

Town of Keene – Regular Town Board Meeting

June 9, 2026 #11

5:30 PM – Town Hall

Vouchers: 443-482

Resolutions: 164-168

Abstract #10

Board Members Present:

Joe Pete Wilson, Supervisor; Robert Biesemeyer, Christopher Daly, Teresa Cheetham-Palen; Ann Hough

Town Officials Present: Savana Li, Water Superintendent; Ryan Hall, Highway Superintendent

Town Counsel Present: Bryan Liam Kennelly

Absent: Robyn Shumer, Town Clerk

Call to Order

Supervisor Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:34PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Recited

Approval of Minutes

Resolution 164 - Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Motion made by Mr. Biesemeyer, seconded by Ms. Hough; all approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

None.

Town Clerk Business

No report.

Highway Department Update

None.

Water System Updates

Savana Li reported that draft engineering and design work is underway for the water project. Drilling activities are anticipated to begin next month.

The Board discussed invoices received from AES for engineering services. Caroline is preparing the Town's first reimbursement request to the Environmental Facilities Corporation. It was noted that reimbursement requests may be submitted before invoices are paid, reducing the need for the Town to front project costs.

Old Business

Transfer Station Electrical Service

Discussion regarding electrical service at the transfer station was tabled until next month.

Library Update

Bob reported on the library board meeting held the previous evening.

- Progress is being made toward resolving issues involving grant funds and banking.
- Joe Pete met with library representatives and state library officials.
- A framework acceptable to all parties appears to be developing.
- Maggie will provide information to assist with preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding.
- Cindy and Town staff are gathering requested financial information.

Board members expressed optimism regarding the progress being made.

New Business

Town Website

The Board discussed ongoing issues with the Town website.

- The site has experienced security problems and technical difficulties.
- Volunteers have been maintaining the website, but the workload has become too great.

- The possibility of hiring a contractor or rebuilding the website was discussed.

Joe Pete will obtain estimates and report back to the Board.

Video Recording and Remote Participation

Discussion was held regarding the Town's camera system and remote participation in meetings.

Topics included:

- Ongoing technical difficulties with the camera system.
- Requirements of Open Meetings Law.
- The distinction between broadcasting meetings and allowing remote participation.

Liam will research legal requirements and possible options. Joe Pete will pursue repairs to the camera system.

Additional Business

Supervisor's Monthly Report

Resolution 165 - The May Supervisor's Report was presented. to approve made by Mr. Biesemeyer, seconded by Ms. Hough, all approved. Motion carried.

Audit Services

Board members discussed efforts to secure municipal audit services.

Chris reported ongoing discussions with one accounting firm. Bob noted that another contact may no longer be available. Updates will be provided as additional information becomes available.

Resolution – Approval of Online Bill Payments

Resolution 166 - Motion made by Mr. Daly, seconded by Mr. Beiesemeyer, all approved; Ms. Hough abstained

All in favor. Carried.

Resolution – Audit and Payment of Monthly Invoices

During discussion, Voucher #455 was removed from consideration.

Resolution 167 - Motion made by Mr. Daly, seconded by Mr. Beiesemeyer, all approved; Ms. Hough abstained- to amend the abstract to exclude Voucher #455. Voucher #455 will be revisited at a future meeting

Carried.

Adjournment

Resolution 168 - Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 PM. Motion made by Mr. Beiesemeyer, seconded by Ms. Hough, all approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Shumer
Town of Keene

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		Town of Keene			
		Abstract of Claims			
		June 9, 2026			
		Town Board Meeting			
	Abstract #9, 2026			Voucher #'s 443-482	
				Res. No. 164-168	
	Department	Prepaid Vouchers	Unpaid Vouchers	Total	
	General	\$20,059.81	\$20,059.81		
	Highway	\$9,658.03	\$9,658.03		
	Library	\$194.56	\$194.56		
	Water District #1	\$1,082.62	\$1,082.62		
	Water District #2	\$57,609.53	\$57,609.53		
	Roost Enhancement Tax				
	HRA				
	Total:			\$0.00	
			\$88,604.55		
	To the Supervisor,				
	I certify that the vouchers listed above were audited by the Keene Town Board on			June 9, 2026	
	and allowed in the amounts shown.				
	You are hereby authorized and directed to pay the claimant the amount opposite his name.				
			6.9.2026		
	Robyn Shumer, Town Clerk		Date		