

Town of St. Armand
Public Hearing – Battery Storage Facility Moratorium 5:30 pm
Regular Board Meeting 6:30 pm
Thursday, March 19, 2026

These Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting Minutes were approved by the St. Armand Town Board on April 23, 2026.

A Public Hearing was conducted on the above date and time via webinar and in person at the Town Hall, 1702 NYS Route 3, Bloomingdale, NY. The Meeting was advertised and made available to the public.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Town Supervisor Davina Thurston, Deputy Supervisor Karl Law, and Councilperson Donna Whitelaw, and Councilperson JP O’Neil were present at the meeting.

A quorum of the Board was in attendance.

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli was excused from the meeting.

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Town Assessor Timothy Burpoe and Town Clerk Barbara Darrah.

GUESTS FROM THE COMMUNITY: In-person attendees: Sandra Aery, Paul Aery, Raymond Amell, Nancy Bernstein. Barbara Black, Diane Chase, Terry Coombs, Albert Davis, Rob Elfers, Missy Elfers, Carol MacKinnon Fox, Dillon Fuller, Dustin Fuller, Lindsay Glowaki, Andrew Gordon, Jonathan Gorgas, Denise Griffin, Tom Hesseltine, Aaron Hesseltine, Tim Jackson, Alison King, Michael Knapp, Stephan Koff, Riya Kurian, Sarah Larson, Aaron Marbone, Bernadette Martin, Cameron McCormick, James McCormick, Valerie Pawlewicz, Carol Reyell, Jeff Reyell, Rob Reyell, Michael Richardson (Third Act), Alan Roberts, Nancy Roberts, Tim Rowland, Martin Rowley, Anne Stowers, George Stowers, Diana Strablow, Suzan Sweeney, Kevin Taylor, Carol Techman, Peter Waldt, Julie Walsh, Matt Warner, Rosemary Warner, Michael Woodruff, and Lisa Yanchitis.

On-line attendees: James Abendroth, Donald Amell, Doug-Carthage, Josh Colby, L. Evans, Daniel Frechette, J. Fuller, IML-Saranac Lake, Lynch-Saranac Lake, Kara Matthews, Adam Mayville, Sarah – New York, C. O’Connor, Beth Rowland, Anthony Samperi, David Smith, Tramalot, Guest-East Syracuse.

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Davina Thurston called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30 pm and asked all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Thurston asked Town Clerk Barbara Darrah to read aloud the Public Hearing Notice.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND CHANGE OF DATE IN MARCH’S MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand, Essex County, New York, will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING for the Adoption of proposed Local Law No.1 of 2026 Establishing a Twelve-month Moratorium prohibiting the review and approval of applications and permits for “BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS)” in the Town of St. Armand to be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 5:30 pm, at the Town of St. Armand Town Hall, 1702 NYS Route 3, Bloomingdale, NY 12913. This notice also serves to notify the public that the Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2026 has been rescheduled to Thursday, February 19th, 2026 at 6:30 pm, at the Town of St. Armand Town Hall, 1702 NYS Route 3, Bloomingdale, NY 12913. Following is the link information to attend on line:

Thursday, March 19th:

Public Hearing Battery Energy Storage Facility Moratorium 5:30 pm & Regular Board Meeting 6:30 pm
Mar 19, 2026, 5:30 – 8:30 PM (America/New_York)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/256062789>

You can also dial in using your phone.

Access Code: 256-062-789

OPENING COMMENTS, CONCERNS, AND QUESTIONS FROM GUESTS AND STAFF:

Supervisor Thurston explained this Public Hearing was being held in order to hear public comments and concerns from local residents regarding the moratorium for the Battery Energy Storage Facility. She then opened the floor to those who wanted to speak in person and on-line with comments, concerns and questions. The collective comments and questions presented below are not verbatim, but brought forth from the discussions as accurately as possible.

Rob Reyell: Lives at 199 Trudeau Rd., across from the proposed site. Rob thanked the Board for taking the time to look at this. Stated he is representing a hard core group of constituents who are extremely concerned and adamantly opposed to the Battery Energy Storage facility. They are pro moratorium. He submitted a signed petition with 165 signatures to put on record with the town that they are opposed to the facility. Almost 100% of the people (residents) were not aware of this facility. Found a great article from an interview done in a town downstate with Carson. The #1 concern is what happens if there is a fire. There is a lot of dry brush in the spring. Afraid for the Fire departments having to fight a fire of this magnitude. The 2nd concern is the environmental impact. It takes one fire where we live. The bottom line matter is about the location. This is a residential area. This type of system belongs in an industrial-use facilities area. Restated the constituents are adamantly opposed to this.

Larry Sweeney: Lives on Pisgah Lane, the entrance to the Recreational Park. Harrietstown will also be affected, in addition to the bicycle trails, etc. There will be added traffic. Nobody knows enough about this. This (Trudeau Rd.) is just a neighborhood with Mt. Pisgah, schools. Currently, the substation is humming. The sound carries a long way. This system would be built next to a blasting quarry. We need time to get the information out to the people. It does not belong in a neighborhood. The area is also a watershed area, and environmentally, the water flow goes to the Fish and Game Club.

Peter Waldt asked a question to Carson. Why the site was picked as the site? Can Carson explain how the site was selected?

Answer: There will be an information session next month hosted by Carson. It is because of the existing sub-station on Trudeau Rd. led to the selection. Attendees at the meeting stated there is a substation in Ray Brook, and Lake Clear has an Industrial Park to handle the voltage levels/loading thresholds.

Tom Hesseltine: Not sure if everyone is aware of the money involved for the use of their property. Carson approached him to use his property and the money offer involved was approximately \$100,000 per year. During their presentations they can say anything they want. Just a couple of weeks ago, a car caught on fire in Malone. The car battery size compared to the dimensions of these batteries: These batteries are approximately the size of a tractor trailer, of which there will be several (4 or 5 stacked in). The proposed site is residential.

Allan Roberts: Has been a resident of St. Armand for 26 years. Built a house on Vista Drive. I have several points I would like to read outline out loud:

* Ground water integrity on wells. If there is a fire, there will be heavy metals posing health risks, nasty chemical gasses (hydrogen cyanide gas or hydrogen fluoride gas) plus 20 other gasses that can come up affecting watershed. Topographical effects to leaching down into our aquifer.

Health risks. His career was in Science (Biological science in immunology)

The Watershed. Topographically drains into The Saranac River Basin.

If something goes wrong, whose insurance company is going to pay for it? Ours? Yours? Theirs?

Quality of Life: If I sit on my back deck, I hear the hum; listening to the drone of the system now, additional noise, traffic, aesthetics of having an industrial facility.

Proximity of vulnerable population and existing facilities with critical infrastructure: Hospital/Adirondack ARC/Headstart/Adk Education (BOCES). Neighbor has COPD.

Detrimental impact on residential property. Value of property goes down?

Mike Knapp: Did some research on the school bus fire in Williston, VT. Wanted to say it was a 12-volt battery that started the school bus fires, which used copious amounts of water.

Mike Woodruff, Fire Chief: a lithium battery fire is put out with water. This type of fire could take up to 50,000 to 180,000 gallons of water. A facility of this size is going to be a long day.

Mike Knapp: Sees what everyone has to say. If it happens, we are going to get the job done.

Alison King: Michael Richardson (Third Act) could not be here and she read remarks are from Third Act: Third Act supports the Carson Power Battery Energy Storage system. The written remarks were submitted to the Town Clerk at the meeting.

Alison's personal comments: Alison gave a brief background of her experience as a scientist in toxicology/risk assessment, and regulation in toxic substances. Her husband is a hydro-geologist studying ground water in the Adirondacks. She stated part of the future is to hold onto solar battery power. The cost of batteries dropped 40%. Grid scale failure rate has dropped 98%. Safety standards are now in New York State's codes. People need to have those facts. It may take a year to get the facts out to the public similar to oil heat conversion to heat pumps. She and her husband have been volunteering to bring information to the public. Battery storage is a part of the future. We don't need to reinvent the wheel; we need to get the information out. She is willing to help. She will ask her husband (to come in and talk about the aquafer questions). She thinks moving forward with the project will reign in electric costs.

Unidentified speaker: Is the technology of these batteries impacted by extreme low temperatures?
Answer: Riya Kurian, Carson Power. They are designed/rated for minus 22F up to 122 fahrenheit.

Tim Johnson: Is in general support of the moratorium, in order to have time to set expectations. Use the time, set building standards, study the fire safety regarding temperatures and explosions. It will give us the time for the Town to set expectations.

Supervisor Thurston: That is exactly the reason we are holding this Public Hearing is to A) Make sure people know the facts, B) There is no building permit for this type of thing. Take time to develop a comprehensive building permit, and C) if it were to move forward, we need a local law regulating these facilities. That is the whole point of the moratorium.

Diana Strablow, Village of Saranac Lake: Appreciates all the concerns, especially those who live so close to the proposed location. She has been an advocate for doing what we can do to prevent the worst impacts of Climate Change. I was not very aware of the essential role of Battery Storage Facilities. I am asking tonight that we all keep an open mind to the possibility that there are benefits of the proposed facility that could outweigh the risks:

- * Improves the reliability of the power grids.
- * Lower costs of escalating Energy costs
- * Reducing bottlenecks in the electrical system
- * Manufacturing
- * Peak need will gradually move to the winter
- * Fire Safety – recalling Haze from the Canadian Wildfires and picturing a fire in Adirondacks
- * Listen and Learn/ Carson Power Informational Session

Martin Rowley: Lives on Pisgah. Just an observation that there has not been a lot of forethought on this, hence the oppositions. Has been researching informational links. Suggests posting a link to gain more information and where.

Carol Reyell: Asked would anyone want this in their backyard? No. In favor of the moratorium. She would like to know who is going to make sure New York State regulations are followed? She says no one knows enough about this and to slow it down.

Dillon Fuller: Who is the real benefactor of this?

Denise Griffin: Vermontville. Supports the Battery Storage system, due to the electric demand and the technology that has a track record. She is against the moratorium.

Bernadette Martin: Owns a farm on Route 3. Recently attended an NRCS meeting with USDA and suggested that more attention be given to Saranac River and the Watershed. She stated she is not against the Moratorium. She asked if there is an impact statement?

Cameron McCormick: Trudeau Rd. With the information we have, are we against it, for it or not? Do we feel fully confident that we have enough information? I think most of us say no. There needs to be more time involved in answering these questions.

Jeff Reyell: Trudeau Rd. Retired insurance agent of 48 years. We deal with liability. We write the check. The liability that can occur with something like this brings to mind, who is going to deal with the

liabilities of asthma or COPD for life? If those affected inhale the fumes? There is liability all over the place for something like this.

Sandra Aery: commented that this would be a good time to seriously look at town-wide zoning?
Supervisor Thurston: Reported that currently there is questionnaire being mailed in the next few weeks. Please fill it out and mail it back.

Unidentified speaker: He is not against battery storage, just the proposed residential location. It's the neighborhood.

Susan Sweeney: Pisgah Rd. Has a question about stated it is a one-year moratorium: At one point it was stated in the Adirondack Enterprise that the town can end the moratorium at any time.
Supervisor Thurston: If we are hearing from the residents of the Town of St. Armand that you don't want this, then you don't have this. It means that we don't have to wait a year to end the proposal.

Andrew Gordon, Carson Power: To continue the dialogue, Carson Power will host an Information Session on April 29th at 5:00 pm at the Mt. Pisgah Ski Lodge. It will be a chance to learn more about Battery storage.

Unidentified speaker to Andrew Gordon: Who is Rockford Solar?
Answer from Carson Power: Rockford Soar is a solar farm Carson Power built in Illinois. Unrelated.

Supervisor Thurston thanked every single person for attending and more importantly for being respectful to each other during the open session, and stating we are true Adirondackers. Thurston announced that the Local Law for adopting the moratorium on the Battery Energy Storage System would be presented by Resolution at the Regular Board Meeting immediately following this Public Hearing. Those present applauded the Board and expressed their appreciation for the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing extended to 6:34 pm. A five-minute recess took place to give time for the attendees to exit the Board room.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Town of St. Armand
Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 pm
Thursday, March 19, 2026

Supervisor Thurston opened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:35 pm directly following the Public Hearing.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Town Supervisor Davina Thurston, Deputy Supervisor Karl Law, Councilperson Donna Whitelaw, and Councilperson JP O'Neil. A quorum of the Board was in attendance.

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Town Clerk Barbara Darrah.

EXCUSED: Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli, Highway Superintendent Douglas Snickles, Water Superintendent Jonathan Nielsen, and Wastewater Superintendent Josh Woodruff were excused from the meeting.

GUESTS FROM THE COMMUNITY: Diane and Tyler Chase, Kathleen Daggett, Andrew Gordon, Jonathan Gorgas, Tom Hesseltine, James J. Jones, Riya Kurian, Aaron Marbone, William C. Martin, Diana Strablow, and Sheridan Swinyer. Online attendees: Donald Amell, Josh Colby, and Kara Matthews.

Supervisor Thurston asked for the presentation of the departmental reports.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Highway Superintendent Douglas Snickles submitted the following report:

Town of St. Armand Highway Report for the March 19, 2026 Board Meeting

1. Pushing back all the banks on all routes.
2. Dug out all the ditches that give us problems during the thaw, so they can run.
3. We had a couple of culverts to unthaw.
4. Pushed back Pisgah Lane for traffic for the race.
5. Had to do some cold patch repairs in some potholes.
6. Got most of the storm drains open for the thaw.

There were no questions regarding the Highway department.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Water/General Maintenance Report for the March 19, 2026 Town Board Meeting
Submitted by Jonathan Nielsen, Water Superintendent

Water Treatment Plant Updates

1. Meter Reads, Reader swap outs, Chlorine Residual Testing, Daily testing at the Plant
2. Routine Ednyne Labs were collected and sent out this month for E-coli, Total Coliform (all ok)
3. Class action lawsuit for PFOA's, compiled and sent data from last 10 previous years along with lab testing results, yearly water withdraws reports. As of now we are all caught up on necessary data needed.
4. The Well field purchase and Water withdrawal forms and data have been sent to NYS DEC, and we are currently waiting for approval.
5. Still Inventorying parts and going through stock for future repairs this spring/summer.

General Maintenance

1. Minor repairs in the town hall for office staff

There were no questions regarding the Water or General Maintenance report.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

* There was no Wastewater Report submitted for the March 19, 2026 Town Board Meeting

There were no questions regarding the Wastewater Department.

WATER AND SEWER CLERK MONTHLY REPORT:

Water and Sewer Clerk's Monthly Report for the March 19, 2026 Board Meeting
Submitted by Barbara Darrah, Water and Sewer Clerk

The 1st quarter billing for 2026 (October 1 – December 31, 2025) was completed on January 21, 2026 with the amount of the billing totaling \$ 82,153.60. To date, receivables are \$ 20,301.43. I have received payments that will be processed tomorrow, Friday, March 20, 2026th.

The next Water and Sewer readings are set for March 25 - March 31, 2026.

Barbara Darrah
St. Armand Water and Sewer Clerk

There were no questions regarding the Water and Sewer Clerk's Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer Rodger Thompkins submitted the following report for the March 19, 2026 Town Board Meeting.

Code Report - Submitted by Rodger Tompkins
March 12, 2026 - Prepared on February 17, 2026
New Residential Building Permits Issued Since Last Report: 1
New Water or Sewer Line Permits Issued Since Last Report: 0
Extension of Residential Building Permits Issued Since Last Report: 0
Commercial Building Permits Issued Since Last Report: 0

Certificates of Completion Issued Since Last Report: 0
Stop Work Orders Issued Since Last Report: 0
Demolition Permits Issued Since Last Report: 0
Solar PVS Permits Issued Since Last Report: 0
New Short Term Rental Permits Issued Since Last Report: 0
Code Violations Issued Since Last Report Issued: 4
Sewer Code Violations Issued Since Last Report: 0

Total number of Residential Building permits issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Residential Certificates of Completion issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Commercial Building permits issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Commercial Certificates of Completion issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Demolition permits issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Demolition Certificates of Completion issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Short Term Rental Permits Issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Solar permits issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Solar Certificates of Completion issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Code Violations issued for the year 2026: 4
Total number of Code Violation Certificates of Completion issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Sewer Code Violations issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Sewer Code Violation Certificates of Completion issued for the year 2026: 0
Amount of fees collected for Code Office since last report: \$50.00
Amount of fees collected for Water Department since last report: \$0
Amount of fees collected for Sewer Department since last report: \$0
Total amount of Water/Sewer fees collected via Code Office since last report: \$0
Total amount of fees collected via Code Office for the year 2026: \$100.00

There were no questions regarding the Code Enforcement Officer report.

TOWN JUSTICE REPORT

St. Armand Town Court Report for February 2026
submitted by Francis Whitelaw, Town Justice

Total fines and surcharges collected for the month of February 2026: \$125.00
Total collected year-to-date: \$566.00
Total parking fines for February 2026: \$0.00
Total parking fines year-to-date: \$0.00

Judge Whitelaw reported the court room's wooden barrier for the jury box has been completed and looks great.

There were no questions regarding the Town Justice Report.

RESOLUTIONS # 29 - # 35 OF 2026

RESOLUTION # 29 OF 2026 RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1
FOR THE YEAR 2026 ENTITLED "A LOCAL LAW
ESTABLISHING A TWELVE-MONTH MORATORIUM
PROHIBITING THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF
APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS FOR 'BATTERY
ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS)' IN THE
TOWN OF ST. ARMAND"

The following resolution was offered by Deputy Supervisor Karl Law, who moved its adoption.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution dated February 19, 2026, this Board introduced proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026, a local law entitled "A Local Law Establishing a Twelve-Month Moratorium Prohibiting the Review and Approval of Applications and Permits for 'Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)' in the Town of St. Armand;" and

WHEREAS, that a Public Hearing was duly held on the 19th day of February, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. to hear any and all persons concerning the adoption of said local law; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of St. Armand Town Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2026 entitled “Local Law Establishing a Twelve-Month Moratorium Prohibiting the Review and Approval of Applications and Permits for ‘Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)’ in the Town of St. Armand” reading and provided as follows:

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026

LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING A TWELVE-MONTH MORATORIUM PROHIBITING THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS FOR ‘BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS)’ IN THE TOWN OF ST. ARMAND

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this local law is to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of St. Armand and to maintain the status quo by temporarily suspending the processing of land use approvals as provided herein and to further suspend the rights of land owners and their designees to obtain development approvals as identified below for a period of twelve months from the adoption of this local law while the Town Board studies, analyzes and determines potential appropriate Planning Board/Site Plan Review and

zoning laws and revisions and amendments to the Town Law regarding the propriety of Battery Energy Storage Systems (as defined below).

Section 2. Legislative Findings

One specific area of concern and inquiry is Battery Energy Storage Systems within the Town of St. Armand. The Town of St. Armand has significant safety concerns, especially following fire incidents at facilities across the state. The Town of St. Armand intends to study the safety and security of these energy storage systems, including thermal runaway, off gassing and toxicity, stranded energy, ways to prevent fires, prevent by-product contamination, and ensure emergency responders have the necessary training and information to prepare and deploy resources in the event of a fire. Relatedly, the Town of St. Armand intends to study which areas in the Town may be appropriate for such systems.

The Town of St. Armand understands that in the Summer 2023 fires occurred at three energy storage facilities and a fire at a solar farm that is believed to have sent potentially toxic smoke across the Albany area. These events prompted the Governor to establish an Inter-Agency Fire Safety Working Group {FSWG}, which recently made recommendations for changes to the New York State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council. New York State adopted updated energy storage safety codes based on the FSWG's recommendations. The updated NYS Fire Code provisions will take effect on or about January 1, 2026. Thus, utility-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems may have adverse impacts on the community including safety and fire risk, and may have a detrimental effect on the value of properties and may impair important agricultural resources within the Town of St. Armand. The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority has developed guidance, including a model law, for regulating Battery Energy Storage Systems to mitigate and address potential adverse impacts on the municipality.

The Town of St. Armand is very concerned with detrimental effects of Battery Energy Storage Systems on the health, safety, welfare and quality of life of the residents and citizens of the Town of St. Armand. The Town Board has decided to consider potential solutions thereto to address these concerns.

To allow the Town Board of St. Armand time to complete its review, draft proposed new legislation and enact any such legislation, the Town Board deems it in the best interest of the general health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of St. Armand to impose a moratorium prohibiting the review and approval of applications and permits for Battery Energy Storage System in the Town of St. Armand.

Section 3. Definitions

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): One or more devices, assembled together, capable of storing energy in order to supply electrical energy at a future time, typically using lithium-ion or similar batteries, including all equipment and controls, not to include standalone 12v car batteries, electric motor vehicles or any battery energy storage unit used on a residential property for the benefit of such property only. Nothing herein shall prohibit a licensed load saving entity from conducting its regular and usual business of providing electrical distribution within its service territory as defined by its tariff by the New York State Department of Public Service.

Section 4. Moratorium Imposed

For a period of one (1) year following the effective date of this Local Law, no board, officer, or agency of the Town shall accept, process, or approve any application for the construction or operation of any Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

Section 5. Study and Review

During this moratorium, the Town Board shall review safety, environmental, and zoning issues, and prepare Planning Board, zoning ordinances and amend its comprehensive plan addressing BESS concerns.

Section 6. Hardship Exemption

Owing to the limited scope and duration of this moratorium, there is no provision being made in this Local Law for any waivers to its applicability. However, the Town Board may, but is not obligated to promulgate regulations by Resolution of the Board authorizing a hardship waiver process to this moratorium.

Section 7. Extension or Early Termination

The Town Board may, by resolution, extend or terminate the moratorium as necessary.

Section 8. Supersession Clause

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the New York State Constitution and Municipal Home Rule Law §10, and shall supersede any provision of the Town Law or any other local law, ordinance, or regulation of the Town of Goshen to the extent necessary to give full effect to the provisions of this Local Law. Without limitation, this Local Law shall supersede the procedural and decision deadlines contained in Town Law §§ 267, 267-a, 274-a, 276, and 277, and any inconsistent provisions of the Town Code, for the duration of the moratorium established herein.

Section 9. SEQRA Classification

This Local Law is a Type I action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act {SEQRA} pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c){30}, as it involves the adoption of a moratorium on land development or construction. As a Type II action, this Local Law is not subject to further review under SEQRA.

Section 10. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the clause, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered, and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. Penalties for Offenses

Any person or entity that violates the terms of this local law shall be guilty of a violation and subjected to a fine of not less than \$250.00 per day and for imprisonment of 15 days. Each day that the violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. In addition, the Town may enforce this local law by seeking an injunction or any other legal remedy it deems appropriate.

Section 12. Conflicts

In the event that any provision of the Town of St. Armand Code is in conflict with the provisions of this Local Law such provision is hereby superseded by the requirements of this Local Law during the moratorium set forth above.

It is the intention of the Town Board to supersede any inconsistent provisions in the following sections of New York State Town Law §265, §267, §267-a, §267-b, §274-a, §274-b, §276, and §277 pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10.

Section 13. Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Sections 10 and 22.

Section 14. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York in accordance with New York Municipal Home Rule Law.

This resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson JP O’Neil, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

Town Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O’Neil	AYE

By order of the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand.

Dated: March 19, 2026

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 30 OF 2026
FUNDS

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND ELECTRONIC
TRANSFER POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Councilperson Donna Whitelaw, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER POLICY & PROCEDURES FOR THE TOWN OF ST. ARMAND

1. POLICY STATEMENT AND USE

1.1 Policy Statement

The Town of St. Armand (hereinafter “the Municipality”) recognizes that electronic commerce is the primary method for modern financial transactions. This policy establishes the framework for the secure initiation, execution, and approval of all Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs).

1.2 Purpose of Use

The primary goal is to mitigate the risk of fraud, error, or unauthorized access by ensuring that every EFT is authenticated, documented, and approved by multiple authorized parties.

1.3 Scope and Direction

This policy applies to all municipal officers, employees, and authorized agents who manage, initiate, or approve payments

Via EFT, including vendor payments, employee direct deposits, and inter-fund transfers.

1.4 Guidance and Contact

If you are unsure of the validity of a transfer request or the application of these procedures, contact the St. Armand Town Supervisor before engaging the banking system.

2. DEFINITIONS & SCOPE

2.1 Definitions

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) – Any transfer of funds initiated through an electronic terminal, computer, or magnetic tape, including ACH, wire transfers, and direct deposits.

Designated Office – The department formally authorized by the Governing Body to manage municipal bank accounts (e.g., Treasurer’s or Comptroller’s Office).

Initiator – The authorized employee who enters the payment instructions into the computer-based banking system.

Approver/Releaser – The authorized employee, distinct from the Initiator, who verifies and executes the final transmission of funds.

Authentication – The process of verifying the identity of the person or entity requesting an EFT or a change to existing banking information.

2.2 What Constitutes an EFT

For the purposes of this policy, and EFT includes, but is not limited to the following electronic mechanisms:

* ACH (Automated Clearing House): Batch-processed transfers used for routine transaction such as payroll direct deposits, vendor payments, and recurring bill payments.

* Wire Transfers (Fedwire): Real-time, high-value transfers typically used for time-sensitive payments, debt service, or large-scale capital projects.

* Direct Deposits: The electronic transfer of employee compensation, benefits, or tax refunds directly into a personal bank account.

- * Electronic Check Conversion (eCheck): The use of information from a paper check (routing and account numbers) to initiate a one-time electronic debit.
- * Point-of Sale (POS) & Card Transactions: Payments made via municipal procurement cards (P-Cards) or debit cards.
- * Inter-fund Transfers: Electronic movement of money between different municipal bank accounts or investment funds.

3. OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES AND CONTROLS

3.1 Internal Controls and Separation of Duties

- * Dual Authorization: Two separate individuals are required to complete an EFT. One person must initiate the transfer and a second authorized person must release/approve the payment through the banking system.
- * Access Audit: Management must maintain a log of all personnel with banking credentials. Access must be revoked immediately upon an employee's change in status or termination.

3.2 Mandatory Phone Authentication (The "Call-Back" Rule)

Before any new EFT instruction or change to an existing account is input into the system, the following Outbound Call steps are mandatory:

1. Direct Contact: Do NOT use the phone number provided in the email request or the "caller ID" of an incoming call. Use only verified contact information from the original contract or the master supplier file.
2. Verify Existing Data: Have the contact confirm existing bank details on file BEFORE accepting new instructions to ensure they are the legitimate account holder.
3. Third-Party Verification: For high-value transfers, contact the receiving bank to confirm the account name and number match the municipality's records.

3.3 Vishing (Voice Phishing) Protocols

"Vishing" occurs when a fraudster calls an employee to trick them into disclosing PII, changing banking details, or rushing an unauthorized wire transfer. These calls may even use IA Voice Cloning to sound like a high-ranking official or a known vendor.

If you received an incoming call regarding financial transfer:

- * Identify Red Flags: Be alert for extreme urgency, requests for secrecy, or calls occurring outside of normal business hours.
- * Do Not Authenticate Inbound: Never provide or "confirm" banking details on an incoming call. Even if the Caller ID looks internal or familiar, it can be spoofed.
- * The "Hang Up and Dial" Requirement: If an incoming caller requests a financial change or a wire transfer, thank them for the information, hang up, and initiate a new outbound call using the trusted number on file to verify the request.
- * Report Suspicious Activity: If a caller becomes aggressive or the request seems fraudulent, terminate the call immediately and notify the Town Supervisor.

3.4 Documentation and Records Retention

- * Wire Transfer Request Form: A formal request form must be submitted to the Town Bookkeeper at least seven (7) business days prior to the payment date.
- * Verification Log: A record of the authentication process (including the date, time, and person contacted) must be documented and signed by both the Initiator and Approver.
- * Public Record Status: Consistent with the Arts & Cultural Affairs Law, all EFT authorizations and bank confirmations are "Records" and must be retained according to the LGS-1 schedule.

3.5 Confidentiality and System Security

- * PII Protection: Banking details and Personal Identifying Information (PII) of employees or vendors shall not be disclosed or stored in non-secure environments.
- * Network Security: Banking transactions must only be conducted on municipality-owned devices and secured, encrypted networks. The use of public Wi-Fi for EFT activity is strictly prohibited.

4. FRAUD AND CRISIS PROTOCOLS

4.1 Immediate Response to Suspected Fraud

If an employee suspects a fraudulent transfer has occurred or that banking credentials have been compromised, they must:

1. Immediately notify the Town Supervisor and the Town Bookkeeper
2. Contact the municipal banking institution to request a “Recall of Funds” or account freeze.
3. Secure all related communications (emails, logs, calls) for investigative purposes.

4.2 Fraudulent Communication Warning

Employees are cautioned that “Business Email Compromise” (BEC) scams often mimic the writing style of high-ranking officials (e.g., Mayor, Supervisor). No EFT shall be processed based solely on an email request without the verbal authentication required in Section 3.2.

5. VIOLATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

5.1 Investigation and Corrective Action

Violations of this policy, including circumventing dual-authorization requirements or failing to authenticate changes will be investigated. Corrective action, including discipline up to and including termination, will be taken.

5.2 Financial Liability

Employees who intentionally bypass security protocols may be subject to legal action or held liable for losses incurred by the Municipality.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____, acknowledge that I have read and understand the St. Armand EFT Policy.

I agree to adhere to all authentication and dual-authorization procedures.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand, Essex County, State of New York hereby adopt the Town of St. Armand Electronic Funds Transfer Policy & Procedures.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Karl Law, and adopted by Roll Call Vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O’Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	ABSENT

Dated: March 19, 2026

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 31 OF 2026

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND TOWN BOARD
AUTHORIZATION FOR ST. ARMAND TOWN
SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE TRAILS CONSTRUCTION &
STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN BARKEATER
TRAILS ALLIANCE AND THE TOWN OF ST. ARMAND

Councilperson JP O’Neil, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, BETA is a duly formed not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of New York which has planned, constructed, maintained and promoted trails for mountain biking, ski touring and other human-powered activities in the region on lands of New York State, lands of private individuals, and lands of the local governments in the Counties of Essex and Franklin, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake is the owner of the following parcels in the Town of St. Armand, NY; known as tax identification number: 32.102-1-2.000, and an agreement was developed to establish roles and responsibilities for all parties engaged in planning, constructing and maintaining public access for non-motorized trails within the boundaries of Mount Pisgah, and

WHEREAS, it is agreed that the terms of this agreement will run from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2029, and thereafter shall renew automatically on an annual basis unless terminated in writing by either party. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason with 30 days written notice to the other party hereto.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand hereby authorizes St. Armand Town Supervisor, Davina Thurston to execute and sign the Trails Construction & Stewardship Agreement as required.

This Resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Karl Law, and adopted by Roll Call vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O’Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	ABSENT

Dated: March 19, 2026

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 32 OF 2026

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND’S KNOWLEDGEMENT OF
AUDIT CONDUCTED ON TOWN SUPERVISOR’S
ANNUAL YEAR-END REPORT FOR 2025

Deputy Supervisor Karl Law, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Office of the State Comptroller requires that the town and village supervisors annually provide their year-end report to their respective town and village auditing Board, and that such report be examined or audited and that fact be entered into the minutes of the Board’s proceedings, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisors Report includes initiatives to improve accountability and controls over all Town finances and records, and

WHEREAS, among the initiatives is increased monitoring of town and village board compliance with the NYS Comptroller’s direction,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board acknowledges an audit of the Town Supervisor’s report for the Town of St. Armand for 2025 was completed during the month of March 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no issues or discrepancies were found.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson JP O’Neil, and adopted by Roll Call Vote as follows:

Town Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O’Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	ABSENT

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 33 OF 2026

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND TOWN BOARD
AUTHORIZAITON FOR THE MONTHLY US BANK
CREDIT CARD BILL TO BE PAID ONLINE RATHER
THAN BANK CHECK

Councilperson Donna Whitelaw, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Armand has received approval from NYS Comptroller’s office to make payments for monthly bills online, and

WHEREAS, due to several factors including USPS slow delivery and lack of proper processing of the Town’s check payments by the billing company US BANK, the Town has been subjected to late fees, interest fees and excessive hours in researching and providing proof of check payments through NBT Bank, and

WHEREAS, a process for completing online payments has been agreed upon by US BANK, Supervisor Davina Thurston, Town Bookkeeper Nancy Heath, Town Clerk Barbara Darrah and Clerk to the Supervisor Michael Changelo. It has been determined that this process will be safe and effective in prohibiting late fees, interest and false restrictions for credit card use.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby approves that from this point forward the following bills from US Bank be paid online.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Karl Law, and adopted by Roll Call vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O’Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	ABSENT

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 34 OF 2026

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND WATER ADJUSTMENT
ALLOWANCE FOR TEMPORARY WATER USAGE
(1200 GALLONS) FOR FRIGID TEMPERATURES
JANUARY 23 THROUGH JANUARY 25, 2026

Councilperson JP O’Neil, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, due to the frigid temperatures occuring Friday, January 23 through Sunday, January 25, 2026, Water Superintendent Jonathan Nielsen advised Supervisor Davina Thurston that residents should be advised to run their water a pencil-size stream in order to avoid freezing pipes; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Thurston made a calculation of 400 gallons per a 24-hour period would be used for running a pencil-sized stream overnight; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Thurston contacted all members of the Town Board advising them of the situation; and suggesting the Town allow customers a total of 1200 gallons water credit from January 23 through January 25; in order to accommodate running their water to prevent freezing pipes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board made the determination that residents should be advised to run their water overnight to prevent freezing and receive 1200 gallons of water and sewer usage credit on their next bill. The billing period would be the 2nd billing quarter which is January 1st, 2026 – March 31st, 2026, with actual bills going out mid-April. Supervisor Thurston posted a notice as above on the Bloomingdale Neighborhood Facebook page.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand hereby approves that all customers using the St. Armand Water District will receive a water and sewer usage credit on their 2nd Quarter Bill (January 1 – March 31, 2023) in the amount of 1200 gallons.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Karl Law and adopted by Roll Call Vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O’Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	ABSENT

Dated: March 19, 2026

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 35 OF 2026

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND TOWN BOARD
AUTHORIZATION FOR ST. ARMAND TOWN
SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE ESSEX COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ESSEX
COUNTY, SARANAC LAKE VOLUNTEER RESCUE
SQUAD AND THE TOWN OF ST. ARMAND

Councilperson Donna Whitelaw, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Essex County has developed a County-wide Advanced Life Support (ALS) emergency medical service program to supply existing individual ambulance services, of municipal and non-profit, with additional ALS manpower, services and vehicles such that emergency medical services will be supplemented, strengthened and enhanced to provide the best possible care; and

WHEREAS, through this program, the County will support existing ambulance services located within the County pursuant to the agreement to provide ALS services as and for Essex County pursuant to Essex County’s current certificate of need; and

WHEREAS, the various towns in Essex County acknowledge the need for additional ALS resources to supplement existing emergency medical services and acknowledge and consent to aid from the County either directly to the towns or through their current contract providers or EMS agencies as set forth below:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand hereby authorizes St. Armand Town Supervisor, Davina Thurston to execute and sign the Essex County Emergency Medical Services Inter-municipal Agreement between Essex County Office of Emergency Services, the Saranac Lake Volunteer Rescue Squad, EMS Agency, and the Town of St. Armand.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this agreement is hereby retroactive to January 1st, 2026.

This Resolution was seconded by Councilperson JP O/Neil, and adopted by Roll Call vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O’Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	ABSENT

Dated: March 19, 2026

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

MOTION TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS

The payment vouchers for March’s bills were presented for the Board’s approval as follows:

General Vouchers # 52 - # 79 in the amount of \$ 69,162.73
 Trust and Agency Vouchers # 6 in the amount of \$ 218.00
 Highway Vouchers # 26 - # 39 in the amount of \$ 14,723.38
 Water & Sewer Vouchers # 26 - # 41 in the amount of \$ 13,211.12
 B Fund Vouchers # 3 - #4 in the amount of \$ 187.98
 Fire Protection Fund Voucher # 5 - # 9 in the amount of \$ 96,463.40
 Disinfection Fund # 2 in the amount of \$2,110.00

Deputy Supervisor made the Motion to approve payment of March's bills. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Donna Whitelaw. A Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O'Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	ABSENT

All in favor. Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Thurston requested approval for February 2026 Supervisor's Reports. Councilperson JP O'Neil made the Motion to approve the Supervisor's Report for February. The Motion was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Karl Law.

All in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Deputy Supervisor Karl Law made the Motion to approved the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for the February 19, 2026, Meeting Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Donna Whitelaw.

All in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Barbara Darrah reported the following Town Clerk revenue collected for the month of February 2026:

Dog Licenses (6): 2 FS, 4 MN \$ 42.00

Total Revenue: \$ 42.00

Total Checks Written: Town Supervisor: A \$ 36.00 and NYS Department of A&M \$ 6.00

OLD BUSINESS

* Clock Tower has been repaired – All of the parts are brand new. New hands are installed. White's Clock Tower was the company that repaired the clock. The company donated the new hands.

* ROBO Call update – Almost ready for the mailing.

* Bloomingdale Methodist Church – We had held a Special Board Meeting in February as to Whether we should purchase the church for a community center. The next day Supervisor Thurston received a phone call that an offer was made by another buyer. Last week, the realtor contacted Thurston to say the buyer would withdraw their offer if the Town wanted to put in an offer.

Thurston reached out to three building inspectors. One had retired, the next only inspected roofs and basements. The last person's quote was \$500.00. The real estate agent stated if we wanted to move forward, we needed to make an offer. Where it left off last time, was to go ahead with a building

inspection. In proceeding, an offer needs to be made contingent upon a positive building inspection. The main concern is the structure itself, for example the basement walls; something we did not know. If there is major work needed, the offer is either renegotiated or withdrawn. The Town could purchase the church and use it seasonally, until a grant could be acquired.

Karl Law stated he was comfortable picking up where it was left off. Thurston asked the Board if we would be offering \$100,000.00, with \$50,000 this year, and \$50,000 next year, using occupancy tax revenue funds.

JP O'Neil stated he is not for it. He stated he felt the money could be better used at the ball park and buildings. He stated the Board has the votes they need; they don't need his. If that is what the Board wants to do, move forward.

Donna Whitelaw asked if there was any way to do the inspection first? Thurston said no, because other people had an offer on it. If we are interested in it, we have to come in with an offer.

Thurston stated if the inspection showed the building needs work, then occupancy tax money could be used and a possible grant.

MOTION

Supervisor Thurston asked for a Motion to move forward with an offer to purchase the Bloomingdale Methodist Church for \$100,000.00 to be split as \$50,000.00 this year and \$50,000.00 next year, and the expenditure of \$500.00 authorized for the building inspection.

Deputy Supervisor Karl Law made a Motion to approve Town Supervisor Thurston's request to move forward with the purchase of the Bloomingdale Methodist Church in the amount of \$100,000.00 to be split as \$50,000.00 this year and \$50,000.00 next year, and the expenditure of \$500.00 authorized for the building inspection. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Donna Whitelaw. Supervisor Thurston asked for a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O'Neil	NO
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	ABSENT

Dated: March 19, 2026

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- * EFC Photo of Town of St. Armand's Water Infrastructure
- * Inter-County Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks Conference – Supervisor Thurston On February 26th In Lake Placid. Energy costs and affordable housing was discussed.
- * Adirondack Daily Enterprise article on flexible grid Battery Energy Storage Facilities
- * Essex County did an RFQ to award contract/agreement with REL COMM., Inc. for the County's phone system in the amount of \$21,879.99 which is approximately 1/3 of what they pay. The contract covers February 3, 2026 through December 31, 2027, and the Towns can piggyback off of the contract. The County is preparing a quote for St. Armand. The Board agreed to move forward with that.
- * Supervisor Thurston attended the housing symposium held in Schroon Lake on March 5th. It was very well attended. Clinton, Essex and Franklin were in attendance. Nicole Justice Greene is coming to speak at the April Town Board Meeting.

- * On March 11, 2026, Supervisor Thurston attended the Smart Growth Award for the Beta Trail Grant held in Westport. There was over a \$3,000,000.00 grant for everyone that had received Smart Growth grants.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM GUESTS AND STAFF:

Supervisor Thurston asked if there were any comments or concerns from those both present and on-line.

Sheridan Swinyer, in attendance, stated he had two concerns. He commented on the appearance of the Vets Park behind the electric store. What he sees from the road is a dumpster, with stacked cardboard and plastic pails, etc. He suggested a wooden fence be constructed in front of the dumpster area to enhance the view from the side of the Vets Park. The Board agreed and Supervisor Thurston stated she would get a quote. Discussion ensued as to what materials would be used and what décor could be done to enhance the area.

Supervisor Thurston asked Sheridan Swinyer to continue with his second concern. He continued that there needs to be a permanent bathroom at the Ball park for use at any time. He took his grandson and his friend to the park to play, and they needed to use the bathroom, but there was no access to an actual bathroom. Supervisor Thurston referred to the problems the Village of Saranac Lake have had in having the public bathrooms at the boat launch and the Village Green available at all hours. Discussion ensued as to a solution, and it was determined the idea of reconfiguring one existing bathroom at the Youth Building to have outside access could be looked into. Councilperson JP O'Neil stated we should revisit this solution at the next Board meeting in April.

Deputy Supervisor Karl Law stated summer is approaching and with that, there will be more activity with children crossing Route 3. He recalled the Board has previously discussed having a cross walk put in from Lil' Tykes across Route 3 to the Fire House parking lot. Supervisor Thurston explained that she was in contact with New York State, and New York State requires a handicap landing pad for a wheelchair to exit the bus at a crosswalk. In order to have a crosswalk there, the Town would need to install sidewalks on either side of the road because New York State requires sidewalk and pad for drop off of handicap individuals. There aren't any sidewalks on either side of the road at that location. Discussion ensued as to what could be done.

There were no further questions from anyone in the audience or on-line.

Supervisor Thurston asked for a Motion to move into Executive Session due to a legal matter.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deputy Supervisor Karl Law made the Motion to move into Executive Session. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson JP O'Neil. The Executive Session began at 7:41 pm.

MOTION TO END EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson JP O'Neil made the Motion to end the Executive Session. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Donna Whitelaw. The Executive Session ended at 7:57 pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Deputy Supervisor Karl Law made a Motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Donna Whitelaw. The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

I, Barbara J. Darrah, Town Clerk for the Town of St. Armand, does hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting minutes held on the above-referenced date.

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

Dated: March 19, 2026