

SOUTH BRISTOL TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 10, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

Supr. Lisa Moore called the Regular Meeting of the South Bristol Town Board called to order
August 10, 2026, at 6:00pm.

PRESENT

Lisa Moore, Supervisor
Meg Fuller, Councilwoman
Chris Abraham, Councilman
Stephen Cowley, Councilman
Jamie Hall, Councilwoman

RECORDING SECRETARY

Judy Voss, Town Clerk

OTHERS

Jim Wight, Linda & Bruce Didsbury, Wende Young, Alexandra Logan, Karin Thack, Jennifer
Sinesbox, Jonathan Heiderich, Nancy Yacci, Ellen Aymerich, Pam Mills, Dionne Abraham,
Elizabeth Caprini, Beth Thomas, Chris Bennem, Thomas Brahm, David Romieser, Lew White,
John Cowley, Scott Hall, Paul Rickles, Tom Hawks II, Mark McCloskey, Gloria Harrington, Kelli
Becka, Joe Kohler, Ginny Lalka, Marcia Smith, Barbara Miles, Lenore Friend,
Online: Michael Miller, Diana McCloskey, Ann Jacobs, Melva Brady, Patricia King

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by South Bristol Town Historian Beth Thomas

Guest Presentation

Dryden Deputy Supervisor Dan Lamb gave a PowerPoint presentation on Data Centers in
the Finger Lakes and took questions from the residents.

Privilege of the Floor

Joe Kohler, of Bristol Harbor spoke to the Board: I'd like an update on the water hydrants
at Bristol Harbor. I brought a resource I met over in the town of Virgil this past weekend with
the Cornell engineer, formerly for the, maybe still is, for the BHVA. I'd like to hear from you.
I've invited you now, since May, to attend a meeting at Bristol Harbor regarding code
enforcement. You have not responded. I've asked you in the last meeting about the debate that is
coming up soon. I'd like to hear some answers. Thank you.

Supr. Lisa Moore: Can I ask you a question, Joe? Who are you supporting in the next
election for town supervisor?

Councilwoman Jamie Hall: No electioneering at the town board meeting.

Kelli Becka of Bristol Harbor: I am Kelli Becka, and I live in Bristol Harbor and I would
like to say thank you to the board for all of the progress that you've made so far in such a short
time. Everything looks beautiful at the Overlook, such progress there, and a lot of people are
talking about that. And I am very happy that you have started the difficult conversation about our
water hydrants in Bristol Harbor. I know and appreciate that you have started conversations with
state legislature about this, because this is a concern with so many people in the neighborhood.

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So, I wanted to say thank you for that, we appreciate it, and everything you guys have done in such a short amount of time. I know you're also drinking from a fire hydrant, no pun intended, on all of the things we bombard you with and bring to the table here. So, one more thing I would like to address on the data centers is this is a big concern. I am from Texas, and this was a driving thing before I left and moved here. The data centers, as you mentioned, the cooling part was a big concern because of the water, and I have read what they are proposing; that's their way to start getting around and making people a little more friendly to say that they're doing the loop. But it is extremely costly, and we all know that they want us to bear the burden of the cost, rather than they bearing the burden of the cost. And they're releasing the water at sometimes 79 and 80 degrees, which we all know will cause health harmful algal blooms in our lakes, which is our drinking water as well as our recreation. So that's another concern that I'm not as optimistic that they're being honest about the closed-loop systems on the cooling. I think that that's going to be a definite detriment to our lakes. I realize that Seneca Lake is not our lake, but if you're even within 100 miles of a data center, you are greatly affected. So the Bitcoin mining center that was just flipped from Bitcoin to data on Seneca Lake, how are they getting around the moratorium? Does anyone know this?

Town of Dryden Supervisor Dan Lamb answered: It doesn't apply to projects that have already in place.

Kelli Becka continued: And that's what I thought. So, since it was already Bitcoin mining facility, we're already having this at our door, and they don't have the closed-loop cooling system. They will be putting this pollution, heated water, back into Seneca Lake, and all of those emissions are going to affect all of us, regardless of whether we're on Seneca Lake or not.

Thank you all for your service.

Bruce Didsbury of Bristol Harbor: Hi, I'm Bruce Ditzberry, 150 Cliffside Drive. Thanks, Dan, for coming. Kelly had mentioned the temperature of the water. I had looked that up and it's, from what I read, it's coming out basically the same temperature as the water's being sent out from the reactors, from power station, reactors, about in the 90 degrees. Okay? That's what I read. The size of these data centers, and Dan had talked about the one in Louisiana. I think the specifics of that were 3,600 acres. Our lake is 1,900 acres. If you all take a look at your picture here, the lake is 1900 acres. The data center in Louisiana is almost twice the size of our lake. That's one campus. For 20 years, I've worked for Oracle and I was technical manager to Oracle. Oracle is one of the companies that's building data centers. I can speak firsthand, you don't cross these kinds of people. They just bought CNN, just bought Paramount. That's the guy's son that just bought that, so you can talk about amount of money. I think, Dan, the right number between now and 2030 is \$7 trillion is going to be spent on data centers, not billions. Trillions. That's almost 2 years of operating the entire United States. I mean, we can run the whole country for three and a half years and these people are going to be spending \$7 trillion. So that gives you some idea of the scope, the size. They are coming for our water, they're coming for our land, and our fresh air, and they're coming for it.

Lexie Logan of Stid Hill spoke: I'm very alarmed about the thought of these coming, and aside from all what everyone has spoken about with the water and finances. What concerns me, especially as a physician, is what I haven't heard a lot of people talk about is the noise. And while the noise is annoying. And people talk about it making them feel uncomfortable. I don't know if people have heard much about Vibroacoustic, an acoustic disease. It's not so much what

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you hear, it's the infra, the sound that you can't hear, below 20 Hz. That tends to cause proliferation of the blood vessels and causes increased cortisol levels, vertigo, high frequency hearing loss. It can cause decreased blood supply to the brain and thicken blood vessels, decreased cerebral blood flow. The large data center down in Texas has had no cattle births since it's been built. It's like that bomb that went off in Hiroshima, and how sick people got afterwards, and people weren't familiar with the effects of radiation. We're just now discovering that low-frequency sound can be alarmingly bad for your health. Even the windmills, the sound that they're making, we're finding that we get these ill effects, but to a much lower degree than the data centers. You build these in your community, and people just get ill. And you can't sell your homes, because all of a sudden, the value in your home, which is the largest equity that you've built in your lifetime and you can't sell your house. Your well goes dry, you need \$25,000 to buy a new well, and you dig, and you're still dry because the water's gone, your electric bill is 10 times as high. And then I find out that, recently the foam in Canandaigua Lake has got high levels of PFAS, the forever chemical. One of the causes of that is the side effects of electrical equipment. Well, these data centers come, one of their main ingredients is electrical equipment. What are they going to put that the side effect in? Their pockets and take it home with them to Mars? I mean, what are they going to do with the buildup of forever chemicals? Put it in a landfill where? We're losing our landfill.

Jennifer Sinesbox of Bristol Harbor spoke: I'm Jennifer Sinesbox, I am speaking on behalf of Alyssa Benjamin Trego who couldn't be here tonight.

I live on Andrews Way in Bristol Harbor. Alyssa Benjamin Trego also lives in Bristol Harbor. She lives in Spyglass Hill. She's busy launching a new app for her software program.

So, I come tonight, with gratitude, actually, and thank yous. So, as you are aware, the town endorsed with the Finance Committee, and Lisa, your leadership has sanctioned grant work. And as you all may know, my background, is in grants in K-12 education, where Alyssa has worked in an architectural engineering firm in their grant department, so both Alyssa and I are very passionate about the acquisition of and implementing grants. So, we express our gratitude and thank you to the board. I'd like to say publicly to Alyssa, thank you for working side by side. We are co-chairing the, Grant Writing group. And, I would, in particular, like to send my gratitude to Meg Fuller for taking on the Smart Growth Plan, along with Chris Abraham. He has been the lead attached to the park and beautification grants that we applied to.

So, the working committee, we came together after the 4th of July, and, we applied for two grants. The grants had a deadline that was fast and furious, and it was due by July 31st. We came together and we had a kickoff meeting with our group. On our working grant committee we have Christopher Bennem, Jeff Liebentreit, Alyssa, myself, Lisa was in attendance. Chris Abraham, and Meg came to the meetings as well. What the working group decided to do is we had to divide and conquer. Alyssa took the lead with the park beautification grant that would be responsible if the funds come in to assist with the beautification of the Overlook. And myself, Meg, and Chris were going to be looking at the Smart Growth Planning Grant. And Meg had already taken the lead and started the first draft of the Smart Growth Plan.

Now, looking at the parks grant, that is a very comprehensive process. And so, Chris, with Lisa's help, had to hop over to that team because it was so labor-intensive, requiring documents, CAD drawings, and very sophisticated. I don't think that Chris slept 3 hours, so thank you, to that work. But I think in terms of this collaborative working group, we were able to come together. We met, we wrote, we edited, we revised, we texted, we called. I think Meg and I

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were in communication. I was just putting my mother in a nursing home, so it was just the perfect storm for this working group.

I commend the Town Board for the special meetings. You had to come together and create a gender workplace violence policy. You had to then come back, and you had to write two resolutions and approve it to authorize the application for the grant. And then, part of the grant that we discovered, Meg, was the AARP aging recognition. So, we had to get approval from the board to apply for that, which we were successful, and the town of South Bristol is now recognized to being an aging-friendly community. Thank goodness, I appreciate that.

Again, gratitude for the board coming together in a nonpartisan way, and acknowledging that we can't do this work alone, and we need funding sources other than businesses and taxpayers to do the work. So we appreciate you supporting that effort, and thank you to Lisa. I think that being a leader sometimes, you don't often get the thank you's, and you don't get people expressing accolades to you. So with your leadership, thank you. I think, your positive, forward thinking and being innovative, is going to help the charge. And as the co-chair of the grant writing committee, again, I'm proud of the work that we did.

I'm excited about the opportunity to continue working with Alyssa and the Grant Writing Committee under the Finance Committee. And we learned a lot during the process. So, I think that Alyssa and I, in the next couple weeks, will pull the group together. And we will look at, what did we miss, what did we learned, and then what are some future direction for the working committee, so that we can be on the lookout and be proactive. Because some of the work that occurs within New York State is iterative, and it comes up every year. There was, for example, the salt barn, the lining of the salt barn. There was a grant that actually we could have applied to, but it closed the same day as the other grant. So, Alyssa and I have saved the application, so this group will come together, and with the direction of the board, look for opportunities that meet the vision and the priorities of the town. So, thank you.

Chris Bennem of Seneca Point Rd spoke: My name is Christopher Bennem and I live in South Bristol, down in Seneca Point. It was my great pleasure to serve with Jen on that working group. I'm going to say what she wouldn't say, which is that she is an incredible rock star as is Alyssa, and as is the person sitting next to my wife. These three ladies did an incredible amount of work. They worked with sincere devotion. I'm in awe. And so I just wanted to say that for the record. But I also do want to say that it was a lot to ask of volunteers. I know that Jen and Alyssa are going to be calling the team together and are going to be looking proactively at grants next year. If it turns out that the town and the committee decide just to coast the two that they've submitted, probably not too much is going to be needed. But I would say that, I'm asking on behalf of them as you might have a new job next year and may not have as much liberty with your time, and we may not have the benefit of as much time as we had with them. If they recommend, funds for grant writing, I hope that the board will be open to it, because they did an incredible amount of work, and I hope that we don't stop that momentum because we're afraid to fund grant work from other consulting companies. We used a little bit, and it was great to have the references from Meg and the other two. And it was useful. But I think we could have used even more help. That is my humble request.

Tom Hawks of Stemple Hill spoke: I'm Tom Hawks, a longtime, lifetime resident of Town of South Bristol. And I'm here to also congratulate this group for the wonderful work they've done. I was on the board many years ago, and my primary job was to help

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communications and outreach to the community. And I was so excited when this board came together, and through the leadership of Lisa, and Meg with the website that we've got, and everybody else involved, is the fact that that was not going to be something that we were just going to talk about. A lot of people talk about communication. But then we don't do anything. What I believe happened is the first week. Our first meeting, the board came together and decided that we needed more participation from the town. Now, participation and communication go hand in hand, because there's a lot of people in town who want to be a part of the town. But they don't know how to get involved. And so the board decided to have 3 ad hoc committees. These three committees, first was Community Engagement, second was Finance. And the third is Parks and Recreation. That is a huge amount of energy and excitement between people who want to see the town succeed, and it's through the leadership of this board that has that happen. Now, to celebrate that, we have now had one newsletter that's come out, and the second one is hot off the press. It is the South Bristol Connected, a newsletter for the Town of South Bristol's ad hoc committees, and there's one quarterly that's coming out to tell you what the ad hoc committees are doing. So I think we owe another big round of applause.

Beth Thomas, the South Bristol Historian, spoke: So, I do have two other announcements to go along with this gift. One is that the Town of South Bristol was also a partner in a grant that we just finished, so I want to thank you for that, too. The Town of Bristol, the Bristol Library, the Bristol Hills Historical Society, and the Town of South Bristol just finished a grant highlighting the history of women in our two towns, and we digitized a thousand images that will be available with complete metadata explaining the picture, who's in it, what we know about the photographs, in some cases text, and it'll all be available on the New York Heritage site.

The next thing, and you're going to hear about it later with announcements, is that we have a special event coming up rather quickly. On September 3rd, we are going to have a History Mystery bus tour around Bristol and South Bristol to highlight some of the key places that were featured in our Bristol Hills Historical Society History and Mystery Book, narrated by me, and former South Bristol historian, John Holtz. We will just take you around town in about an hour. Start and end right here and then feature a surprise short video of the second History and Mystery book featuring artwork by people like Mark Stash.

So, being the historian, you know, old barns are near and dear to my heart, he painted this painting of the 1898 barn, which is up on County Road 12. So, I hope you will accept this archival. Proudly, proudly accept your beautiful barn picture. Thank you very much.

Accounting

Town Clerk Report – Clerk Judy Voss read the Town Clerk report.

On a motion made by Councilman Stephen Cowley and seconded by Councilwoman Jamie Hall, the July Town Clerk's Report was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Assessor Report

Supr. Lisa Moore said there is not an Assessor's Report and wanted to inform everyone that the Town Reval will take place in 2028, not 2027. Most people think a reval means higher taxes. It does not always mean higher taxes. We will have time to engage with the community and to explain to people how assessment and the reval will work.

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Finance Report

Supr. Lisa Moore gave the July Finance Report. There is about \$4 million in the bank. At this point, our bookkeepers tell us we ordinarily would have spent 58% of our budget and the General Fund is 38% of its budget, and the highway spent 42% of its budget. We are in good shape. Our total receipts for July of \$17,274.00, however, we just received \$453,000.00 which is sales tax from the 2nd quarter.

In terms of our budget, after reserves, we will need about \$2,747,000.00, and we're going to have it. And we're going to have probably a surplus of at least \$500,000.00, so we'll be in good shape. The reason the surplus is really important is because it is rolled into the budget next year. That surplus can be useful if we are short on the budget. We really depend on the county to pay for a lot of our expenses, and that surplus then rolls in and protects us in the next year from having to do anything severe with taxes.

On a motion made by Councilman Stephen Cowley and the seconded by Councilwoman Jamie Hall, the Executive Summary was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Councilwoman Meg Fuller asked, In the checking account, as of this report, there was \$438.97 with about \$14,000300 in outstanding checks. Did we transfer money into that account?

Supr. Lisa Moore answered, yes, we did fix that.

Union Contract Negotiation

Supr. Lisa Moore reported that we are in contract negotiations with the union. Councilman Stephen Cowley and I met with the union negotiator, and we have a proposal out. The Town's negotiator has contacted the Teamsters union representative. The Highway employees have met with Union representative and that's where we are in that negotiation.

Resolution: Financial Disclosure

Supr. Lisa Moore introduced a resolution for a financial disclosure. We've been working on this for some time. We had discussed it at a town board meeting prior to this. It's a resolution to adopt a voluntary annual financial disclosure policy.

Now, this is a voluntary annual financial disclosure. No one has to do this, but we have worked pretty hard to make it a little bit easier to do. The initial disclosure form from the state that we shared was 40 pages long. After speaking with the comptroller, the comptroller said we can get this down to two pages and that's what we've done. Also attached to the financial disclosure will be the general municipal law that governs conflict of interest, so that we can read it.

On a motion made by Councilman Stephen Cowley and seconded by Councilwoman Jamie Hall to accept Resolution No. XX-2026 was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 4. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Hall & Abraham. Abstain: Fuller.

Discussion: Councilwoman Meg Fuller: I just want to express my disappointment. I have been very supportive of this. But unfortunately, I was not sent this document until 1 o'clock this afternoon, in which I didn't receive the email until 3 p.m. It appears that I was the only town board member that wasn't sent this document. I would hope that with things like this, where we're asked to vote, that there would be a level of respect of sharing these documents, so that we have time to review them and have time to voice concerns. So, I haven't read it. I am very in favor of this concept, and I'll put that on the record, that I'm in favor of it. It's just, I have not had any time to look at it. And I wish that I had the same respect as my other fellow board members

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in terms of receiving it and having time to speak with their spouses. In my case, it impacts my children, right? I will have to disclose their financial interests, something that I would like more than 3 hours to mull over.

Supr. Lisa Moore: It is voluntary, and I am sorry that you didn't get it. I thought that I had sent it to everyone, so that is my fault. I apologize.

On a motion made by Councilman Stephen Cowley and seconded by Councilwoman Jamie Hall, Resolution No. 58-2026 was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 4. Voting NAY: 0. Abstain: 1. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Hall & Abraham. Abstain: Fuller.

RESOLUTION 58-2026 TO ADOPT A VOLUNTARY ANNUAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE POLICY

WHEREAS, South Bristol Town Board members are committed to maintaining public trust, independent judgment, and the highest standards of integrity; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Code of Ethics requires local officials to avoid financial conflicts of interest and protect public resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Bristol Town Board hereby adopts a voluntary policy encouraging all Town Board members to complete an annual financial disclosure and conflict of interest statement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this policy becomes effective immediately for the 2026 calendar year, with signed paper copies filed with the South Bristol Town Clerk by the next regular town meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town's Code of Ethics appoints the Ontario County Board of Ethics as its board of ethics, with disclosure forms also to be filed with that body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for all subsequent years, participating Town Board members shall file their updated annual statements with the Town Clerk at or before the Town's annual Organizational Meeting.

Motion Made By: Councilman Stephen Cowley

Seconded By: Councilwoman Jamie Hall

Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Abstain/Absent: 1

Result: Carried.

Councilwoman Meg Fuller: I just want to put on the record that the reason I'm abstaining is that I just not have had time to review it, and we do have in our town policy that documents are supposed to be shared within 5 business days. There's a number of these documents that did not meet that policy. I would hope that we have time to review this stuff so that we can do our due diligence.

Approval of the Vouchers

Supr. Lisa Moore: We have vouchers totaling \$83,735.00 and it looks like the biggest expense is sand and gravel.

Councilwoman Meg Fuller: Did you have a chance to sign the vouchers, Lisa?

Supr. Lisa Moore: I have not had a chance yet.

Councilwoman Meg Fuller: Okay, then I don't know if we can approve them, because per our town policy, our Supervisor needs to sign the vouchers before we approve them.

Supr. Lisa Moore: So we'll table the vouchers and we will have to pay these vouchers at a special meeting.

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Councilwoman Meg Fuller: Well, they might have made sense to look at them before the meeting. I mean, if we spend a lot of time with these financial policies, we might as well follow them.

Reports

Highway/Transfer Station

Councilman Stephen Cowley read the Highway report.

On a motion made by Councilman Chris Abraham and seconded by Councilwoman Jamie Hall, the Highway Report was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Supr. Lisa Moore said we have another resolution related to the highway department authorizing an intra-fund budget transfer within the town-wide Highway DA Fund for employee medical insurance. Basically, moving \$65,000 from the unexpended fund balance, the DA's unexpended fund balance, to the DA's hospital and medical insurance. Do I have a motion to approve this resolution?

Councilwoman Meg Fuller asked where did we come up with the \$65,000 because we spent \$75,000 already. Last year we spent, which the budget perplexes me, \$144,496.00 on this. The difference between that and what we have in the budget is \$66,312. Are we anticipating spending the same as we did last year? I haven't gotten to that point yet in the budget. I'm assuming that it's probably going to be more than that. So, we may have to do this again. I'm totally in favor, but I was wondering how we came to that.

Supr. Lisa Moore agreed, that we will have to make another transfer at some point.

On a motion made by Councilman Chris Abraham and seconded by Councilwoman Jamie Hall, Resolution No. 59-2026 was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

RESOLUTION 59-2026

RESOLUTION 59-2026 AUTHORIZING AN INTRA-FUND BUDGET TRANSFER WITHIN THE TOWN-WIDE HIGHWAY (DA) FUND FOR EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE

WHEREAS, the Town of South Bristol maintains a Town-wide Highway Fund, known as the DA Fund, for the accounting of highway department revenues, maintenance operations, and associated personnel costs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the current fiscal year appropriation for account DA.9060.800.000 (Hospital & Medical Insurance) requires an additional \$65,000 to meet mandatory healthcare and medical premium obligations for highway department personnel through the remainder of the budget year; and

WHEREAS, sufficient unexpended balances exist within account DA.5999.000.000 (Unexpended Fund Balance); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Town Law Section 112, the Town Board possesses the legal authority to transfer surplus or unexpended balances from one line item to another within the same established fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of South Bristol hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and/or Budget Officer to execute the following budget modification within the Town-wide Highway (DA) Fund:

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	DECREASE (FROM)	INCREASE (TO)
DA.5999.000.000	Unexpended Fund Balance	\$65,000.00	
DA.9060.800.000	Hospital & Medical Insurance		\$ 65,000.00

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Motion Moved By: Councilman Chris Abraham

Seconded By: Councilwoman Jamie Hall

Aye 5 Nay 0 Abstain/Absent 0

Result: Carried

Code Enforcement

Councilman Stephen Cowley read the CEO Report.

On a motion made by Councilman Stephen Cowley and seconded by Councilwoman Jamie Hall, the CEO Report for August was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting August 26 at 7:30pm

Supr. Lisa Moore mentioned that the Zoning Board of Appeals is looking at the RV on Seneca Point Road. They had a hearing at the last meeting, and they're deliberating now, and they will come together on August 26th at 7:30pm to make their determination.

Buildings and Grounds

Councilman Chris Abraham said he is really proud of the asphalt work that Supt. Jim Wight had done at the Overlook. It looks like that asphalt expense hasn't been totaled up yet. The Veteran's memorial at the Overlook was relocated to the Veterans Memorial Garden. Thank you to Supt. Jim Wight Jim for doing that as well.

We also had roof repair here. There was a storm that had really harsh winds that blew something off the roof, and it's now been repaired.

Thank you to everyone that came to the playground official opening. Thank you, Historian Beth Thomas, for a beautiful presentation.

IT Update

Councilwoman Meg Fuller reported, with Cloud Permit, I sent an email earlier in the month. We are restarting that process. The first meeting we had, the report I received from code enforcement, was that it went better, which is good news. There are some parts of it that we're going through. Clerk Judy Voss is working on getting some new credit card processing for CloudPermit fees.

We had an audit with Skypoint and went to all the computer stations to understand what was going on and to get a better idea. We discovered that our security is not adequate with the Williamson Law credit card processing. We will have to make a change in terms of that anyway. It is a good thing that we are going through this process because it is forcing us to kind of make some choices that will make everything more secure.

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With Cloud Permit, through the implementation, we've discovered that there are two modules that they need that they weren't aware of. The cost per year is approximately \$500.00 per year with a \$500.00 implementation fee, so this year it would be \$1,000. Next year, it will be \$530 with their increase, and the year after that, it would be \$542 in addition to the cloud permit fees. I have not said anything to them, and I sent you guys an email a couple of weeks ago, just making sure that you were aware and wanted kind of feedback on how we feel about the new modules, and if there's any thoughts.

Councilwoman Jamie Hall asked, are the modules on, and why are they required?

Councilwoman Meg Fuller answered that Diane would speak a lot better to this, but it's licensing and registration, it allows them to do some of the registration work in the system that they can't do without it. And the property database management module, it's allowing them to assign different permits such as a short-term rental permit in the system.

Supr. Lisa Moore asked if Williamson Law was going to upgrade to the cloud?

Councilwoman Meg Fuller said that is something we can figure out before we move forward with this. Williamson Law is half the price. We have to remember is some of these items, for example, the credit card processing, we have some security issues that have to resolve in our current system, regardless.

Councilwoman Meg Fuller continued, with the CloudPermit, there has been a big learning curve among our code enforcers as well and have started the training from the beginning. That happened on Tuesday of last week, and everyone seemed to feel things were better.

The Town Clerk's office received a new computer, and we've installed a new sonic wall.

Citizen Committees Reports

Resolution: Establishing Standing Committees

Supr. Lisa Moore said that she can't say enough about how great the ad hoc committees have been. The work speaks for themselves. The grants that came out was an unbelievable amount of work that these volunteers did. The scenic overlook looks more beautiful than it's ever looked. And Community Engagement Committee, all the lectures, all the events, it's awe-inspiring and humbling that these citizens have really just stepped up out of volunteerism and done so much for our community. The next resolution is to establish the Ad Hoc committees or transition them to standing committees.

Discussion: Councilwoman Meg Fuller commented, First of all, thank you, everyone, for working on this. I had sent something a week ago, a resolution of my own, just because I wanted to make sure that this kept moving forward, and I'm really appreciative of Lisa working to bring this in front of us tonight. I sent some edits this afternoon. This resolution was just, again, sent to us, to me over the weekend on Saturday evening, and I sent some things that I felt like I would love to have included in it. Specifically, I feel like if we're going to have chairs and or co-chairs, and alternates. Do we know what are their roles within the committees? What are their responsibilities? I also noticed there was a lot during our privilege of the floor, talking about the grant committee. The grant committee is not included in this resolution, so where does that leaves the grant committee in terms of the structure?

Supr. Lisa Moore answered, It is a working group underneath the finance committee. The hard part is, within the resolution that we passed to create these committees, we didn't authorize the committees to create working groups.

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Councilwoman Jamie Hall asked, because they're still a community-led group, and they're operating as a group of citizens doing what they do, can two people working on something and calling themselves a subcommittee or a working group is, is it just the use of that term, working group? Because two people can work together on something out of a group of five, right?

Supr. Lisa Moore added, I would like to just add that in the charters that were approved when we resolved to have these ad hoc, working groups were specifically mentioned in community engagement for the 250th anniversary panel talks and volunteer corps working group.

Councilwoman Meg Fuller asked, were they in there for the Finance Committee?

Supr. Lisa Moore answered, I don't know if they were or not. I think grants were part of our purview.

Councilwoman Meg Fuller continued, first of all, I'm totally in favor of this. I just think that we need to make sure that when we're doing it, we're doing it in a way that we're setting clear expectations of what the roles of the committees are, and also, understanding how they work with the town board. And I also just want to make sure that we get this right. If these are going to be standing committees and we are putting members into 3-year terms. That means in three years, everyone's up. It would be nice if we had some sort of rolling structure, so that members are reappointed every year, not reappointing everyone all at once. What's the structure of reporting? I know the liaison reports to the board, but how do we set the priorities for these committees? I think this is an awesome start. I personally feel like there's more work that needs to be done to kind of get everything all together.

Supr. Lisa Moore responded, I think we know what the committees are doing and how much they've benefited the town, so I think we know what we need to know about whether or not these committees benefit Town of South Bristol.

Councilwoman Meg Fuller continued, I had asked, too, for the correspondence with Jeff Graff to be forwarded to us. I'm asking if we could potentially table this resolution till next month.

Supr. Lisa Moore: I think we're ready to vote. Okay. I'd like to call for a vote on this resolution.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Jamie Hall and seconded by Councilman Chris Abraham, Resolution No. 60-2026 was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

RESOLUTION 60-2026

RESOLUTION 60-2026 ESTABLISHING THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AND FINANCE COMMITTEE AS STANDING COMMITTEES, AND APPOINTING MEMBERS AND BOARD LIAISONS

Whereas, the Town Board of South Bristol approved citizen-led advisory ad-hoc committees for Parks, Recreation, and Beautification, Community Engagement, and Finance by resolution at its 2026 Organizational Meeting; and

Whereas, the Town Board seeks to ensure ongoing guidance regarding: parks, recreation, and beautification; community engagement; and finance; and

Whereas, establishing these committees as dedicated standing committees serves to advance the long-term goals, financial oversight, facility maintenance, and public communication of the Town of South Bristol; and

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Whereas, the Town Board has sole authority to review, update, and amend the purposes of the committees from time to time as necessary to optimize committee structure, operations, and town board representation; and

Whereas, the Town Board has sole authority to appoint committee members.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of South Bristol hereby establishes the Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Committee, the Community Engagement Committee and the Finance Committee as standing committees, subject to the following requirements:

1. Each established standing committee shall execute its duties in strict accordance and compliance with the New York State Open Meetings Law (Public Officers Law, Article 7); and
2. Each committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Town Board and operate under the guidelines established by the Town Board, with its collective work, achievements, and progress to be reviewed by the Town Board annually at the Organizational Meeting; and
3. Each committee shall consist of 5 (five) appointed members serving a standard term of three (3) years, running retroactively from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028; and
4. Open positions shall be posted on the Town website and applications submitted to the Town Board for review, and
5. Any mid-term vacancy shall be filled by appointment using the same approval process for the remainder of the unexpired term; and
6. The Town Board shall designate one of its own members to serve as a Board Liaison to each committee to facilitate clear communication between the committee and the Town Board; and
7. The Town Board liaison shall provide a brief update at regular Town Board meetings when the committee has met or has recommendations for Board consideration.

And Be It Further Resolved, that the Town Board makes the following appointments to each committee as follows:

- **Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Committee:** Chris Abraham (Councilperson/Liaison), Beth Fitch (Co-Chair), Jeff Liebentritt (Co-Chair), Berna Ticonchuk, Dee Abraham, John Holtz, Wade Sarkis (Alternate)
- **Community Engagement Committee:** Jamie Hall (Councilperson/Liaison), Christopher Bennem (Co-Chair), Lenore Friend (Co-Chair), Deborah Denome, Amy Luersen, Tom Hawks, Beth Thomas (Alternate), John Holtz (Alternate).
- **Finance Committee:** Lisa Moore (Town Supervisor/Liaison), Bruce Capron (Co-Chair), Dave Gates (Co-Chair), Jennifer Sensibox, Alyssa Benjamin-Trego, Al Carvill.

And Be It Further Resolved, that the Town Board wishes to extend its profound appreciation and gratitude to all the civic-minded citizens of the Town of South Bristol who have generously volunteered their time, knowledge, and efforts to serve on these committees for the betterment of the community.

Motion Made by Councilwoman Jamie Hall

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Seconded By Councilman Chris Abraham

Aye 5

Nay 0

Abstain/Absent 0

Result Carried

Parks, Recreation, and Beautification

Scenic Overlook.

Supr. Lisa Moore said that the Overlook has never looked better and thanked Supt. Jim Wight for his work. One of the major purposes of the grant is to upgrade the infrastructure and we have to repair the deterioration. Then there's also aesthetics that are part of the grant. Hopefully we will be awarded the grant.

Councilman Chris Abraham added that the grant notification will come in November. In the meantime, the committee has recommended quotes for grounds maintenance for the 2027 budget. We are grateful and inspired by the volunteers that have given dozens of hours of time, thank you all.

Supr. Lisa Moore mentioned that as part of the Scenic Overlook, I've been talking with Megan Webster at Soil and Water, and they have applied for a grant to install vernal ponds on the property. The ponds would help to keep runoff from Canandaigua Lake. Kevin Olvaney walked the property and he agrees with that.

Supr. Lisa Moore said she would like a motion to pursue a plan with Soil & Water to have these vernal ponds.

On a motion made by Supr. Lisa Moore and seconded by Councilman Chris Abraham, to pursue the grant and formulate a plan with Soil & Water for Vernal Ponds at the Overlook was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Discussion: Councilwoman Meg Fuller asked is there any cost associated with this?

Supr. Lisa Moore said, none.

Councilman Stephen Cowley asked, because it is a pond, do you have to go through DEC or to code enforcement for a permit? Or is it a retention pond? Meghan Webster will have those answers.

Community Engagement

Councilwoman Jamie Hall reported that Lenore Friend was elected co-chair because we are doing so many amazing things, we needed to spread it out a little bit, so thank you, Lenore. The landfill presentation was well attended by the community, and we have the follow-up coming up next week, which is the 26th with Supr. Lisa Moore.

Other things that happened in our meeting, we had just come off the heels of the grant applications going in, so everybody was really feeling the love about that. Again, thank you both to Lisa and Meg for how much effort you put in, and Chris Abraham.

As we are wrapping up this year, we're focusing on water quality presentations and also looking forward to our 2027 year, which links into the grants that we applied for. Our group is planning to shift our focus to comprehensive plan rewriting and gathering information and helping spearhead that. Which, depending on the grants we get and how that works, there may be new groups developed from that. We're very excited to see that next step of things.

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The Town Historian, Beth Thomas, mentioned the History and Mystery Bus Tour, and then October 17th, there is a period costume dance at the Grange Hall.

Finance Committee

Supr. Lisa Moore reported our big accomplishment was submitting the grant applications. It was really a huge effort. We are going to put two of the grants up on the community bulletin board so people can see the timeframe and the scope of what we were interested in doing.

We are about to enter budget season for 2027, and the budget worksheets out to the department heads. And that is what we talked about, what the budget season is going to look like. Our audit is not yet complete.

Tomorrow I will be walking with Megan Webster at the Scenic Overlook. And then on Wednesday, the auditor comes in to get the final details that they need to finish the audit.

Other Business

Clerk Judy Voss said she wanted to thank Jeff Liebenritt for all the work that he's done around the town hall. He weeded and added new plants and flowers to the north and south ends of the town hall. Cleaned up the Veteran's Memorial Garden and he has been watering the flowers at the mailbox.

Announcements

Department of Transportation Culvert Work on 21 Update

Playground, 1pm, August 8, anniversary of SB founder birthday, Gamaliel Wilder

Conversation on the Landfill, August 26, 6PM, Town Hall

History & Mystery Bus Tour. September 3

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Next Meeting Monday, September 14, 2026,

Adjourn : 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Voss

South Bristol Town Clerk