The Town Board met in Workshop Session this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7 PM. Present were Supervisor Hartner and Councilmembers Carucci, and Clements. There were approximately 6± audience members. Councilmember Scandinaro was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A public debate entitled "Power Struggle: Should Central Hudson Become a Public Utility" will be held on Thursday, February 12th from 6:30 to 8:30 at SUNY New Paltz. Pre-registration is required. A QR code is available on the Town's website to register.

Councilmember Clements offered a motion to amend the agenda for the purpose of adding additional agenda items. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carucci. Supervisor Hartner voted in opposition. The motion failed. Councilmember Scandinaro was absent.

LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE FOR VERKEERDERKILL FALLS TRAIL RESTORATION

On the motion of Councilmember Carucci, seconded by Supervisor Hartner and carried, to ratify the letter of support for OSI's project to restore the trail to Verkeerderkill Falls. Councilmember Scandinaro was absent.

APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET OFFICER

Resolution No. 1 - Offered by Councilmember Clements;
BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 103 of NYS Town Law, that Robert H. McKenna be appointed to serve as part-time Budget Officer effective February 4, 2026 and shall be compensated at the annual rate of $5,300.00 for the year of 2026, to be divided by the number of payroll periods between February 4th and the end of the year.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Robert H. McKenna, as a part-time employee, is not eligible for benefits.
Seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried. Councilmember Scandinaro was absent.

AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO SIGN ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES WITH UHY, KINGSTON, NY

On the motion of Councilmember Carucci, seconded by Supervisor Hartner and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the engagement letter for accounting services with UHY, Kingston, to complete the Annual Financial Report for 2025, required by the Office of State Comptroller, and to additionally authorize UHY to electronically file the Town of Gardiner's federal income tax return for an additional charge quoted between $600 and $800 to enable the Town to receive tax credits for Climate Smart projects in 2025. Councilmember Scandinaro was absent.

AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO SIGN RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH CDPHP

On the motion of Councilmember Carucci, seconded by Councilmember Clements and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the renewal agreement with the Capital District Physicians'

Health Plan for employee Dental Insurance, effective 1/1/26. Councilmember Scandinaro was absent.

AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO SIGN RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH SHELTER POINT INSURANCE

On the motion of Councilmember Clements, seconded by Councilmember Carucci, and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the renewal agreement with Shelter Point Insurance for employee Vision Insurance effective 1/1/26. Councilmember Scandinaro was absent.

AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO SIGN RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH MVP

On the motion of Councilmember Carucci, seconded by Councilmember Clements, and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the renewal agreement with MVP Health Insurance for employees Health Insurance effective 4/1/26. Councilmember Scandinaro was absent.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN OF GARDINER AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

On the motion of Councilmember Clements, seconded by Councilmember Carucci, and carried, to appoint Gardiner resident, Charles Rock as Commissioner to the Gardiner Ambulance District for a term ending December 31, 2028. Councilmember Scandinaro was absent.

On the motion of Councilmember Clements, seconded by Councilmember Carucci, and carried, to appoint Gardiner resident, Marc Alexander as Commissioner to the Gardiner Ambulance District for a term ending December 31, 2027. Councilmember Scandinaro was absent.

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

On the motion of Councilmember Clements, seconded by Councilmember Carucci, and carried, to appoint Gardiner resident, Lisa Minnetto as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilmember Scandinaro was absent.

DESIGNATION OF TOWN OF GARDINER DELEGATE TO THE NYS ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

On the motion of Councilmember Carucci, seconded by Supervisor Hartner, and carried, to appoint Town Board member Roberta Clements as the Town of Gardiner delegate for the NYS Association of Towns Annual Meeting in New York City on February 15th to 17th, for the purpose of voting on Association of Towns officers and Association of Towns officers and Association of Towns positions on legislative matters. Councilmember Scandinaro was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Carucci, seconded by Supervisor Hartner, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julia Hansen, Town Clerk