

Town of St. Armand
Public Hearing - 6:00 pm – BESS Review in St. Armand
Tuesday, September 1, 2026

➤ Call to Order

➤ Pledge of Allegiance

➤ RESOLUTIONS # 63 and # 64

Resolution # 63 – Correction to Resolution # 59 of 2026 – Town Clerk Temporary Suspension

Resolution # 64 – Town Board’s Authorization for Town Clerk’s Checking Account Signature

➤ PUBLIC NOTICE – Read by Deputy Town Clerk Nancy Heath

➤ PRESENTERS

Pro Speaker – Jennifer Manierre, Director of Clean Energy Siting with NYSERDA

10 Minutes

Opposing Speaker – Sue Sweeney, Trudeau Road Resident

10 Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENTS SESSION

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

PURPOSE: Legal and Personnel Matters

1st Motion:

Time IN:

2nd Motion:

MOTION TO END EXECUTIVE SESSION

1st Motion:

2nd Motion:

Time OUT:

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION # 63 OF 2026

RESOLUTION OF CORRECTION
ONTO RESOLUTION #59 OF 2026
DATED AUGUST 18, 2026, "THE TOWN BOARD OF
THE TOWN OF ST. ARMAND, TO TEMPORARILY
SUSPEND ITS APPOINTED TOWN CLERK
PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE REIVEW

The following resolution was offered by _____, who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of St. Armand, Essex County, New York, is the governing municipal body authorized under New York State Town Law § 20 to manage appointed town officers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Town Law § 64, appointed town officers, including an appointed Town Clerk, serve at the pleasure of the Town Board unless otherwise explicitly provided by law or local referendum; and

WHEREAS, a matter has arisen concerning the performance, conduct, and official duties of Appointed Town Clerk Alexandra Amell, necessitating a formal administrative review; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board convened in an Executive Session on August 18, 2026 in strict compliance with New York Public Officers Law § 105(1)(f) to discuss the employment history and disciplinary circumstances surrounding a particular person; and

WHEREAS, In Resolution # 59 of 2026 it was stated in error that Alexandra Amell is hereby immediately placed on administrative leave "*with pay pending investigation*" in fact should have stated Alexandra Amell was placed on administrative leave "*without pay pending investigation*".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED retroactive to August 17, 2026, Alexandra Amell is hereby immediatly placed on administrative leave *without pay* pending investigation and inquiry into her performance and conduct while acting as Town Clerk and shall be immediately prohibited from engaging in any and all Town Clerk duties.

This Resolution was duly seconded by _____, and adopted upon Rollcall vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O'Neil	AYE
Councilperson Joseph Fisher	AYE

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

Dated: September 1, 2026

RESOLUTION # 64 OF 2026

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ST.
ARMAND AUTHORIZATION FOR BARBARA
DARRAH TO SIGN TOWN CLERK CHECKS

, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand has appointed Barbara J. Darrah as Town Clerk on August 17th, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk is responsible for issuing check payments and maintaining the Town Clerk checking account with NBT Bank, Saranac Lake, New York, account number 7004457298.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand hereby accepts the appointment of Barbara Darrah as the Town of St. Armand's Town Clerk and hereby authorizes Barbara Darrah to sign checks from and maintain the above listed checking account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Town Board hereby requests the removal of Alexandra Amell's signature authorization over same account.

This Resolution was duly seconded by
follows:

, and adopted by Roll Call vote as

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O'Neil	AYE
Councilperson Joseph Fisher	AYE

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