

**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**May 18, 2026**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Supervisor Legg, Councilor Dove, Councilor Tucker, Councilor Milne, Councilor Lotkowitz, Attorney Smith.

**Absent:**

**5:30 p.m. Executive Session Executive Session/Attorney Advice:** On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned for Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the meeting returned to open session at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Marty Cregg, Scott Molnar, Karen Barkdull, Kathy Pringle, Cindy Payne, Gary Payne, Jacqueline Ferrari, James Ferrari, Tom Fairhurst.

**Also, Present (via Zoom):** Brian Buff, Jason Gabak, Sue Murphy, Chris Buff, Scott Brothers.

**Minutes of May 4, 2026:** On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Dove, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of May 4, 2026 were accepted as presented.

**Abstract #26-09:** On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Dove, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers were authorized from the following funds:

\*Abstract #26-05 attached

**Transfer Station Brush Grinding Proposals:** Supervisor Legg stated three bids were received for the brush grinding at the Transfer Station:

GreenRenewable:	\$16,250.00
Zoladz Construction Co., Inc	\$37,700.00
Clifton Recycling:	\$22,916.80

The Board discussed the proposals and the time that it would take to complete the grinding.

Brian Buff, Recycling Municipal Liaison, reviewed the quotes and recommended the Board accept the low proposal from GreenRenewable in the amount of \$16,250.00.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Lotkowitz and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the proposal from GreenRenewable in the amount of \$16,250.00 was accepted by the Town Board to grind the brush at the Transfer Station.

**Austin Park Pickleball Courts Bid Opening Results:** Supervisor Legg announced the Board was in receipt of three bids for the construction of the Pickleball Courts in Austin Park. He explained that this project would be funded by a grant from New York State that was earmarked by Senator May in the amount of \$200,000. And the remaining funding for the construction came from donations which would be able to cover the total cost of the project.

The following bids were received:

Wallbridge Davis:		<b>\$567,900.00</b>
	Alternate #1	- \$ 30,000.00
	Alternate #2	-\$ 30,000.00
JMR Excavation:		<b>\$632,280.00</b>
	Alternate #1	-\$ 36,850.00
	Alternate #2	-\$ 7,032.00
Paul F. Vitale, Inc:		<b>\$516,000.00</b>
	Alternate #1	-\$ 32,000.00
	Alternate #2	-\$70,000.00

Supervisor Legg stated the Board was in receipt of a letter from Chad Rogers of King & King Architects recommending the low bid from Paul F. Vital in the amount of \$516,000.00.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the low bid from Paul F. Vitale, Inc. in the amount of \$516,000 was accepted for the constructions of pickleball courts at Austin Park.

**Resolution Authorizing Monument Repair at Shotwell Park:** Supervisor Legg stated the World War I plaque at Shotwell Park needed an emergency repair. It had just come to the Veterans' Committee's attention that the stone and plaque were falling and causing a dangerous situation.

The Board approved an emergency repair for the World War I stone monument at Shotwell Park for \$5,500, with Dave Bean as the contractor, after determining it qualified as an emergency repair requiring immediate attention with the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES**

**Resolution Authorizing Monument Repair at Shotwell Memorial Park**

The Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles, New York (the “Town”), duly convened in regular session on May 18, 2026, at the Town Hall located at 24 Jordan Street, Skaneateles, New York 13152 does hereby resolve as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Town has learned from the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town that the World War I Monument (the “Monument”) located in Shotwell Memorial Park is in need of repair; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town views the situation as being an emergency in consideration of the state of disrepair of the Monument wall and a risk exists that components of the structure could fall if work is not completed immediately; and

**WHEREAS**, the prospect of pieces of the Monument falling to the ground below represents a danger to the health and safety of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town seeks to retain Mr. Dave Bean (the “Contractor”) to commence repair work as soon as possible on the Monument (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to comply with the requirements of SEQRA and its implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the Contractor to complete the Project in exchange for a fee not to exceed \$5,500.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board concludes that the Project must be approved without following the bidding requirements contained within the Town’s Procurement Policy because the Town Board deems the current circumstances to amount to an “emergency” as provided for in the Procurement Policy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby classifies the Project as a “Type II Action” under SEQRA, because it consists of “the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site,” as defined in the Regulations, and therefore, does not require any additional environmental review.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Sue Dove	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Aye
Lori Milne	Voting	Aye
Bob Lotkowitz	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Legg stated Janet Aaron had been working on the history of Shotwell Memorial Park and explained the park is owned by the Village of Skaneateles, but the plaques and stone walls have been maintained by the Town. He stated he is working with Mayor Sennett to manage this park and have an agreement between the Town and the Village.

**6:45 p.m. Public Hearing Introductory Local Law B of 2026 “Town of Skaneateles Code of Ethics”:** Supervisor Legg stated the Board was in receipt of Introductory Local Law B of 2026 “Town of Skaneateles Code of Ethics”. He explained that the current Code of Ethics in the Town of Skaneateles Code was adopted in 1970 and needed to be updated. NYS Association of Towns had a template that was used for this update. It was sent to the Town of Skaneateles Human Resource Firm Public Sector for review and they said it met all the NYS mandatory regulations. The Board reviewed the document as presented.

On a motion of Councilor Lotkowitz, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board opened the public hearing for Introductory Local Law B of 2026 “Town of Skaneateles Code of Ethics”.

No comments.

On a motion of Councilor Lotkowitz, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board closed the public hearing for Introductory Local Law B of 2026 “Town of Skaneateles Code of Ethics”.

Attorney Smith reviewed the resolution as accepted by the Town Board:

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**Proposed Code of Ethics of the Town of Skaneateles**

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20(4), Board Member Councilor Tucker has introduced for consideration Local Law No. 2 of 2026 entitled “Code of Ethics of the Town of Skaneateles” (the “Proposed Local Law”); and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Proposed Local Law is to establish clear and reasonable standards of ethical conduct for officers and employees of the Town of Skaneateles to ensure that officers and employees serve and benefit the public in the exercise and performance of their official duties rather than obtain unwarranted personal or private gain; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and its implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617 with respect to the Proposed Local Law; and

**WHEREAS**, following publication of notice in accordance with all legal requirements, the Town held a public hearing concerning the Proposed Local Law on May 18, 2026 in satisfaction of the requirements of the New York Town Law and the New York Public Officers Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby classifies Proposed Local Law as a Type II Action under SEQRA involving the “adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions” as set forth in Section 617.5(c)(33) of the Regulations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby adopts the Proposed Local Law, and that henceforth it will be designated as Local Law No. 2 of 2026; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file the Local Law with the Secretary of State pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 27 and to make all publications required by law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Proposed Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Milne, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Sue Dove	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Aye
Lori Milne	Voting	Aye
Bob Lotkowitz	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Town Board Meeting Schedule Updates:** Supervisor Legg stated due to the upcoming Monday Holidays Town Board meetings would have to be changed.

The Board agreed on the following Town Board meeting schedule:

June 1, 2026	Town Board 6:30 p.m.
June 15, 2026	Town Board 6:30 p.m.
July 6, 2026	Town Board 6:30 p.m.
July 20, 2026	Town Board 6:30 p.m.
August 10, 2026	Town Board 6:30 p.m.
August 31, 2026	Town Board 6:30 p.m.
September 14, 2026	Town Board 6:30 p.m.
October 5, 2026	Town Board 6:30 p.m.
October 19, 2026	Town Board 6:30 p.m.
November 2, 2026	Town Board 6:30 p.m.
November 16, 2026	Town Board 6:30 p.m.
December 7, 2026	Town Board 6:30 p.m.
December 21, 2026	Town Board 6:30 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board schedule the Town Board meetings as presented for 2026.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board scheduled a Special Work Session on May 26, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss updates to the zoning code as presented to the Town Board by the Zoning Committee.

**7:00 p.m. Continuation of Public Hearing Introductory Local Law A of 2026 “A Local Amending Chapter 148 of the Town of Skaneateles Code”:** Supervisor Legg stated at the Town Board meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> the Town Board opened a public hearing on Local Law Local Law A of 2026 “A Local Amending Chapter 148 of the Town of Skaneateles Code”. At that time the Board agreed to keep open the public hearing.

Attorney Smith stated the Board is considering 8 separate sections of the Zoning Code. And some of these sections the Board is ready to take action on, but others, the Board would be discussing at the scheduled workshop meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The shoreline issues are time-sensitive, and Attorney Smith stated it was his understanding to vote on the amendments on the sections where there is agreement, and to adjourn the ones that require further discussion. The Town Board agreed.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Milne, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board reopened the Public Hearing for proposed Local law A of 2026 “A Local law Amending Chapter 148 of the Town Code”.

No one spoke.

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Dove, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board closed the Public Hearing for proposed Local law A of 2026 “A Local law Amending Chapter 148 of the Town Code”.

Supervisor Legg stated the Board was in agreement to adopt the flowing amendments:

148-5-1 €	Prohibited Uses
148-5-2	Fences and Gates
148-7-1(K) (1)	Boat Houses

Attorney Smith reviewed the resolution as presented and stated after further review the Board could act on the additional proposed amendments: 148-5-1 ©, 148-5-5,148-10-103, 148-12-2 at the next Town Board meeting.

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## **Proposed Amendments to the Town of Skaneateles Zoning Law**

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20(4), Board Member Dove has introduced for consideration Local Law No. 1 of 2026 entitled “A Local Law Amending Chapter 148 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles” (the “Proposed Local Law”); and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Proposed Local Law is to amend certain provisions of Chapter 148 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles, more commonly known as the Zoning Law of the Town of Skaneateles (the “Zoning Law”), related to: conservation easement area calculation; definitions of data processing center battery energy storage system, lodging facility, temporary fence and temporary storage structure; dimensional requirements for two family and multi-family dwellings; prohibited uses; location of boathouses; fence standards; regulation of outdoor storage areas and temporary storage structures; and exclusion of lodging facilities from accessory uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and its implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617, and Section 239 of the General Municipal Law, with respect to these proposed amendments to the Zoning Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2026, the Town Board adopted a resolution preliminarily classifying the Proposed Local Law as a Type 1 Action under SEQRA and declared its intent to serve as lead agency for purposes of a coordinated review under SEQRA of the Proposed Local Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form and the Proposed Local Law was sent to all interested agencies for comment, and the Town Board received no objection to its serving as lead agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has met its obligation to refer to the Proposed Local Law to Onondaga County Planning for its review pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has met its obligation to refer to the Proposed Local Law to the Town of Skaneateles Planning Board for its review and report pursuant to Section 148-10-11 of the Zoning Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board held a public hearing on May 4, 2026 to hear all persons interested in the Proposed Local Law and to consider the adoption of the Proposed Local Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby confirms and adopts the following conclusions as SEQRA lead agency:

1. The Town Board hereby confirms its preliminary classification of the Proposed Local Law as a Type I Action under SEQRA (the “Action”);
2. The following impacts are expected to result from the Action, when compared against the criteria in Section 617.7 (c) of the Regulations:

- a. There will not be a substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic noise levels; a substantial increase in solid waste production; a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems.
  - b. There will not be large quantities of vegetation or fauna removed or destroyed as the result of the Action; there will not be substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species as the result of the Action; there will not be a significant impact upon habitat areas; there are no substantial adverse impacts on any known threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat of such species; nor are there any other significant adverse impacts to natural resources.
  - c. There are no known Critical Environmental Area(s) on the site which will be impaired as the result of the proposed Action.
  - d. The Action will not result in the creation of a material conflict with the Town's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted. To the contrary, the Proposed Local Law is meant to further these goals.
  - e. The Action will not result in the impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources or of existing community or neighborhood character.
  - f. There will not be an increase in the use of either the quantity or type of energy resulting from the Action.
  - g. There will not be any hazard created to human health.
  - h. There will not be an irreversible change in the use of active agricultural lands that receive an agricultural use tax exemption or that will ultimately result in the loss of ten acres of such productive farmland.
  - i. The Action will not encourage or attract large number of people to a place or places for more than a few days, compared to the number of people who would come to such place absent the Action.
  - j. There will not be created a material demand for other Actions that would result in one of the above consequences.
  - k. There will not be changes in two or more of the elements of the environment that when considered together result in a substantial adverse impact.
  - l. There are not two or more related Actions which would have a significant impact on the environment.
3. Based upon the information and analysis above, the Action **WILL NOT** result in any significant adverse environmental impacts;

4. The information available concerning the Action was sufficient for the Town Board to make its determination;
5. The Town hereby approves and adopts the attached Full Environmental Assessment Form for the Action (Parts 1, 2, and 3);
6. A Determination of Non-Significance on the proposed Action is hereby issued;
7. The preparation of an environmental impact statement for the Action shall not be required;
8. The Town Supervisor is hereby directed to sign the Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 and issue the Negative Declaration as evidence of the Town Board's determination;
9. This Determination of Non-Significance has been prepared in accordance with SEQRA and the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file, publish and distribute a notice of this Negative Declaration pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.12(a)(1);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby adopts the Proposed Local Law to amend the following sections of the Town of Skaneateles Zoning Law:

- § 148-5-1(C)
- § 148-5-1(E) Prohibited Uses
- § 148-5-2 Fences and Gates
- § 148-5-5
- § 148-7-1(K)(1) Boat Houses
- § 148-10-13
- § 148-12-2

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Proposed Local Law as adopted herein shall henceforth be designated Local Law No. 2 of 2026; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file the Proposed Local Law with the Secretary of State pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 27 and to make any publications required by law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Proposed Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Sue Dove	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Aye

Lori Milne	Voting	Aye
Bob Lotkowitz	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Jean Babbles Outreach Clerk Resignation:** Supervisor Legg stated the Town Board is in receipt of a letter of resignation from the Outreach Coordinator assistant, Jean Babbles. He thanked Jean for her commitment to the Town and announced the Town would be looking for an Outreach Coordinator and an assistant.

**Residents Request - Andrews Road Water Tower:** Supervisor Legg stated residents of West Lake Road had requested to present their concerns about the Andrews Road water tower and its location.

Gary Payne stated the following to the Board:

He stated he is here today because the Town Board has failed its most basic responsibility to inform and involve the residents of Skaneateles in decisions that affect our community. The choice to choose to place the Andrews Road Water Tower where you have chosen, without proper notice, without transparency, is a failure of governance. We will continue to fight this decision.

Jim Ferrari, 3187 West Lake Road, expressed strong opposition to the Andrews Road water tower project, arguing that it was poorly located and implemented without proper public consultation. He claimed the project was "gerrymandered" to benefit one neighbor while harming others and criticized the lack of transparency in the decision-making process. None of these neighbors will benefit from this tower.

Cindy Payne stated she spoke to over 100 people, from the East Side of the lake to the West Side of the lake, to Andrews Road, where they will benefit from the water to West Lake Street. Not one person of the 100 people that she spoke to had any idea about this.

Jackie Ferrari, 3187 West lake Road, stated , we don't want to get in the way of people needing water . We will not benefit from this water. That's not what our argument is. Our argument is you are allowing something outside the water district and what Jim said about the gerrymandering, you are allowing this prison-like structure and it is ugly. Let's make sure it looks good and is in the right spot.

Kathy Pringle, 3139 West Lake Road, stated that she had only discovered the tower's location through chance and would not benefit from the water service, while expressing concerns about the visual impact of the structure on the community. The Town did not inform the neighbors and that is not right.

They discussed the elevation of the tower and the different elevations on the parcel.

Supervisor Legg thanked them for their concerns and comments. He stated the Board and the Clerk were in receipt of their questions and FOIL requests and what answer them timely.

**Announcements/Correspondence/Updates:**

Supervisor Legg reviewed the following announcements:

*Tax Assessment Grievance Day – May 26, 2026 – 4:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.*

*2025 Water Quality Report*

*OCWA 2025 Annual Report*

*Veterans Resource Fair – June 2, 2026*

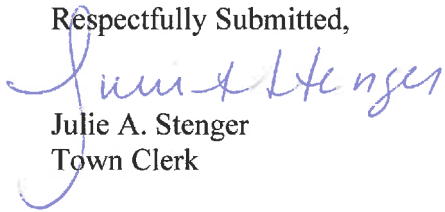
*Parks Summer Employment Opportunities*

*Farmers Market – May 21, 2026*

**Public Comment:** No comments.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A. Stenger  
Town Clerk