The Town Board met in Workshop Session this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 5:45 PM. Present were Supervisor Hartner and Councilmembers Clements, Ulvestad and Scandinaro. Councilmember Carucci was present via Zoom. There were approximately 15± audience members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____ and carried, the Board entered into Executive Session at _____ PM for the purpose of interviewing candidates to fill the Community Preservation Advisory Board vacancy.
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____ and carried, the Board left Executive Session at _____ PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In 2022, the Gardiner Drinking Water Committee worked with the NYS Department of Health to test 29 wells throughout Town as a snapshot of local well water quality. A slide presentation with the results is available on the Town of Gardiner website under Community/Get Involved/Drinking Water Committee. Unhealthy sulfur levels were found in three or four wells, and the Department of Health helped the property owners address the issue. The Department of Health has now received a Centers for Disease Control grant to test an additional 15 to 20 wells for 10 contaminants, including coliform, lead, arsenic, sodium, iron, sulfur, and magnesium. Gardiner residents may apply for testing using the QR code or the link on the Town website.

There will be a Special Town Board meeting on Tuesday, June 30th at 6:00 PM to discuss B.E.S.S.

Ulster County Tourism has launched a new "Coffee with the Director" community conversation series with Tourism Director Lisa Berger. These informal meetings give residents, business owners, and local leaders an opportunity to share ideas and concerns about tourism, including business conditions, county support, collaboration, infrastructure, and sustainable tourism growth. The gatherings are free, open to the public, and approximately 90 minutes long. Scheduled meetings near Gardiner include Wednesday, May 27 at 8:00 AM at Underground Café in Highland; Tuesday, June 2 at 8:00 AM at The Big Cheese in Rosendale; and Friday, June 26 at 8:00 AM at Fermata Café in Marlboro. Additional meetings will also be held in High Falls and Boiceville. For more information, contact Kristin Shufeldt at (845) 340-3566. Additional dates, times, and locations will be announced on VisitUlsterCountyNY.com.

B.E.S.S. PUBLIC HEARING AND UPDATE

The Town Clerk read the Public Hearing Notice; Supervisor Hartner opened the Public Hearing for the B.E.S.S. Moratorium Extension.

There was no public comment.

Councilmember Ulvestad provided an update on the progress of the B.E.S.S. law. He explained that, in May, the Town Board discussed several options for the proposed law, incorporating feedback from Board members and public comments received over the past several months. The NYSERDA model law is being used as the template for developing the local law. Councilmember Ulvestad reviewed a timeline he prepared outlining the steps leading to the

creation of the local law, including adoption of the Moratorium Extension, Board discussion and review of the draft law, attorney review, comments from the Ulster County Planning Board and the Town of Gardiner Planning Board, public comment, potential revisions, and adoption before the Moratorium Extension expires. The Town Board will hold a Special Meeting on June 30th specifically to address B.E.S.S. At that meeting, Councilmember Ulvestad will present recommendations to the Board regarding the direction of the proposed law, including responses to questions raised at previous meetings and topics such as noise restrictions, setbacks, and related considerations.

DUMPSTER LAW PROPOSAL

Councilmember Scandinaro introduced a draft dumpster law he has been working on. He explained that the purpose of the proposed law is to help prevent dumpsters from being placed in locations where they may obstruct roadways, create visual blight, attract vermin, or become a nuisance to neighboring properties. The Board briefly reviewed and discussed possible revisions to the definitions section, as well as areas where additional clarity may be needed. Councilmember Scandinaro will review the suggestions provided and return to the Board with a revised draft for further consideration.

DISCUSSION OF TOWN BOARD LIASISONS TO COMMITTEES AND TOWN DEPARTMENTS

The Board discussed the possibility of appointing Town Board members as liaisons to Town committees to serve as intermediaries between the committees and the Board. Board members agreed that the liaison role could be a valuable communication tool, helping to facilitate the exchange of information and create an open dialogue between committees and the Town Board. It was noted that the role would primarily be informational in nature and would not alter the responsibilities or authority of either the committees or the Board. Supervisor Hartner will circulate a list of Town committees and review Board members' interests in serving as liaisons, with further discussion and potential assignments to take place at a future meeting.

LAWN SIGNS TO PROTECT WILDLIFE, ECC

On the motion of Supervisor Hartner, seconded by Councilmember Scandinaro, and carried, to approve the request of the ECC to spend up to $335.00 for the purchase of 20 lawn signs from D. Upright and Co. with the wording “Watch Out for Me” and a picture of a turtle on either sife. Signs will be distributed to willing property owners near turtle road-crossing areas and available at the Gardiner Library. Purchase to be made from funds budgeted in line #AAA-552-8090-400, Environmental Control Contractual. Councilmember Carucci present via Zoom. Councilmember Clements opposed.

TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH NEW PALTZ CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SUMMER RECREATION

On the motion of Councilmember Scandinaro, seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad, and carried, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the transportation agreement with the New Paltz Central School District, for the transportation of participants in the TOG Summer Recreation program to and from field trips and the County pool per the schedule developed by the Summer Rec Director. Councilmember Carucci present via Zoom.

ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL CHECKLIST FOR REVIEW OF JUSTICE COURT RECORDS

On the motion of Councilmember Clements, seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad, and carried, to accept the Annual Checklist for Review of Justice Court Records for 2025 calendar year, as completed by the Court Clerk and reviewed by Councilmember Clements and Ulvestad. Councilmember Carucci present via Zoom.

AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO SIGN ACKNOWLEGEMENT OD ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

On the motion of Councilmember Clements, seconded by Councilmember Scandinaro, and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the following three documents; 1) an Acknowledgement of Administrative Order on Consent, CWA-02-2026-3024, received on May 20, 2026, from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; 2) a letter responding to the Administrative Order on Consent, and 3) a letter entitled, Status Report, detailing the status of issues raised by the EPS representatives pursuant to their visit and inspection of the Town sewage facilities on January 23, 2026. Councilmember Carucci present via Zoom.

DISCUSS POTENTIONAL PLACEMENT OF FOOD BANK REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER IN GARDINER

Supervisor Hartner explained that Family of Woodstock is interested in potentially locating a refrigerator and/or freezer on Town property to support local food pantries in southern Ulster County. Tara Hoey, Vice President of Helping Hands Food Pantry in Gardiner, provided an overview of the initiative. She explained that she and Ulster County Legislator Deb Clinton have been working together to explore the possibility of locating a refrigerator/freezer at the Town Hall. The initiative originated through the Ulster County Food Security Network, which was established to strengthen food resilience throughout Ulster County through partnerships among government agencies, local food advocates, and health organizations. Ms. Hoey reported that Family of Woodstock has received grant funding for the purchase and installation of the refrigerator/freezer and would be willing to contribute toward electricity costs if needed. The preferred size for the facility would be approximately 55 feet by 100 feet, with a minimum size requirement of 12 feet by 20 feet. She anticipates that approximately five local food pantries would utilize the refrigeration space.

E-WASTE DISCUSSION

Agenda item tabled to next week's meeting.

APPROVAL OF SUMMER RECREATION RATES

On the motion of Councilmember Scandinaro, seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad and carried, to approve the Summer Recreation rates for 2026 as follows: Resident- $750.00; Resident additional child- $700.00; Non-resident- $900.00; Non-resident additional child- $850.00. Councilmember Carucci was present via Zoom.

APRROVAL OF SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM STAFF

Resolution No. 17 - Offered by Councilmember Clements;
RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 27 of Town Law and upon the recommendation of the Director of the Summer Recreation Program, June 29, 2026, through August 7, 2026, the following named persons are hereby employed in the position indicated to be compensated at the hourly wage rate indicated for 2026, to be paid bi-weekly:

- Jena Russo, Recreation Aide (Assistant Director), at the hourly rate of _$23.00/hour
- Margaret Lynn, Recreation Aide (Senior Counselor/Arts and Crafts Director), at the hourly rate of 17.00/hour
- Peter Dillehay, Recreation Aide (Senior Counselor/Sports Director), at the hourly rate of $17.00/hour
- Mia Lutz, Recreation Aide (Senior Counselor), at the hourly rate of $16.50/hour
- Isabella Schroeder, Recreation Aide (Senior Counselor) at the hourly rate of $16.50/hour
- Evan Lewis, Recreation Aide (Senior Counselor) at the hourly rate of $16.50/hour

All positions are Part-Time with no insurance benefits.
Seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad and carried. Councilmember Carucci present via Zoom. Councilmember Scandinaro was absent.

APPOINTMENT OF ZBA MEMBER

On the motion of Councilmember Ulvestad, seconded by Councilmember Clements and carried, to reappoint Laureve Blackstone to the Zoning Board of Appeals effective July 1, 2026, for a five-year term ending June 30, 2030.

ACCEPTANCE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM MUNICIPAL BOOKKEEPER, ARLENE WEBER

On the motion of Councilmember Clements, seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad, and carried, to accept Arlene Weber's letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement. Councilmember Carucci present via Zoom. Councilmember Scandinaro was absent.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MORATORIUM EXTENSION

On the motion of Councilmember Clements, seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad and carried, to keep the Public Hearing for the B.E.S.S. Moratorium Extension open. Councilmember Carucci present via Zoom. Councilmember Scandinaro was absent.

PRIVLEGE OF THE FLOOR

Glenn Gidaly- Thank the Board for addressing dumpster issues in Town; has dumpster issues in the neighborhood; the law does not address anything about grandfathering in existing structures.

Jo Salis- Also has dumpster issues in her neighborhood; shared with the Board pictures of bears getting into neighbors' dumpsters and garbage left.

Susan Lehrer- appreciate the work the Board is putting into creating a dumpster law.

John Fazio- Not in support of a dumpster law.

Nicole Wistreich- Not in support of the dumpster law; should not be imposed on residents, only businesses.
Stef Kotso- Owner of a dumpster; has bear issues at her house; does not agree with dumpster law.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Ulvestad, seconded by Councilmember Clements and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM. Councilmember Carucci was present via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Hansen, Town Clerk