The Regular Meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at 7:00 PM. Present were Supervisor Hartner, Councilmembers Clements, Scandinaro and Ulvestad. There were approximately 19± audience members. Councilmember Carucci was present via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Legislator Deb Clinton presented the Pride of Ulster County Award to Steven Weir. The award, presented by the Ulster County Legislature, recognizes exceptional volunteer service to the people of Gardiner and Ulster County. Mr. Weir was recognized for generously volunteering his time on various Town committees, with the Office for the Aging, and by driving residents through the Neighbor to Neighbor initiative.

Registration is open for the Summer Recreation Program at Majestic Park for children 5 – 13 years old, Monday thru Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, starting June 29th and running until August 7th. Registration can be completed on the Town's website.

The Repair Café will be at the Gardiner Library on Sunday, June 28th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Repair Café also accepts nonperishable foods for the local food pantry, which is Helping Hands Food Pantry in Gardiner.

Occupancy Tax Legislation has been approved by both Houses of the New York State Legislator, the next step is for the Governor to either sign into law or veto it. She is expected to sign it before the next election which is November 3rd.

Jason Mayer, Coordinator of the Climate Smart Gardiner Task Force, announced that he will be stepping down in July. Any interested parties should reach out to the Town Supervisor.

The Gardiner Housing Smart Task Force is also seeking new members. Any interested parties should reach out to the Town Supervisor.

The Ulster County Pool will be open to the public on June 20th.

Inspections in the Sewer District are currently ongoing. The treatment plant is operating under an Administrative Order on Consent issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency due to 39 violations of the wastewater permit that have occurred since January 2023. Approximately half of the violations were for exceeding the gallons-per-month limit for effluent discharged into the Wallkill River, with other violations related to pH levels, chlorine, and suspended solids content. To address these violations, the Town sent letters in November and again in April requesting that residents schedule an inspection to confirm that stormwater is not being improperly directed into the sewer system. Out of 180 properties, 60 property owners have not yet responded. Continued violations of the Town's permit could result in significant mandated infrastructure improvements and/or civil penalties, which would ultimately be absorbed by residents in the

Sewer District. The Supervisor urged any residents who have not yet scheduled an inspection to do so as soon as possible by calling the Building Department at the Town Hall.

Councilmember Clements addressed the Board regarding Governor Hochul's request for a disaster designation from the State for Hudson Valley farmers due to crop damage and economic impacts exceeding $30 million because of the extreme weather experienced in the spring. Local County Executives also submitted letters supporting the State's effort.
Councilmember Clements made a motion for the Board's support in passing a memorializing resolution. The motion did not pass.

Councilmember Ulvestad informed the Board that he and Steve Weir attended a workshop hosted by the Department of Health on preparing for climate-related disasters. One important note was that Gardiner has designated cooling centers at Town Hall and the Library. Each attendee received a HEPA filter system, valued at $845.00, which can be used at the cooling centers to provide healthier air at those sites.

B.E.S.S. MORATORIUM EXTENSION

Councilmember Ulvestad gave an update regarding the Moratorium Extension. He explained that the Ulster County Planning Board met on June 3rd and reviewed the law, issuing a determination of "No Comment," which essentially allows the Town to move forward. Once the Town receives official documentation from the Ulster County Planning Board, it can move forward with adoption of the Extension, which is anticipated to happen at the June 30th Special Meeting focused on drafting the B.E.S.S. Local Law.

PROPOSITION TO INCREASE TOWN BOARD BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR GARDINER LIBRARY

Offered by Supervisor Hartner;
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Gardiner Town Library has presented a petition executed by qualified voters of the Town of Gardiner who represent at least ten (10%) percent of the total number of votes cast in the Town of Gardiner at the last gubernatorial election, which requests that the following question be placed on the ballot and voted on in the next general election of the Town of Gardiner:

> "Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Gardiner for the operating budget of the Gardiner Library be increased by Thirty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred Seventy-Four ($32,374.00) Dollars, to the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand, One Hundred Forty ($356,140.00) Dollars annually?"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner directs that the Town of Gardiner Town Clerk send to the Ulster County Board of Elections the aforesaid question with a request that same be placed upon the ballot of the Town of Gardiner and voted on at the next general election, to be held on November 3, 2026.
Seconded by Councilmember Scandinaro and carried. Councilmember Carucci was present via Zoom.

AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH WALLKILL VALLEY LAND TRUST FOR STEWARDSHIP SERVICES

On the motion of Supervisor Hartner, seconded by Councilmember Scandinaro, and carried, to approve the Supervisor to sign the Land Stewardship Agreement between the Wallkill Valley Land Trust and the Town of Gardiner. Funding for this agreement will be taken from budget line A-522-8800-400, CPP Contractual Expense. Councilmember Carucci present via Zoom.

FAMILY OF WOODSTOCK REFRIGERATION/FREEZER UNIT

Tabled to the July 14th meeting.

AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH PURE BLISS WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

On the motion of Supervisor Hartner, seconded by Councilmember Scandinaro, and carried, to approve the Supervisor to authorize the installation of a new UV system in the pole barn at Majetic Park for a cost up to $5,425.00. Councilmember Carucci present via Zoom.

DISCUSSION ON E-WASTE PROPOSAL

Councilmember Clements gave a follow-up update regarding the E-Waste proposal at the Transfer Station. She explained that she received bids for repairs to the container doors at the Transfer Station that could potentially be used for E-Waste collection. There are three bay doors: one is stuck open, one is closed, and one is difficult to open. Ms. Clements explained that she received three bids. The first bid was for $325.00, which includes locks and greasing the tracks; the second bid was for $550.00, which includes securing the doors and adding locks; and the third bid was for $985.00, which includes repairing all three doors, including replacing hinges, springs, and related hardware.

After a detailed discussion, the Board ultimately decided that they would feel more comfortable reviewing the sample agreement between the Town and E-Waste and making modifications as deemed appropriate, specifically redlining any costs the Town could absorb.

On the motion of Councilmember Clements, seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad, and carried to table the Resolution until the Board reviews and amends any necessary changes deem fit. Supervisor Hartner opposed. Councilmember Carucci was present via Zoom.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT SUMMER RECREATION STAFF

Resolution No.19 - Offered by Supervisor Hartner;

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:

- Shelby Eller, Recreation Aide (Health Director) at the rate of $25 per hour.

- Nolan Graziano, Recreation Aide (Aquatics Director) at the rate of $25 per hour.
- Holden Atkins, Recreation Aide (Senior Counselor) at the rate of $16.50 per hour.
- Even Lewis, Recreation Aide (Senior Counselor) at the rate of $16.50 per hour.
- Zoe Poller, Recreation Aide (Senior Counselor) at the rate of $16.50 per hour.

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

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

On the motion of Councilmember Ulvestad, seconded by Councilmember Scandinaro, and carried, to nominate Angela Corsilles to the Community Preservation Advisory Board, for a term to expire December 1, 2028. Councilmember Carucci was present via Zoom.

APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME CLEANER

Resolution No. 20 - Offered by Supervisor Hartner;
RESOLVED, pursuant to Town Law, that Koren Upright is hereby appointed as part-time Cleaner and to be compensated at the rate of $24.00 per hour to be paid bi-weekly.
FURTHER RESOLVED, that Koren Upright shall not be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a part-time employee of the Town, effective June 10, 2026.
Seconded by Councilmember Scandinaro and carried. Councilmember Carucci was present via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF SIGN FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

Tabled for the June 30th Special Meeting.

BIANNUAL BUDGET MODIFICATION

On the motion of Supervisor Hartner, seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad, and carried, to approve the 2026 budget modifications as attached. Councilmember Carucci was present via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF JUNE WARRANT

On the motion of Councilmember Scandinaro, seconded by Councilmember Clements, and carried, to approve the June warrant report, dated June 10, 2026, for a total of $196,451.28. Councilmember Carucci was present via Zoom.

APPROVE PAYMENT FOR HVAC REPAIR AT TOWN HALL

On the motion of Supervisor Hartner, seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad, and carried, to authorize payment of $725.00 to Mainstay Mechanical HVAC for repair of the air conditioning system in the Town Hall. Payment to be funded from the Building and Ground Contractual Expense line item, AAA-522-1620-400. Councilmember Carucci was present via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from April 7th, May 5th, May 11th, and May 12th were approved as written on the motion of Supervisor Hartner, seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad, and carried. Councilmember Carucci was present via Zoom.

CLOSE B.E.S.S. MORATORIUM EXTENSION PUBLIC HEARIING

Andi Bartczak- We do need a B.E.S.S.; State has strictest regulations; Would like to know where they should not be located.

On the motion of Councilmember Ulvestad, seconded by Councilmember Scandinaro, and carried, to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Carucci was present via Zoom.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Andi Bartczak- Suggests E-Waste locations/drop off locations in Ulster County be on the Town's website.

Deb Clinton- Ulster County Legislature has a resolution scheduled for June 16th regarding the Disaster Designation, specifically recognizing the impact on the County's farmers. She also addressed the repaving project on Albany Post Road from Bruynswick to Libertyville. The Ulster County DPW Commissioner stated that, due to dry conditions, the County will be spreading a dust control agent. Phase 2 is scheduled to begin Monday, with an estimated completion date of two weeks.

Councilmember Carucci added a last-minute agenda item for the approval of mulch for the playground at Majestic Park, which is required by the Department of Health for the upcoming Summer Recreation Camp beginning June 29th.

On the motion of Councilmember Ulvestad, seconded by Councilmember Scandinaro, and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to authorize an expenditure of up to $3,200.00 for the purpose of buying mulch for Majestic Park pending the Supervisor receiving written quotes. Councilmember Carucci was present via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Ulvestad, seconded by Supervisor Hartner, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM. Councilmember Carucci was present via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Hansen, Town Clerk