SOUTH BRISTOL TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
October 12, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING

Supr. Lisa Moore called the Public Hearing of the South Bristol Town Board called to order October 12, 2026, at 6:00pm.

PRESENT

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

RECORDING SECRETARY

Judy Voss, Town Clerk

OTHERS

Jim Wight, Jennifer Sinesbox, Karin Thack, Elizabeth Caprini, Paul Miller, Diana McCloskey, Mark McCloskey, Lewis White, John Bolton, Pam Jensen, Linda & Bruce Didsbury, Judy & Erik Von Bucher, Cathy Colby, Virginia Lalka, Wendy Hanwell, Marcia Smith, Kelli Becka, Alexandra Logan, Deb Denome, Chris Bennem, Melissa Kelly McCabe, Joe Kohler III, Elaine Messina, John Holtz

Online: Berna T., Ann Jacobs, Michael Miller, David Bowen, Mark Michaud

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supr. Lisa Moore: As we celebrate the 250th year of our nation, the town is blessed by the Community Engagement Committee with several events planned, including the Freedom Festival, an upcoming rededication of our Veterans Garden, and this month's historical costume gala on October 17th at the Grange. To thank the Community Engagement Committee for their work, one of the organizers of the event, Tom Hawks, will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilperson Jamie Hall and seconded by Councilperson Chris Abraham, the minutes of the September Town Board meeting were ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF SOUTH BRISTOL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of South Bristol on Monday October 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the South Bristol Town Hall, 6500 Gannett Hill Road - West, South Bristol, New York, regarding the adoption of a Local Law of the Town of South Bristol for the year 2026 which would amend the Zoning Law of the Town of South Bristol to add definitions for "Data Center" and "Artificial Intelligence Computing Facility" and to add regulations that prohibit the use of land in the Town of South Bristol for a data center, an artificial intelligence computing facility and for any associated

accessory structures, uses, and infrastructure necessary for the operation of a data center and/or an artificial intelligence computing facility.

Any member of the public shall be entitled to be heard upon said proposed Local Law at such public hearing. Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for public review at the Town of South Bristol Town Hall, 6500 Gannett Hill Road - West, South Bristol, New York.

This by Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of South Bristol.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED LAW

Supr. Lisa Moore: The purpose of the public hearing is to receive community input in regarding the local law amending Chapter 170 of the zoning code that would ban data center development in South Bristol. To guide our discussion, I want to reiterate that this amendment is a targeted amendment that focuses on data centers. We are not restricting our local small businesses, schools, or emergency services from maintaining their own internal server closet or technology infrastructure.

The purpose of amending Chapter 170 is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of our residents, preserve and protect the appropriate character and use of land with the Town of South Bristol, ensure that land use decisions remain consistent with the Town's comprehensive plan and established planning objectives.

Protect the adequacy and long-term planning of the town's infrastructure and public services. Avoid land use conflicts rising from the scale, physical characteristics, utility requirements, and operational characteristics of data centers. Issues that include electricity demand, water consumption, land use, noise, and environmental and health impacts, infrastructure costs, community planning, and local economic considerations.
questions.

This local law specifically blocks large-scale, stand-alone industrial data facilities whose whole purpose is high-density digital processing. We need to ensure our internal discussion reflects this exact scope so we do not inadvertently hinder standard commercial activities that align with our comprehensive plan. The board will open the floor to receive public comment, oral testimony, and written correspondence regarding the following proposed legislative item. We will review public comments, debating technical merits, and determining if text revisions are needed while the environmental review remains pending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pam Jensen submitted a comment in writing to be read into the record:

Though my legal mailing and voting address is not within the Town of South Bristol, I spend a large amount of time here as a resident and have a stake in the Town's future.

Many clear and relevant arguments were presented at last month's meeting. All are worth serious consideration. Many were in relation to the general arguments against data centers. However, as specifically relating to our own town board's decision, I did not hear any input on the property tax issue and my concerns lie therein.

A data center in the town would obviously generate some amount of property tax, but has the board considered how many full and part-time property owners would decide to move out of town given a data center nearby? And how many other potential property buyers would cross South Bristol off their list of an ideal place to invest in? Would the devaluation of current properties lead to a loss in overall tax income?

And since tourism is also a large part of South Bristol's appeal, and the resulting income for local businesses, how many of those businesses would suffer to the point of closing down as tourism dropped? And the loss of their tax dollars?

Thank you for your serious consideration of this issue. I hope that the vote will be against any data centers in our town.

Jonathan Heiderich of Gulick Road submitted a written comment to be read into the record:

Please accept these written comments for the record on the proposed local law banning data centers in South Bristol.

The concept of keeping large-scale data centers as we are seeing being built or proposed in other parts of New York and states like Virginia, out of South Bristol is something I agree with. I do have some comments, concerns about the proposed law as it is currently written.

1. The definitions are vague and not completely clear. For example, in the definition of an AI computing facility, it says "similar computational activities requiring substantial computing infrastructure." What is being used as the definition of substantial? This lack of clarity of what is substantial could have impact on existing businesses and their servers used to do normal activities. The lack of clarity could also add an enforcement issue, too.
2. The definition of data center could also impact existing businesses depending on the size of their servers. I don't think any have server systems that hit the power levels indicated, but if you are going to attempt to exempt healthcare providers, which we don't have any, to my knowledge, we should have some language protecting businesses and the town itself from being in violation of this law if they expand server sizes.
3. The list of data center types talked about peak electricity demand not exceeding various levels. I must be honest, I have not researched what the level means, but I am curious how it is determined that a data center is using a certain level of power? Do we have mechanisms for knowing the peak electricity use, or are we taking the word of a property owner or entity looking to build some type of data center.
4. Number 5 in the list of data center types includes part of the definition of an AI facility. Should one definition include part of another?
5. Do we even need the list of types of data centers with that language about power consumption when Section 2 prohibits any land in South Bristol from being used for data centers or AI facilities and their associated accessory structures.

I understand many in town do not want to delay this process any, but I think we need to go slow and make sure we do it right the first time. It is my understanding that when South Bristol banned wind and solar projects of commercial level, two public hearings were held. Is that is what planned here, or are you trying to get this done this month?

My name is Mark McCloskey of Route 64 and I just wanted to add my voice in support of the amendment, or the zoning law change and opposed to a data center in South Bristol.

John Bolton, County Road 34, I'm not for or against data centers. It doesn't matter to me much. I was just a little concerned with the haste in which this bill was being proposed. I was glad to hear you just said you were planning another Public hearings so that makes me happy.

My name is Virginia Lalka and I live on Andrews Way. I absolutely support a ban on data centers.

I'm Marcia Smith, and I live on Andrews Way. I just want to take this opportunity to thank the board for all the work that they have done, and all the information that was given to us, and the good conversations. I want to say that I wholeheartedly support the ban on data centers.

Bruce Didsbury of Cliffside Drive and I'm in support of banning the data centers in our town. As additional information that I'm bringing to tonight's meeting, I had spoken before about the data centers at other board meeting. There's a couple of pictures you can take a look at on the web. One states that approximately 2,200 data centers are being proposed across the United States. Currently, there are 100 of them taking water out of the Columbia River. There's also an additional picture of what is the size of the data center that's going into Louisiana. It was superimposed over the island of Manhattan and took up almost the entire island of Manhattan. That's what we're faced with, I'm in support of banning them.

Judy Von Bucher, Longs Point Road. We support the ban on data centers. I'm concerned about electricity usage and our electric rates, but also water consumption and near the lake. I just have a question. Has it ever been considered to add Bitcoin centers in this discussion?

My name is Alexandra Logan, and I'm very much against data centers and Bitcoin centers. And in my opinion, time is of the essence, because once one comes to the area, it's too late to stop it. The one in Dresden, there's no way to ban it, because once it's approved, which you find out after it's already coming, there's no way to stop it. And if you don't ban them before they come and start to establish rules, you have no recourse. And and if it takes time to get them banned, and this has been in the works for a long time, and the the state, has only put a halt for a short period of time. In a few months, that's going to be gone. I mean, I think that there's a limited amount of time to get this banned. So I think there is a big difference about waiting.

I'm Wendy Hanwell, I live on Vardon Drive. I'm adding my support of the ban on the build of data centers, for all of the reasons everyone has said tonight. And I would say that I very much appreciate that there are going to be two hearings, but I would say that should be it, and we can keep this going with the ban. It would be devastating to the community.

I'm, Jennifer Sinsebox on 6 Andrews Way, and I support the ban, and I believe if the board were to not support that, it would be, counterintuitive to all the grant writing work that we just did in terms of, supporting our comprehensive plan and maintaining the beauty of of the town of South Bristol.

Joe Kohler of Cliffside Drive, I did a query for the Coalition of Concerned Citizens. 100%, every one of our members that I spoke to are vehemently opposed to data centers. And as far as Bitcoin is concerned, I can speak for myself, I haven't queried them.

My name is Melissa Kelly McCabe of Stid Hill Road. I am very concerned about everything about data centers, the vibration, the water quality, putting hot water back into the lake, and the environmental impacts of having data centers and Bitcoin centers, mining. I am very concerned from a logistics perspective. In terms of our road conditions, we're already seeing this for the town with the detours for roads. People coming in and out on our roads, we don't have the infrastructure that can support the mass, the weight. I am concerned about the tourism, and as other people have mentioned, my husband and I are very opposed to having data centers and bringing Bitcoin into the conversation as well.

Deborah Denome of Hicks Road, and I am also opposed, vehemently, to data centers, Bitcoin mining, and any such operations in our town. I just did a quick internet search before I came here and came up with seven different data centers where there weren't proper regulations in place. They didn't even know what to regulate, because they didn't know what was going to happen, and/or the regulations were not enforced for up to a year or more, releasing, some articles say, staggering amounts of health-harming pollution before regulators stepped in. These are just some of the things that I have concerns about. There is really no way to regulate the environmental and electrical impact. I have concerns about that as well, but echoing everyone else, I'm opposed. Thank you so much for your consideration.

John Holtz from County Road 33. I want to say I'm opposed also, and the reason I'm up here telling you that, because I wouldn't want anybody to mistake my silence for being against this.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

On a motion made by Councilperson Stephen Cowley and seconded by Councilperson Meg Fuller, to close Public Comment was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

MOTION TO REVIEW PUBLIC TESTIMONY regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 170 of the Town Code, noting that our State Environmental Quality Review is currently ongoing and not yet finalized.

Supr. Lisa Moore made a motion that based on the public testimony and written correspondence received regarding the proposed amendment of Chapter 170 of the Town Code. And noting that our state environmental quality review is currently ongoing and not yet finalized, I make the motion first that this town board formally tables any final legislation action on proposed local law number 2 of 2026 at this time.

Second, that we direct the town attorney to review the public feedback received tonight, and from the town and county planning boards, and draft specific revisions to the proposed law, maybe adding Bitcoin, for the board's review at our upcoming November 2026 regular meeting.

And third, that we direct the town attorney's revisions be provided for the pending SEQR review. And fourth, that upon our review of the updated draft text, the board will schedule a secondary public hearing as required by New York state law prior to the final vote.

Seconded by Councilperson Meg Fuller, motion was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:25pm

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Joe Kohler, thank you for the privilege. A couple of salient points, whatever, since the last meeting. With regards to the locked-up fire hydrants at Bristol Harbor. I have met with, the Cheshire Fire Department and the other fire departments, and they want to see those hydrants opened. I have been approached, soon to be in writing, from a member of this community, a legend in this community, asking the Coalition of Concerned Citizens, when is it time to go to the Honorable Letitia James, the Attorney General of the great state of New York, and get those hydrants opened.

Thank you. And with regards to the budget and so on and so forth, I stood in this room with the previous administration requesting, some support for debates here for our elected officials. And I am told by the Election Board of Ontario County, who I met with recently, and by the state of New York, that it is I guess, and I want to be careful, I'm not an attorney, it's the law that anyone running for a statewide office must have at least one debate. That's why Governor Hochul will be debating the opposition tomorrow night, and I am still waiting. I have not had an answer back. Madam Supervisor, the people want to hear what Lisa has to say with Megan on the same stage.

Melissa Kelly McCabe, I had promised during one of the meetings when we were looking at the landfill and to get in touch with Rid Well. I am now a community builder with Rid Well, and I have been in conversation with them about what they can do. Maybe a consolidate a drop-off point, and so on. Right now, we're too small and too far away to do that, in any big way. But what they suggested is to put with, any minutes that we have or pamphlets that we have, the suggestion of how Rid-Well works, and they have plenty of flyers and content that we can use, and so I'm wondering whom do I contact within our town to say, this is what they're suggesting, what can we do?

Supr. Lisa Moore answered, can you send the material to me, and we can talk about how to promote it.

REPORTS

- Finance Report:

Executive Summary – Supr. Lisa Moore reported that we are in healthy shape with $3,694,296.08 in the bank. We received $21,000 in revenue this month, and the biggest contributor was interest, $11,445 in interest. According to our bookkeeper in September 75% of our annual budget should be expended. The general fund is 48% at this point, and the highway is 65%, so we're managing our resources very well.

Councilperson Meg Fuller asked about 3 outstanding transfers that were listed on the finance report this month, a payroll transfer on September 2nd, the abstract transfer for short, for $6,500, and a payroll transfer on the 30th. Did those get resolved?

Supr. Lisa Moore answered, I don't know the answer to that question.

Councilperson Meg Fuller, we need to make sure that those get resolved. And then, the other question I had is in regard to the highway department's checking account, they are negative right now, $247,398.00, so it's time for us to do that transfer from the A fund to the DA fund. We need to make sure that is on the Agenda for next month.

Supr. Lisa Moore agreed.

- Approval of Vouchers:

On a motion made by Councilperson Meg Fuller and seconded by Councilperson Jamie Hall, the Abstract totaling $115,026.97 was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

- Cybersafety Measures:

Supr. Lisa Moore explained that the Town's bank accounts were breached and that was caught by CNB and we have now instituted some additional security measures in terms of multi-factor identification, as well as, a new program called Positive Pay, where there is no money that goes out of our checking account that isn't manually approved. The checking account that was hacked, we've closed our savings account, even though it wasn't hacked, just as a proactive measure, and locked our accounts for a while. We are catching up now that we have these security measures in place.

- 2027 Budget:

Supr. Lisa Moore said regarding the 2027 budget, a little overview. We had a workshop on Saturday, October 10th and presented a Power Point Presentation. The presentation shows where we spend our money and where we're going to spend our money in 2027. You can see 52% is the highway fund, of course, that's one of our vital services for the town. The next place that we're going to see an increase is in fire districts, and I think we need to keep our eye on fire districts, as well as highway, because of the expenses that are going up in this inflationary period.

The good news is that there are no changes in our tax rates. For Revenue, 64% of our revenues come from the county sales tax. You may have heard that there's some controversy about what's going on at Eastview Mall. If there is controversy and our income is affected by that, it is devastating to us, and we will redo our budget, because this is how much we depend on those taxes for our budget.

The tentative budget for expenditures by department with the highway as the biggest portion. Then we have, by department, justice, assessor, town clerk, all of those add up to other half of what our expenditures are.

What I wanted to point out here is that our budget looks very similar to last year's budget. There is very little change in the departments except for the upgrade in IT and building renovations.

The other thing that we have here is the bond debt service. In the past, we've paid the bond debt service out of our taxes. I have suggested that we pay it out of our debt reserve. We have about a million dollars in our debt reserve.

With the transfers that we are talking about, there is money in the highway budget that we can spend down and then have less of a transfer. This is at the advice of the county chief fiscal officer, Mary Gates, also a South Bristol resident, who thinks that this would be a more prudent way to approach the highway budget. But the point here is that if highway needs more money, we can always put more money into highway. This is not to take money away from highway, this is just a reallocation of the way we're budgeting for it. If needed, and we may need it because we're in an inflationary time, we're ready to transfer more money over.

So, the questions and discussion that came out of this were primarily around where we pay our debt payment for our bond, which paid for our new highway barn. The discussion was tabled and we recessed the discussion to do some more research to see if paying it out of the tax revenue would impact our tax levy or our tax rate. There will be another workshop on this on October 24th at 8 a.m. on Saturday to discuss that issue primarily.

Councilperson Meg Fuller, we still owe $2 million on that highway barn, so it's a significant expenditure. The $1.1 million in that account is not the $2 million we owe.

Supr. Lisa Moore, so we can discuss those kinds of things, and my major goal here is that we create a real multi-year plan. Dan did a terrific job of putting our bond in at 2%. All the money that we receive off the money that we've sequestered for anything, we're making more money than we would spend. That is why we really need a multi-year plan on to look at carefully, not just the bond. Also, other expenditures. We're in uncertain economic times, it's inflationary period, we have emergencies that may come up because of weather-related issues. When I talked to the public commissioner, he said that if a 100-year storms that we seem to have every two years now wipes out a road, it would cost us $500,000 to a million dollars to repair it. So, we have issues that we need to really look at in terms of future multi-year planning. In addition, we have big expenditures coming, because we have aging equipment in the highway department, and we have to make sure that we have reasonable expectations when we can spend money to buy a new truck, or snowplow, or whatever we might need. I am encouraging the Finance Committee to focus primarily on a multi-year plan that would take into account all of these kinds of things next year.

Supr. Lisa Moore gave an update regarding the ZBA decision for the RV on a resident's property on Seneca Point Road. The ZBA decision was made was that the RV is allowed, no other RVs are allowed on Lakeside. The RV was allowed because it was grandfathered in when it was legal for it to be there. The sewage system was not adequate and needed to be removed.

Nevertheless, we have been sued by the plaintiff, so we are in a situation where we're being sued, and that will increase our legal fees. The legal fees that were involved in the hearing the plaintiff was supposed to cover. Our legal fees have also increased because, for example, just creating the Data Center ban is a legal expense.

Supr. Lisa Moore said that all of the financial disclosures have been submitted by the Town Board members.

Supr. Lisa Moore continued, the Justice Office is applying for a grant. We need to approve the grant that she's applying by Resolution.

On a motion made by Councilperson Meg Fuller and seconded by Councilperson Stephen Cowley, Resolution No. 63-2026 was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

RESOLUTION 63-2026
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH BRISTOL AUTHORIZING THE TOWN COURT TO APPLY FOR JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (JCAP) FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State of New York provides financial assistance to municipal courts through the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) to improve court operations, security, facilities, and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Justices of the Town of South Bristol have identified a need for enhancements to the courtroom facilities or equipment including a generator, external security cameras, and a printer / copier in the courtroom to maintain efficiency, public safety, and judicial operations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of South Bristol deems it advantageous to request funding through the current JCAP grant cycle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Town of South Bristol, NY, authorizes the Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2026-27 grant cycle, up to $30,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor, Lisa Moore, and the Town Justice, Tracey Howe, are authorized to execute any and all required application documents, contracts, or agreements necessary to secure and administer these grant funds.

Motion made by Councilperson Meg Fuller
Seconded by Councilperson Stephen Cowley
Aye 5 Nay 0 Abstain/Absent 0
Result Carried

Supr. Lisa Moore continued with the adoption of the newly written Procurement Policy. The Town Board had asked the Auditors for a review of the new Procurement Policy and with their recommendations, the document has been updated. The town lawyer has reviewed it, the auditor has reviewed it, the finance committee has reviewed it, and the town board has now reviewed it, and each department head also was asked to weigh in.

On a motion made by Councilperson Stephen Cowley and seconded by Councilperson Chris Abraham, the Procurement Policy was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

RESOLUTION 64-2026
ADOPTING AN UPDATED PURCHASING AND PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE TOWN OF SOUTH BRISTOL, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law § 104-b, the Town is required to adopt and annually review purchasing and procurement policies and procedures to promote the prudent and economical use of public funds and protect the interests of taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this updated Purchasing and Procurement Policy is intended to protect taxpayer dollars, improve transparency and accountability, encourage fair competition, promote quality and value, strengthen internal controls, improve operational efficiency, and support public trust through ethical conduct and responsible financial management; and

WHEREAS, the updated Purchasing and Procurement Policy establishes procedures and guidelines to support consistent purchasing practices and compliance with applicable laws and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the updated Purchasing and Procurement Policy, attached hereto and made a part of this resolution, effective October 12, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the updated Purchasing and Procurement Policy supersedes and replaces all previous procurement policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable Town officers and employees shall comply with the updated policy and applicable New York State laws and regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Purchasing and Procurement Policy shall be reviewed annually in accordance with New York State General Municipal Law § 104-b.

Motion made by: Councilperson Stephen Cowley
Seconded by: Councilperson Jamie Hall

Vote: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Abstentions 0
Date Adopted: October 12, 2026

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Town Clerk – On a motion made by Councilperson Stephen Cowley and seconded by Councilperson Chris Abraham the Town's Clerk's Report for September was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.
- Assessor – On a motion made by Councilperson Stephen Cowley and seconded by Councilperson Meg Fuller, the Assessor's Report for September was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.
- Code Enforcement – On a motion made by Councilperson Stephen Cowley and seconded by Councilperson Chris Abraham, the CEO Report for September was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.
- Highway Department – On a motion made by Councilperson Stephen Cowley and seconded by Councilperson Chris Abraham, the Highway Report for September was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Supt. Jim Wight said that he would like to have a couple pieces of equipment declared as surplus so they may be replaced next year. The first item is the 1984 Allis Chalmers forklift. It has all sorts of leaks and parts are no longer available. This machine does not meet OSHA standards. The second piece of equipment is our 1999 International Bucket Truck which has served us well. It is old and expensive to maintain, the hydraulics on it are very slow and it is no longer efficient to use.

On a motion made by Councilperson Stephen Cowley and seconded by Councilperson Meg Fuller, the motion to surplus the equipment was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Supr. Lisa Moore asked if there was any more thought on Stid Hill Road and the abandoned road situation?

Supt. Jim Wight said that the road was abandoned in 1985 and in 1988 was deemed qualified abandoned, which means the Town no longer does maintenance. The qualified abandonment also means that the neighbors can use the roadway at their own expense, and no gates or fences can be put up. One individual would like to see that portion a town road again and everyone else is wanting the road to stay the way it is.

Councilperson Meg Fuller said, ultimately that would be a decision for the Town Board. Discussion.

- IT – On a motion made by Councilperson Meg Fuller and seconded by Supr. Lisa Moore, to approve a new server for the building for a cost of $26,326.57 was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Councilperson Meg Fuller reported that all the quarter IT projects are finished. We're moving on to quarter four, so everyone should have an invoice in front of you. This will be upgrading the town server that it desperately needs. The funds are in the budget for this year. This $26,000.00 amount takes into account that we've had some overages and other expenses, and we can move forward with that project. The great thing is once we finish this there's going to be a little bit more work next year but in 2028 our IT projects should be very minimal.

- Buildings & Grounds – Councilperson Chris Abraham reported that the Town Hall bridge will be paved next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Parks & Recreation: scenic overlook barrier update/vernal pond update. Supr. Lisa Moore reported that the Scenic Overlook property now has vernal ponds as provided by a grant from Fish & Wildlife. This will prevent erosion and enhance natural habitat. Councilperson Chris Abraham reported that the Parks and Rec and Beautification Board met and we were approached by Matt Rischbader from Finger Lakes Community College who would like to take his students to the Overlook and do some experimental drawings as part of his class.
- Community Engagement: Councilperson Jamie Hall announced the Historic Costume Gala to Celebrate 250th anniversary of our nation, October 17 at the Grange; Community Conversation, October 26, 7:00pm. There will be a Community Conversation on October 26th, on Water Health in our Lake and what the Town could do as well as residents.
- Finance: Procurement Policy Resolution; Financial Disclosure Update. Supr. Lisa Moore said the Finance Committee went over the 2027 Budget.

OLD BUSINESS

- Route 21 Culvert Repair: Thank you to the DOT for the extra signage during the Grape Festival. New engineering design for the retaining wall that addresses steep slopes has been approved; work commenced again the week of Sept 21 and at this time is estimated to be completed before Thanksgiving. The County Commissioner of Public Works has done work on County Road 12 given the wear and tear. The NYS DOT is looking at County Road 33 to determine what work might be needed given the wear and tear to that road.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of the Justice Department's request for a uniformed officer in court monthly, on the third Thursday for 2 hours beginning January 2027.
- Remote Policy Resolution for Standing Committees. Supr. Lisa Moore explained that the resolutions allows members to attend remotely for the Standing Committees. The same resolutions was approved for the ZBA and Planning Board.

On a motion made by Councilperson Jamie Hall and seconded by Councilperson Chris Abraham, Resolution No. 65-2026 was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

RESOLUTION 65-2026

RESOLUTION 65-2026 TO INCLUDE STANDING COMMITTEES UNDER THE TOWN OF SOUTH BRISTOL REMOTE PARTICIPATION AND VIDEOCONFERENCING POLICY

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York Public Officers Law § 103-a and Town Code Chapter 41, the Town Board of the Town of South Bristol has previously adopted local legislation and a written policy governing member and public participation in public meetings via videoconference from locations not accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, the-aforementioned statutory and local framework allows the Town Board to grant similar videoconferencing and remote participation authority to the town's other public

bodies, provided that a physical quorum of the respective board meets in a designated public location where the public can attend; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems it in the best interest of the Town of South Bristol and its residents to facilitate broad participation and operational efficiency for Standing Committees by formally integrating them under the umbrella of the Town's established remote meetings policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of South Bristol hereby expands the application of its current remote participation and videoconferencing policy to include:

1. The Town of South Bristol Community Engagement Committee; and
2. The Town of South Bristol Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Committee; and
3. The Town of South Bristol Finance Committee

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that remote participation by members of the Standing Committees shall strictly adhere to all procedural safeguards, quorum requirements (ensuring a physical quorum is present at the designated meeting location), public access rules, and technological standards set forth in the Town's baseline remote meeting policy and New York Public Officers Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town-Clerk and administrative staff are directed to update public notices and ensure the remote guidelines are accessible via the South Bristol Official Website.

Motion Made By Councilperson Jamie Hall
Seconded By Councilperson Chris Abraham
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Abstain/Absent 0
Result Carried

- Resolution of Appreciation: Carol Duski, Zoning Board of Appeals. Supr. Lisa Moore read the Resolution.

On a motion made by Councilperson Jamie Hall and seconded by Councilperson Meg Fuller, Resolution No. 66-2026 was ACCEPTED. Voting AYE: 5. Voting NAY: 0. Voting AYE: Moore, Cowley, Fuller, Hall & Abraham.

Resolution No. 66-2026
Resolution of Appreciation
Carol Dulski

WHEREAS on, June 12, 2014, Carol Dulski was appointed by the South Bristol Town Board to serve as Alternate #1 on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and she became a regular member in March 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS a high personal responsibility rests on the Zoning Board of Appeal member's endeavors to collect information, welcome input from the public, balance the needs and wants of the resident against the potential detriment to the community at large as defined in the town code when making decisions and preserving the general character of the neighborhood in the Town of South Bristol; and

WHEREAS she has earned the admiration of those with whom she came into contact and the respect of his fellow Board members and town officials; and

WHEREAS Carol faithfully discharged her duties as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals from June 12, 2014, through August 21, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the South Bristol Town Board, on behalf of the residents of South Bristol, extends its sincere appreciation to Carol Dulski for her dedicated years of service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a certified copy of this Resolution, suitably embossed with the Town Seal, be presented to Carol Dulski.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- RG&E/NSEG Workshop held at the Town Hall last Thursday (Oct 8) for the community to learn more about lowering utility bills this winter.
- October 26: Community Engagement Panel Presentation on Protecting Canandaigua Lake (7pm, Town Hall)
- October 17: Historical Costume Gala at the Grange (7pm)
- November 3 Election at the Town Hall; Early Voting October 24 (Saturday)-November 1 (Sunday) at the Board of Elections, 94 Ontario Street.
- Proposition 1 on the ballot to change the term of the supervisor from 2 years to 4 years.
- **Next Meeting, November 9, 2026, 6:00pm**

ADJOURNMENT
Adjourn: 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Voss
South Bristol Town Clerk