensive Plan. Because the Town Board finds the Village’s plan to be a commitment to public engagement and thoughtful long-term stewardship of the Village, the TB approved the request and authorized the Town Supervisor to sign a letter of support for this nomination

**Resolution 2026-067 – 2026 Recreation Fee Schedule.**

For a complete list of the 2026 Recreation Fees, scroll down the agenda to page 31.

**Resolution 2026-068 - Recreation Program Adult Men’s Indoor Soccer**

The TB approved the Recreation Departments proposed schedule for the 2026 Spring Season for adult men’s indoor soccer.

- Day/Time: Wednesdays 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
- Dates: April 8, 15, 22, & 29  
May 6, 13, 20, & 27  
June 3 & 10
- Place: BMS Gym
- Cost: \$45 for full season and \$5 for weekly “walk-ins”
- Staffing: Mathew Grande

**Resolution 2026-069 – Engineering Contract for Shade Seating Project at Town Pickleball Courts**

The TB approved the proposal, submitted by Crawford & Associates Engineering and Land Surveying PC, to provide necessary structural plans and specifications for the shade-seating project and storage at the town’s pickleball courts. The cost of this project is not to exceed \$12,000.

**Resolutions 2026-070 and 071– Waiving Town Site Plan Requirements for Village of Rhinebeck Water Treatment Plant Construction**

For background information on this matter, go to Democrat Club’s website and click on Town Board Discussion Items. Scroll over to the Town Board Meeting Summary for Monday, December 8, 2025. The Village Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Matter can be found on p. 2.

After reviewing the Village of Rhinebeck Resolution #11253025-01 and viewing a video presentation by Professional Engineer Anthony Mantas and the Village construction project engineer, it was concluded by the Town Zoning Administrator, Building Inspector and TB that a waiver of town zoning requirements for this village project satisfies the “balancing of the public interests” test set forth by the NYS Court of Appeals.

Town attorney, Michael Barfield, stated that the Village would be exempt from any building permit fees. He explained that an escrow fund of \$5,000 would have to be established by the Village to pay for any consulting, engineering and legal fees incurred by the Town regarding this issue. Barfield further stated that the Village attorney agreed to this fund, however, any reimbursement would depend upon a resolution approved by the Village Board.

**Town Board Discussion Items**

Councilperson Dana Colleen Peterson discussed her work on the proposed Rhinebeck to River Trail Connectivity. To view the video on this project, along with the ALTA Trail Feasibility Study and Trail Connectivity Study, go to <https://www.rhinebeckny.gov/village-to-train-trail-study---alta.html> .

**Additional Information**

For more information regarding the Rhinecliff Station, Platform and Interlocking Project and Rhinebeck Recreation Programs go to <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgzQfBZdWJtZQdqFBSBZnjdsBFIW> . The topics are located on the right side of the agenda page.

For additional information regarding Newly Adopted Parking Regulations and Amended Short Term Rental Local Law 2 of 2025, go to the Town’s main website at <https://www.rhinebeckny.gov>

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The next TB meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM.