

## **Town of Keene – Regular Town Board Meeting**

9.9.26 #17

6:15 PM – Keene Valley Library

**Vouchers: 718-784**

**Resolutions: 212-227**

**Abstract #16**

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### **Board Members Present:**

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

### **Town Officials Present:**

Robyn Shumer (Town Clerk), Savana Li (Water Superintendent)

**Town Counsel Present:** Bryan Liam Kennelly, Esq.

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### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 615PM. Pledge recited in previous meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve August 26 meeting minutes **Resolution 212.**

### **Privilege of the Floor**

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### **Town Clerk Business**

Motion to approve updated cemetery guidelines, rules/regulations made by Ms. Hough, seconded by Ms. Palen, accepted by all, **resolution 213.**

Motion made by Ms. Palen, seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer, all approved to reimburse town clerk \$40 per month for use of personal cell phone for town business until a new phone/plan is activated, **resolution 214.**

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### **Highway Department Upe**

Ryan shared pricing for four doors and window replacements at the garage. Only received one quote despite four conversations, of \$15,500. Motion to accept proposal **resolution 215.**

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### **Water System Updates**

Water 2 project is waiting for the screen, hoping for delivery mid-September.

Motion made by Ms. Hough, seconded by Ms. Palen, approved by all to approve purchase of a new gas truck for up to 58k and to sell current truck to highway, **resolution 216**.

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### **Old Business**

Electric service at transfer station: Motion to accept lowest bid from Mt. Electric for \$20,290.00 with condition that work begins this month, motion made by Ms. Hough, seconded by Ms. Palen, all approved, **resolution 217**.

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### **New Business**

Sales Tax Distribution by Essex County for capital projects: Supervisor Wilson also advised the board that Essex County will provide the town with a one-time redistribution of approximately \$238k in 2025 tourism sales tax revenue. The funds will be used for a capital project.

Motion made by Mr. Biessemeyer, seconded by Ms. Palen, accepted by all to accept 2026 [Budget Calendar](#), **resolution 218**.

Motion made by Mr. Biesemeyer, seconded by Ms. Hough, all approved to sell a green burial plot to Claudia Bonsack, **resolution 219**.

Motion made by Ms. Hough, seconded by Mr. Biesemyer, all approved to accept the Barkeater's request to apply for one-day liquor permits **resolution 220**.

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### **Local Law Process:**

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### **Executive Session**

Motion to adjourn to enter executive session @ 632PM, **resolution 222**.

Motion to return from executive session at 705PM made by Ms. Palen, seconded by Ms. Hough, all approved, **resolution 223**.

### **Additional Business**

## Budget Resolutions

Motion to approve payment of \$993 to Jerry Smith for double billing error, motion made by Ms. Palen, seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer, all approved **resolution 224.**

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## Audit Bills

Motion to pay online bills made by Mr. Biesemeyer, seconded by Ms. Hough, all approved **resolution 225.**

Motion to audit and pay monthly invoices made by Mr. Biesemeyer, seconded by Ms. Hough, all approved **resolution 226.**

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## Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Biesemeyer, seconded by Ms. Hough, approved by all to adjourn, **resolution 227.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Robyn Shumer**

Town of Keene

| Town of Keene                                                                            |                  |                 |                                        |
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| Abstract of Claims                                                                       |                  |                 |                                        |
| 9/9/2026                                                                                 |                  |                 |                                        |
| Town Board Meeting                                                                       |                  |                 |                                        |
| Abstract #16, 2026                                                                       |                  |                 | Voucher #'s 718-784<br>Res. No.212-227 |
| Department                                                                               | Prepaid Vouchers | Unpaid Vouchers | Total                                  |
| General                                                                                  | \$7,834.25       |                 |                                        |
| Highway                                                                                  | \$8,247.47       |                 |                                        |
| Library                                                                                  | \$468.92         |                 |                                        |
| Water District #1                                                                        | \$622.61         |                 |                                        |
| Water District #2                                                                        | \$23,310.81      |                 |                                        |
| Roost Enhancement Tax                                                                    |                  |                 |                                        |
| Trust & Agency Fund                                                                      |                  |                 |                                        |
|                                                                                          |                  |                 |                                        |
| <b>Total:</b>                                                                            |                  |                 |                                        |
|                                                                                          | \$40,484.06      |                 |                                        |
| To the Supervisor,                                                                       |                  |                 |                                        |
| I certify that the vouchers listed above were audited by the Keene Town Board on October |                  | August 26, 2026 |                                        |
| and allowed in the amounts shown.                                                        |                  |                 |                                        |
| You are hereby authorized and directed to pay the claimant the amount opposite his name. |                  |                 |                                        |
|                                                                                          |                  | 9.9.2026        |                                        |
| Robyn Shumer, Town Clerk                                                                 |                  | Date            |                                        |