TOWN OF GARDINER

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TOWN BOARD
THURSDAY, November 5, 2026, 7:00 PM

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1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Announcements**

- **Ulster County's Annual Award Program for "Public Health Champions."**

Ulster County has an annual award program for "Public Health Champions," which they define as people who demonstrate that protecting and improving health is not limited to healthcare or public health agencies, it happens wherever people *step beyond their expected roles to make their communities healthier*." Selected this year as a Public Health Champion is Gardiner's Jason Mayer for his outstanding work leading the Gardiner Climate Smart Task Force since 2019. There will be an award ceremony in Kingston on Friday, November 13th, from 5 to 7 pm at the 68 Prince St. Gallery. Gardiner residents are welcome to attend to help celebrate Jason's achievement.

- **Town of Gardiner Historian AJ Schenkman Publishes "A History Lover's Guide to the Hudson Valley"**

Another of the over 70 Gardiner residents who do volunteer work for the Town also deserves recognition today. I'm pleased to announce that our Town Historian, A.J. Schenkman, has authored a new book, *A History Lover's Guide to the Hudson Valley*, published by Arcadia Publishing. The book showcases the people, places, and stories that have shaped the Hudson Valley, and reflects A.J.'s long-standing commitment to bringing local history to life. Congratulations to A.J. on this well-deserved achievement.

- **Speed Limit Study, Albany Post / Bevier Section**

Following a request from a resident near the intersection of Albany Post Road and Bevier Road, the Town asked the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) to extend the 40 mph

speed limit south of the intersection along Albany Post Road. DOT has completed its study and determined that the extension is warranted. Implementation is pending.

- **Wallkill River Watershed Alliance, 2026 Summit**

I would like to highlight an upcoming event that may be of interest to residents: the 2026 Wallkill River Summit, which will be held a week from today, Thursday, November 12 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at SUNY Orange in Middletown. The free event will bring together experts to discuss the health, history, and future of the Wallkill River, including topics such as water quality, harmful algal blooms, flood mitigation, Black Dirt agriculture, and river restoration. Residents with an interest in our watershed and environment are encouraged to attend this valuable educational opportunity. A flyer about the summit can be found in the online Agenda Packet related to this meeting.

- **Ulster County Expands Warming Center Hours for 2026–2027 Season**

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger recently announced a significant expansion of Warming Center operations for the 2026–2027 winter season, which began on October 1, strengthening the County's ability to provide safe, reliable overnight shelter throughout the coldest months.
From October 1 through November 30, the Kingston Warming Center is operating nightly from 7 PM to 9 AM, regardless of temperature. Starting Tuesday, December 1 through March 31, 2027, the Kingston site will shift to full 24-hour continuous activation throughout the winter.
There are two locations:

- Kingston Warming Center, 2nda Iglesia Church, 80 Elmendorf Street, Kingston
- Ellenville Warming Center, Hunt Memorial Building, 124 Canal Street, Ellenville.

Family of Woodstock Hotline is available for questions at (845) 338 2370.
Arrangements have been made with local law enforcement agencies, the County Sheriff and State Police, to transport individuals in need to a warming center.

- **Gardiner Housing Smart Task Force Vacancies**

The Gardiner Housing Smart Task Force helps to expand and improve housing stock within the town. They review housing data; identify barriers to housing development, such as zoning restrictions, infrastructure limitations, or permitting issues, and study topics such as accessory dwelling units (ADUs), workforce housing, senior housing, and affordable housing. If you're interested in joining, please get in touch with the Housing Smart Coordinator, Tom Penichter. Just type the "housing" into the search bar of the Town of Gardiner website to get Tom's contact information.

3. **Opening of the Public Hearing on the 2027 Budget**

4. **Opening of the Public Hearing on Adoption of Law Permitting the Town to Override the 2% Tax Cap Limit**

5. **Budget Transfers, Bob McKenna, Budget Officer**

6. **Internal Audit Discussion, Councilmembers Clements and Carucci**

7. **Proposed Policy and Procedure for Correction of Private Property Inflow and Infiltration into the Wastewater Treatment Plant**

8. **Hearing on Unsafe Building Proceeding Pursuant to Chapter 96 of the Town Code, 600 Route 208 (SBL 94.3-4-24)**

9. **Continuation of Occupancy Tax Public Hearing**

10. **Discussion of Potential Revision of Town of Gardiner Ethics Code, Councilmember Roberta Clements**

11. **Discussion of Fees and Fines, Councilmembers Roberta Clements and Wolfe Scandinaro**

12. **Approval of Purchase and Installation of Ultraviolet Water Disinfection System for Town Hall**

13. **Accept Resignation of ECC Member**

14. **Establishment of Escrow Account for LeFevre Patent Subdivision**

15. **Public Commentary (Privilege of the Floor)**

16. **Executive Session**

17. **Adjournment**