SOUTH BRISTOL TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 14, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

Supr. Lisa Moore called the Regular Meeting of the South Bristol Town Board called to order September 14, 2026, at 6:00pm.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Stephen Cowley, Councilman

RECORDING SECRETARY

Judy Voss, Town Clerk

OTHERS

Jim Wight, Lewis White, Jack Jones, Alexandra Logan, Elizabeth Caprini, Beth Fitch, Gary DeVries, Dionne Abraham, John Holtz, Jonathan Heiderich, Pam Mills, Karin Thack, Marcia Smith, Robert Pierce, Rita Izzo, Chris Benham, Maureen & Tom O'Rourke, Kevin Regan, John Bolton, Peter & Shelley Rees, Wade Sarkis, Allison Ausfeld, Pam O'Neill, Kelli Becka, Gloria Harrington, Ginny Lalka, Krist Lev, Joe Kohler
Online: Berna T., Ann Jacobs, Michael Miller, David Bowen and Greg Roth

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Highway Superintendent Jim Wight

ROLL CALL

GUEST PRESENTATION

Megan Webster, Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District

Megan Webster gave a Power Point presentation, "Protecting the Watershed of Canandaigua Lake" and took questions from the Board and audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilman Chris Abraham and seconded by Supr. Lisa Moore, the minutes of the July 13, 2026 Town Board Meeting minutes were ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 4. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Public Comment Regarding Data Centers Purpose: To receive community input regarding whether to consider banning data center development in South Bristol

Supr. Lisa Moore explained: The first part of the public comment section is going to be regarding data centers. A little background on this, we recently had the town of Dryden's Deputy Supervisor, Dan Lamb, come and talk to us about how they banned data centers in Dryden, and the need to act now to do so, despite the New York State moratorium on new data centers, which expires in July 2027. The issues that were brought up in that public comment section were about

noise and light pollution, the size of data centers, public health concerns, concerns for domestic animal health and wildlife, deterioration of Canandaigua Lake and business practices that include non-disclosure agreements that avoid public comment. Research indicates that New York State is considered a top choice for data centers, for many reasons. There are 9 operating data centers in New York State currently, and 25 planned projects. The biggest one is in Niagara on the Lake Mariner Data Center that is run by TeraWolf, and they are currently looking at developing another one on Cayuga Lake. Other major planned developments are in Genesee County and Onondaga County, and on Seneca Lake, where Greenage is looking to expand a crypto mining facility in Dresden, a little tiny town, population of 295 residents. So, it's happening here in the Finger Lakes, even in the smallest towns. Thank you to those who will weigh in today on whether South Bristol should ban data centers.

John Holtz addressed the Board stating that he was reading a letter from Town Resident Deb Denome:

I am a former resident of both Ithaca and Dryden, New York. I have been following the data center issues in Tompkins County, as well as the Green Ridge Generation Development in Geneva, very closely.

With the Governor's recent year-long moratorium on data centers, I know it is tempting to consider that we have time to wait, but our friends in Geneva and Lansing and Dryden have clearly discovered that time is absolutely of the essence. Multiple leading members of our community have mentioned the idea of addressing data centers in our town's revision of the Comprehensive Plan. I'm not opposed to this, but there are three key reasons why I believe we should move forward with the ban now.

First, the minimum amount of time it will take to revise the comprehensive plan is a full year. Since the process will likely not begin until sometime in early 2027, this means the revision process extends long. The revision process will extend long after the moratorium ends next summer.

Second, as mentioned, there are already communities in the Finger Lakes battling against data centers - on both Seneca and Cayuga Lake, targeted specifically for their abundance of fresh water. Canandaigua Lake is the third largest finger lake by volume, and therefore a logical target by any other companies out there considering new opportunities in this region. As we heard from Deputy Supervisor Lamb, one of the motivations for the town of Dryden to institute a ban was the importance of getting ahead of corporations seeking to target Finger Lake communities. Once companies of this size express interest, they form legal footholds that can be extraordinarily difficult to dislodge.

Third, and most important, we already know enough now to make this decision.

Consider the following:

The Canandaigua Lake Watershed is an extremely fragile biome. Susceptible to numerous influences that have created harmful algae blooms and other negative impacts on the lake and its environs. Even the closed-loop cooling system TerraWolf claims they will use on Cayuga Lake has a contingency that will allow them to draw up to 700,000 gallons of water per day for mist cooling. Meanwhile, Green Ridge recycles over 130 million gallons a day, raising lake temperature and damaging Seneca Lake. There is no safe version of data centers for our watershed.

Similarly, if a developer were to look for a space in Ontario County, where might they put data center, a data center that is not lakeside, then the things we love most about South

Bristol, its open spaces, its rural character, are things that will draw their attention here. But these open spaces are not empty. Ontario County Park, Cumming Nature center, Meese Observatory, Bristol Mountain, Stid Hill Wildlife Management Area, CarolaBarb Park, and Camp Cutler are just a few of the many reasons we live here, and all would be highly susceptible to the kinds of impacts a data center could inflict were one to be sighted nearby.

These facilities consume enormous amounts of energy and emit enormous amounts of air, noise, and light pollution. There is nowhere a large facility could exist in South Bristol without having a massive, intrusive impact on our town.

When given a similar choice twice before, our town board, supported by citizens of all parties, residents from all neighborhoods, decided to ban both solar farms and wind turbines. The potential for harm that data centers pose to our community is far greater than either of those other technologies. We know enough now to ban them now.

I'm Allison Ausfeld. I'm also a resident of South Bristol, and I've been asked to read a statement from my colleague and friend, Tanya Danae, on data centers.

I am writing as a resident of the Town of South Bristol to urge the Town Board to prohibit the siting, construction and operation of new commercial and hyperscale data centers within our town to the fullest extent permitted by law.

My concern comes from watching the rapid growth of large data center facilities in rural communities. As I travel throughout New York State and into Pennsylvania and in our nearby communities and states, I have personally seen more and more of these massive structures appearing in areas that were once primarily farmland, wooded/open space, and small rural communities. I have also seen this growth while traveling countrywide, where similar large-scale development is changing the character of rural areas at a shocking rate.

Seeing this firsthand has made me fear this type of industry in communities like South Bristol. These facilities are enormous in scale, and their impacts can extend far beyond the property where they are built. They are known to place extraordinary demands on electric and water infrastructure, while creating relatively few permanent jobs compared with their size and resource use.

Our residents should not be left to bear higher utility costs, infrastructure expenses, or increased demand on public services because of a single high-load industry. Data centers can also bring continuous noise, backup generator emissions, bright security lighting, heavy construction traffic, large industrial buildings and potential impacts on nearby homes, farms, wildlife and the overall character of our community.

South Bristol has worked hard to maintain a community where our environment, rural character, and quality of life are valued. Large-scale industrial data centers do not appear consistent with that vision, or with the principles of putting our community environment first? New York State has recognized the need to examine these potential impacts through a temporary statewide moratorium.

While stronger standards are considered. Numerous other municipalities have already acted to adopt bans or review data center development to date.

I believe South Bristol should use this opportunity to act proactively before an application is filed, and before existing zoning rules are tested by a project that may never have been contemplated when those rules were originally written. I know I am not alone in believing the board should ensure that residents and small businesses do not subsidize grid, water, road, emergency response, or other infrastructure costs associated with these facilities.

Require full disclosure of projected electricity and water use, utility upgrades, noise, emissions, emergency systems, tax incentives, and long-term employment by any company seeking to build in our town. Protect residential areas, parks, agricultural land, watershed, and other environmentally sensitive areas from industrial-scale data center impacts.

I respectfully ask the Town Board to adopt a local law prohibiting new commercial and hyperscale data centers townwide to the fullest extent permitted by New York law. I have been impressed by Supervisor Moore and this board's proactive approach to governance today, especially the thoughtful effects of listening to your constituents working actively to protect the long term interests of South Bristol in upholding the goals of the Comprehensive.

I sincerely appreciate the board's willingness to look ahead and continue to work proactively to safeguard our residents, taxpayers, farmers, wildlife, natural resources, and the character of our community.

Most sincerely, Tanya Danae.

Lewis White spoke: My wife Sue and I were raised in Webster, and we were married there in 1975. Because we loved John Denver so much, we wanted to find a home that was rural and mountainous. In 1976, we bought our property on County Road 33, and in 77, we built our home. We didn't get the Rockies, but we did get Bristol Mountain. Next year we will have been residents for 50 years and we raised our family here. We love the town and we love the rural character and we really wanted to remain the same.

Sue and I talked recently, you know, 50 years and we asked how things have changed. And the answer was, not much. And I think that's wonderful that we have retained our rural character and all the beautiful places that South Bristol gives us.

Now, Dan Lamb was here and, gave us this presentation on how we ban data centers. So, after his presentation, I started looking online for more information and try to determine whether there was anything that would be of benefit to our town. And I came to the conclusion that it would change our town forever. We would really lose our heart and soul if, you know, a data center came in. There's just so many negatives about that. Dan Lamb gave us the blueprint for how we plan to ban data centers, so what I'm asking is, you, Lisa, and, the town council to commit to working on the next steps so that we can ban data centers in this town forever.

Jack Jones spoke: I didn't, I didn't write anything down, because I used to have to cover meetings throughout the nine-county Rochester Finger Lakes region for years and years. I kind of tend to avoid these kind of things these days, but this is something anybody who has paid any attention to the headlines in the past month has seen the people who created this technology begin to wake up and warn those of us who will be affected by it. I was amazed that the CEO of Anthropic, came out with a very serious warning involving potential biological kind of attacks on local communities, and this is all AI, but you can't really separate the data center from AI. And the data center is in my mind, a reflection of the worst instincts of our predatory overly capitalistic society today. It's growth for growth's sake.

There are at least 3,000 of these things around the country now, and I wasn't able to find anything on any one of them which indicates they've had an overall positive impact on local communities. It's a whole list of negatives and a lot of speculation about the AI future. Growth for growth's sake is never a good thing and the CEO of Anthropic made that point and stressed the fact that these are all being done by private developers. There is really no government oversight anywhere. And therein lies the danger of a government that's run by a cash-and-carry

sort of government, by business people. By corporate interest, which are always the bottom line, and maximizing shareholder profits.

On a biological level, as my friend Tom Hawks and I and some others of us know, growth for growth's sake, is known as cancer, when it affects any biological organism. I view growth for growth's sake on an industrial level as another form of cancer. And those of us who have been through it, can only advise that you don't want to go there unless you absolutely have to. So, yes, I'm in favor of a ban on these things until more is known.

I'm Tom Hawks, lifelong resident of Town of South Bristol, and Jack knows I love technology. Would I want data centers in the town of South Bristol? Absolutely not. Because there's a place and a time for new technologies as they're developed. And this is not the place, nor is this the time.

I use AI every day. I enjoy what it does. What they're talking about is expanding the capability, as we're hearing in the national news, of death of society, and they're making everything so dramatic. That it is very, very scary.

I liken AI, because Jack brought up the data centers and AI are really synonymous in this case. But I'd like to use an analogy that we all drove cars here today. Now, cars can drive a lot faster than we drove here today. They can go 90 miles an hour. Matter of fact, they don't have to use roads. They could drive anywhere they wanted to. A car is very similar to a technology that we're developing with AI. AI, as it's being developed, can do anything. It can go beyond our control, and that's what we're all worried about.

However, somewhere along the line, government did get involved. And people made sense out of cars, and they said, you know, we probably ought to have roads, we ought to have stripes on the roads, and we ought to have rules. Now, we know the government, we can tell right now, the government is struggling with that at their level.

Unfortunately, I just heard the latest news this morning that they're going to have a hard time because they're trying to figure out how we can protect ourselves without giving an advantage to China. Well, I'm not here to talk to you about world politics. What I'm here to talk to you about is our backyard. We can't control what's going on in China, or with the government in China.

Well, we can do exactly what we're doing right now, discussing on a local level whether or not a data center can be put in the town of South Bristol. Right now, our number one industry is tourism. Tourism would be deeply affected by data centers. Why would that be? Because data centers create a hum that can be heard for miles. Data centers need water. That means you need tributaries to get the water from the data center to the source. And besides, they're just ugly.

I'm looking here, we have Bristol Mountain. And when I look in the summer, when Bristol Mountain is not open, how beautiful it is. With data centers were talking 24-7, a hum and a big, huge building in our backyard. And there's the one major concern that we've all addressed throughout the years, even when I was on this Town Board. Once you let commercial enterprises into the town, you'll never get them out. Not only will they take what they are going to get when they get in here, but they're going to try to expand because of what Jack just said, their motivation is cash and carry, expand. For that reason, I think we need to protect our town, I think we need to do it as fast as we can, and we need to put a moratorium on data centers.

Thank you very much.

General Public Comment / Privilege of the Floor

Peter Rees of 5873 Seneca Point. You guys were going talk or get a report later on the dark night, and that's a large concern of mine. I think that I would like to see something happen with that. We are affected where we live by neighbors that have got lights going on all night, and so it'll be nice to have some regulation on that.

Gary DeVries of Still Hill. I was up here December 8th, 2025, same issue. Just wanted to bring back to everyone's attention. I live at the end of Stid Hill Road towards the north end, where it turns to gravel, then subsequently turns to a hiking trail and we've lived there for 12 years. Myself, and the neighbors, have maintained it and I was under the assumption that it was an abandoned road, and it was our responsibility to do that. I have since looked into it and it is a qualified abandoned road. I don't want to maintain it myself anymore, or my neighbors shouldn't have to maintain it anymore because of the liabilities, we don't own the road, it's a town asset. And so, I'd like to figure out what we can do to get that worked on by the town and taken care of throughout the winter, plowed, put some gravel on it, just make it a safe place to travel. For the 4 permanent residents that live up there, and we have some pretty regular guests up there, too, who have properties.

Kelli Becka, and I live in Bristol Harbor. I came here 3 years ago. I moved almost 2,000 miles across the country when I discovered this slice of heaven that you guys have here. And what I loved about it was its rural, beautiful environment, everything about this place is so spectacularly gorgeous across the entire country. I would say it rivals one of the top 10, in my opinion.

And I came here for that reason. I left an industrial waste zone in Texas, and it was very evident that data centers had zero pushback. They were too many of them already built by the time that we all figured out what they were. I have friends and family that are directly affected by these. I also want to clear the only thing that anybody's ever been able to say is a positive of these data centers is that they create jobs. I have a friend that is working at one, and knowing what I know from all the people in Texas feeding back to me on this issue is, when you build the data center, they say it creates a jobs. What they're not telling you is the majority of those people; they're bringing with them.

If you think about it, these are cookie-cutter data centers, and they are building them quickly. They get in, they build them, and they get out. So, most of those contractors are traveling with these data center buildouts, so they're not hiring local people. My friend, being one of those people that works there, is not a local person. They're doing this and not helping the community at all. They'll hire a few token people, but then when they're done with the data center build-out, and everybody's gone, there's an average of 30 jobs that it creates, and not all 30 live there. They are remote jobs with any computer, anything that you're dealing with that you can do from all over the world. Half of those 30 jobs are people that don't even live there. And the ones that do live in the area, they are not paying them full-time benefits. They're managing to not give them benefits, they're working them just shy of enough time to get any sort of benefits. So, I just wanted to clear the myth, if there's any sort of reach out to these states that are overridden with these, like Texas. And it's very scary how it has not helped literally anyone. I mean, to me, that's robbing you by not even working 40 hours and giving you benefits when they've poisoned your environment. So, that was what I wanted to say about data centers.

I also then, on a positive note, because this place is so fabulous and so beautiful, I wanted to let the board know how excited I am that you are addressing this issue that is imperative and so important, and that could absolutely upend us as everyone I know has been upended back in Texas. So, thank you for not burying your head in the sand, thank you for realizing this is an issue, and I cannot beg you enough to keep your foot on the pedal, and make sure that these get banned, not just a moratorium, but that they're banned before it's too late, because as everybody has said, by the time they show up, it's too late.

So, thank you for that, and I also want to thank you for all of the wonderful speakers that you have had. I've learned so much in such a short amount of time with these fabulous speakers coming in here. I feel very much a part of the community of only living here for 3 years, because I've learned so much from the speakers and getting involved, and this is such a community of volunteering. When somebody needs something, this community really rallies around, and from somebody that comes from the South, which we're known for that, I'm blown away, because I'm telling you, hands down, this community is mind-blowing on how people rally and just want to help. You know, if the food pantry needs something, everybody jumps in and helps the food cupboard. There are so many wonderful things in this area and thank you for taking the time to listen to us, and to nurture that type of environment. So, thank you.

REPORTS

Finance: Financial updates and approval of vouchers (Financial Disclosures — Update)

Supr. Lisa Moore reported that we had an audit presentation, and for 2025, there are no material findings. We look healthy and good to the auditors. There are some procedural things they'd like us to improve on in our procurements and how we record our fixed assets and, in our payroll, and timesheets, but basically we received good marks on our audit.

At the same meeting where the auditor came and presented to us, we had department heads come and talk to us about what they would like to see in their budget for 2027, so we got to hear from people in the department heads on that. The Tentative Budget is due at the end of this month.

In terms of the LGSS report, our bookkeeper report, the town has over $4 million in the bank, $4,257,974.00 in the bank. Receipts of about $482,000.00 were received. The biggest part of that was the Ontario County sales tax, $453,000.00 and also interest of over $12,000. We are doing well this month for revenues, and it's a good thing, because our expenses are big this month.

The general fund at this point is 41% of budget. It would usually be about 66% of budget, so we are running really well behind what we would ordinarily have spent. The same is true of the highway, which is 45% of budget.

We have just paved Gulick and Seneca Point Road as well as the Scenic Overlook. We have bills totaling almost half a million dollars this month and most of it is related to the paving of those roads.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Jamie Hall and seconded by Councilman Chris Abraham the Abstract of Vouchers totaling $479,155.25 was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 4. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Councilwoman Meg Fuller spoke: Just one quick thing. As I was going through looking at the financials for this month, it's just a reminder that in October, we typically, at least last year, we move money from the A Fund to the DA Fund, and it's in the budget. It's $578,000.00 and that puts the general fund at 68.97% of the annual budget. So that's going to move us in line with

where we should be, so if you're wondering why we're slightly low, it's because we have this big chunk of change that we're going to give to the DA fund next month.

Department Updates:

Town Clerk Report - Clerk Judy Voss read the August Town Clerk's Report.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Jamie Hall and seconded by Councilwoman Meg Fuller, the Town Clerk's Report for August was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 4. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Assessor's Report - Supr. Lisa Moore read the Assessor's Report.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Jamie Hall and seconded by Councilman Chris Abraham, the Assessor's Report was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 4. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Code Enforcement - Supr. Lisa Moore read the CEO Report.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Meg Fuller and seconded by Councilwoman Jamie Hall, the CEO Report was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 4. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Councilwoman Meg Fuller mentioned that with the new Cloud Permit software for the CEO office, there are two modules are needed to complete full implementation. The licensing and registration will allow Short-term Rental permitting and Property Database Management will allow changes, historically, to property information. We are at the point in the training where we need these 2 modules. It will be an extra $1,000.00 for this year and every year after will be approximately $500.00 plus 3% for inflation per year.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Meg Fuller and seconded by Councilwoman Jamie Hall, to move forward with the Licensing and Registration and Property Database Management modules for Cloud Permit, for the cost of $1,000.00 was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 4. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Clerk Judy Voss mentioned that another part of the Cloud Permit software is the credit card software, Municipay. There is no cost to the Town, and this will allow residents to pay online and requested Town Board approval to sign the contract.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Meg Fuller and seconded by Councilman Chris Abraham, the Municipay contract was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 4. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Highway Department – Supt. Jim Wight gave the Highway Report.

The County is looking to South Bristol to plow an additional 7 miles of County Road 36. A propane tank has been installed for the generator and will be operational on the 23rd. Blocks have been installed to protect the propane tank. Mowing roadside and performing maintenance to prepare for winter.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Meg Fuller and seconded by Councilwoman Jamie Hall, the Highway Report was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 4. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

IT – Councilwoman Meg Fuller reported that we invested in a number of new computers and computer monitors. Everyone's system should be up to date. We did an audit at the end of July

and have some replacements which should be solving some of our issues. We've had many emergency calls to SkyPort IT recently. We have all projects for Quarters 1, 2 and 3 completed. The last, Quarter 4, is the server update and moving it over to the Highway Dept. Working with Skyport IT within the budget to see what we can accomplish.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Jamie Hall and seconded by Councilman Chris Abraham, the IT Report was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 4. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Committee Updates:

Zoning Board of Appeals – ZBA Chair Barbara Howard reported: The ZBA had a couple of things that we've dealt with over the summer. The first thing is we have resignation of a Board member at of the end of August, so we need to find an alternate.

At the July meeting the Board had an interpretation appeal regarding a Certificate of Non-Conformity that was being challenged. We gathered a lot of information, we asked questions. The second meeting in August and the Board spent two and a half to three hours talking about the information gathered in July. The result was a resolution stating that the appeal was partially affirmed with modifications. What that really means is that we affirm that the Certificate of Non-Conformity is available, with the exception of the modifications that we made. The modification included in the Resolution requires the owner to notify the CEO when the RV is brought onto the property and when it leaves. That the existing sewage holding tank is removed, and the property cannot be used by anybody else.

The Town Attorney, Jeff Graff, was in attendance and was extremely helpful. The Board has not had an appeal in front of them before and Attorney Graff helped us work through a very difficult time.

The Town litigating Attorney, Rob Yauman, sat in as a spectator for the first meeting in July, and Mallory Smith sat in in August as another set of eyes.

Parks & Recreation – Councilman Chris Abraham encouraged residents to join the Parks & Recreation meetings. The main goal is to just assess some of the properties in South Bristol and receive public input and opinion. The Committee is grateful to Supt. Jim Wight for what he has done at the Overlook with the paving. We are currently looking at caste-concrete blocks that have cobblestone face to be placed for safety and proposed 16 blocks needed for the Overlook.

Supt. Jim Wight agreed that will take care of the safety issues at the Overlook.

Discussion about ordering caps for concrete blocks and its additional cost.

Councilwoman Meg Fuller asked if all the invoices for the Overlook have been submitted, the remaining funds are around $11,000.00. Are there any other projects that the committee foresees at the Overlook?

Councilman Chris Abraham said that planters have been considered by the Committee as well as replacing the existing planter that is there. It's all part of the grant the committee applied for.

On a motion made by Councilman Chris Abraham and seconded by Councilwoman Jamie Hall, the blocks needed in the parking area of the Overlook costing up to $4,000.00. .

Discussion.

On an amended motion made by Councilwoman Chris Abraham and seconded by Councilwoman Jamie Hall, the concrete blocks and caps needed in the parking area of the

Overlook costing up to $8,000.00 was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 4. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Community Engagement – Councilwoman Jamie Hall reported, the committee had a little bit of a recap about the landfill discussion started moving forward. Tonight's presentation with Megan Webster from Ontario County Soil and Water was the first of our Lake Health series. October is a super busy month for community engagement.

We are rededicating the Veterans Garden prior to a Town Board meeting, more information to follow.

On Saturday October 17th, there's a costume dance at the Grange with a return of Mr. Potts, so if anybody remembers the "Mr. Potts at the Haunted Grange," you are encouraged to attend. Bruce McClellan is playing with his new band.

The next Community Engagement will host a panel discussion scheduled for October 26th, Community Conversation Panel: Protecting Water Quality. The next committee meeting will be the next evening on the 27th. Looking forward to wrapping up our series for this year, and we are looking forward to next year, where the primary of it is a center around the Comprehensive Plan, regardless of grants or not, the committee will get that process started.

Finance Committee – Supr. Lisa Moore reported that the Board has discussed the audit. For the procurement policy, Melissa Duer, the auditor, and the Finance Committee have been working on this and the document will be distributed to the department heads for comment. It was one of the areas where we wanted to find some improvement. I believe that the grants working group have given the executive summaries.

OLD BUSINESS

Vernal Ponds at Scenic Overlook — Plan and Next Steps. Supr. Lisa Moore said that we are looking at Vernal Ponds at the Scenic Overlook with a grant from Fish and Wildlife that is administered through Soil and Water. The Plans have been submitted to the Town and are in order.

On a motion made by Councilman Chris Abraham and seconded by Councilwoman Jamie Hall to move forward on the Plans for Vernal Ponds at the Scenic Overlook was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 4. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Transfer Station – Consideration of Approval of Material Costs for Bathroom and Meeting Room Installation

Supr. Lisa Moore explained that we also have some old business on the transfer station. Supt. Jim Wight has done some work on the materials that would be needed to create a bathroom and a meeting room at the transfer station. We don't know what labor would cost, but the materials came to about $18,000.00 and there are funds available in that budget line for these improvements.

Discussion. The Board tabled the decision.

Route 21 Culvert Repair — Update on Ongoing Repair; Anticipated Additional 60 Days

Supr. Lisa Moore went through the timeline: The NYS Route 21 culvert, the project required a new engineer report, because the retaining wall was inadequate, they are still waiting

for the approval of the new report. The retaining wall has been built, but they can't move forward until the engineer approves the report. It is going to take an additional 30-60 days. The issue for residents is County Road 12 is being damaged by all of the traffic and the Ontario County Public Works and NYSDOT have agreed to fix County Road 12.

NEW BUSINESS

Data Centers — Consideration of a Resolution to Call for a Public Hearing Regarding a Proposed Prohibition of Data Centers in the Town of South Bristol

Supr. Lisa Moore explained that proposed Local Law 2 regarding the prohibition of Data Centers requires a Public Hearing.

Councilwoman Meg Fuller mentioned that in the past the local law is sent to the Planning Board for review and comments.

Supr. Lisa Moore agreed, it has been sent to the County and the Town and have discussed it with the Code Enforcement; we will have those comments.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Jamie Hall and seconded by Councilman Chris Abraham, Resolution 62-2026 was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 4. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

RESOLUTION 62-2026
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW ENTITLED "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 170 (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH BRISTOL TO PROHIBIT DATA CENTERS, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COMPUTING FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED USES"

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of South Bristol, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to schedule a public hearing to solicit public comment upon a proposed Local Law entitled "A Local Law Amending Chapter 170 (Zoning) of the Code of the Town of South Bristol to Prohibit Data Centers, Artificial Intelligence Computing Facilities and Associated Uses"; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of South Bristol has reviewed the draft of the aforementioned proposed Local Law attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and deems it in the best interests of the Town of South Bristol to proceed in accordance with the Code of the Town of South Bristol and the Laws of the State of New York in adopting said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to schedule a public hearing to be held on October 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the South Bristol Town Hall, 6500 Gannett Hill Road, West, Town of South Bristol, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk, be and hereby is, authorized to forward to the official newspaper of the Town a Notice of Public Hearing in the form substantially the same as that attached hereto as Exhibit "2"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to post a copy of the proposed Local Law on the Town of South Bristol sign board and take any and all other necessary actions to properly bring the aforementioned Local Law before the Town Board of the Town of South Bristol for its consideration.

I, Judy Voss, Town Clerk of the Town of South Bristol do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of South Bristol on September 14, 2026, by the following vote:

	Aye	Nay
Lisa Moore	x	
Stephen Cowley	Absent	
Meghan Fuller	x	
Chris Abraham	x	
Jamie Hall	x	

Dated: September 14, 2026

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Judy Voss, Town Clerk

SEAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Engagement Presentation on Protecting Canandaigua Lake October 26th.

Community Forum with NYSEG & RG&E on reducing energy costs. Bring your energy bill. October 8th, 4pm – 7pm.

Next Meeting, October 12, 2026, 6pm

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn : 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Voss
South Bristol Town Clerk