

**TOWN OF STUYVESANT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 11, 2026**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2026. In attendance were Supervisor Knott; Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Brian Chittenden, Charles Stiffler, and Carolyn Gleason; Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli; Highway Superintendent Joe Scrum; and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Knott reported that the May Financial Report had been received and are on the website.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Charles Stiffler. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Gleason and was approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills presented was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Stillwater LLC to purchase Hummel Park.

Several letters from SHPO regarding the Historic District on the Register.

SPECIAL GUEST

Charles Foote introduced Maria Cosenza from Neighbors of Northern Columbia County. Ms. Cosenza addressed the Board and public in attendance. She the organization was founded in 2019 and is a grassroots not-for-profit organization to help neighbors stay in their homes.

Volunteers provide services like help at home, home visits, transportation, help with pets. They currently serve 7500 people and cover 250 miles. Columbia County has the 2nd oldest population per capita in NYS. Membership cost is \$75 for an individual and \$125 for a household. Volunteers are carefully vetted. The Organization has received a Guide Star rating of Platinum.

Additional information is available on their website NNCC1.org

OLD BUSINESS

Pflaum Request for Road Name Change – Supervisor Knott reported that the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TOWN OF STUYVESANT Private Road Authorization

WHEREAS, the Town of Stuyvesant has received a request to name a current driveway a “Private Road” and;

WHEREAS, request stems from National Grid requesting separate address for each metered location and there is currently both a residence and a business served by this driveway and Columbia County 911 charged with creating addresses has suggested that this be accomplished by creating a “Private Road” and;

WHEREAS, State Highway Law Section 300, Chapter 25 Article 11, authorizes local government to create such private road names and;

WHEREAS, the applicant has provided required information being:

The proposed road would begin at 42°21’08.9”N 73°43’32.1”W and then end at 42°21’17.8N 73°43’26.1”W. The total distance from the start to the end location is approximately 1,007 feet. The course of the road proceeds in a north-northeasterly direction (at a bearing of approximately North 26.5° East). The width of the road is 12’ across for the entire length.

Two properties abut the proposed road. To the west of the proposed private road is the property owned by the applicant (3 Rybka Rd., Stuyvesant – 63.-1-10.200 – SWIS: 105200 Stuyvesant). To the east, lies the property of Mary Gumaer (Property Details: Rybka Rd., Stuyvesant – 63.-1-10.100 – SWIS: 10522 Stuyvesant). At the end of the road, the property on both sides of the proposed road are owned by the applicant. The address for Mary Gumaer is 9335 Pearson Rd., Middleport, NY 14105. The western parcel owned by Ms. Gumaer is vacant farmland. The property owned by the applicant includes a barn that is a permitted class two home occupation business with a separate electrical meter and residence. National Grid account #0282609125 is for the barn, and account 1699951133 is for the house.

The proposed road appears on Google maps here: <https://maps-app.goo.gl/oY4XJbrGXVpujXTGA> GIS information for the proposed is available here: https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/f5f4c22cd51b3e585d4aad21ea721b7#zoom_to_selection=true

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant does declare said driveway described above as “Glencadia Lane”.

<u>Town Board Members</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ron Knott	X		
Brian Chittenden	X		
Kelley Williams			X
Carolyn Gleason	X		
Charles Stiffler	X		

Resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 yes and 1 absent on June 4, 2026.

Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC

Town Clerk

REPORTS

Town Clerk Report: Reports for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector are on file. Melissa Naegeli reported that tax collection for 2026 has concluded and the collections were at 94%. Supervisor Knott explained how the County covers outstanding tax amounts.

Melissa Naegeli reported that the Veterans Memorial Park re-dedication and block unveiling had been held on Sat., May 23rd. She thanked the Stuyvesant Falls VFW for their participation, the Town Board for the support, and the people who bought blocks and those that helped to make the day special. It was a well attended event that ended up inside because of the weather. She presented a photobook to the Supervisor detailing the Park's progress from beginning to current.

Melissa also reminded everyone that Community Big Truck Day & Vendor Event will be Saturday, June 20th 12pm – 4pm.

Waterfront Working Group – Jim Werkowski reported that the committee went to the Stuyvesant Fire District Commissioner's Meeting and they agreed to meet at the waterfront to look at the property owned by the District. A meeting is scheduled with Paul Gallery from the Nature Conservancy for July 10th at See Park. He will conduct the annual inspection and the Commissioners and committee will get some direction.

Environmental Management Council: Christian Sweningson reported there was no meeting in May.

Dog Control Officer: Reported that there was one dog handled.

Kinderhook Memorial Library: Carolyn Gleason read the written report provided by Matt Pavloff, Director:

- There are 2 vacant trustee seats;

- July 25th – America250 Stories and Music @ Stuyvesant Town Hall.
Music by Lost Radio Rounders
- August 7th – Summer Movie Night – Jurassic Park
- August 29th – Summer Night Music Fundraiser @ Stuyvesant Town Hall

Climate Smart Task Force: There was no meeting in May. Lee Jamison reported that there had been a discussion about the sign in Stuyvesant Falls. Supervisor Knott and Jim Werkowski installed the Bronze Level Sign at Overlook Park.

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Joe Scrum was on vacation. In his absence, Councilman Stiffler read Joe's prepared report:

- Received proposal to pave Ridge Road between Schoolhouse and Tuczynski -- \$223,905.00, we have \$221,705 in the budget;
- The crews are trimming trees;
- Roadside mowing is going on;
- The picnic tables have been stained and sealed; and
- The new license plates have arrived.

Councilman Stiffler reported that he hadn't had an opportunity to get up to look around at the Schoolhouse Road following the complaints received at the May meeting. He spoke with Mr. Serpico who didn't seem to be that upset about the situation with the dog. Supervisor Knott reported he had spoken with the Sheriff's Office to request additional patrols in that area.

Lee Jamison asked when the Fall trash day would be held because she would like to schedule a repair café in advance of it. Supervisor Knott reported that \$16,000 had been budgeted for trash days and the Spring trash day cost \$9,295.

Supervisor Knott reported that there is money available in the 5110.4 account to cover the \$2200 shortage for the paving project. A motion to spending the money for CHiPs was made by Charles Stiffler. The motion was seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

There was an increase in CHiPs funding but there was also an increase in the blacktop costs.

Assessor's Office: Cathy Knott reported that a couple of people had hired a company to grieve their assessments. Supervisor Knott added that our State-equalization rate is 74% but that we are in good shape compared to other towns.

Planning & Zoning Boards: Charles Foote reported that a farm stand had been approved in Stuyvesant Falls. The proposed solar project is on hold while the applicant reviews a change in the law.

Historian: Historic Stuyvesant Day will be held on August 8th at the Town Hall. The theme will be “town roads”.

Cemetery: Carolyn Gleason reported there had been a burial this week. Christian Sweningson commented that the cemetery looked well cared for. Charles Stiffler added that a new trimmer had been purchased to use there.

Code Enforcement/Building Inspector: Report is on file.

Railroad Depot Committee: Lee Jameson reported that there will be a strawberry waffle brunch on Fathers’ Day. She also reported that the 20th Anniversary of restoration article was in the Chatham Paper.

County Business

Supervisor Knott reported:

Tourism Guide 2026 – Now available on the County website. Annie Cooper is retiring.

11 Warren Street – The committee met regarding the façade of the building. A contractor has been hired and they gave proposals. The proposals are on the website for public voting. The Supervisors took a tour last night. The Board of Elections is expected to move at the end of the month.

Wellness Hub – Ambitious project to construct shelter services with supportive services located in Greene County. There will be 28 emergency shelters and 35 supportive housing projects.

Flag Day – Parade and 250th Events – Saturday, June 13th there will be the parade, 96 units are signed up. There will also be reenactments at the riverfront, and fireworks in the evening.

New Fuel Bids – Valley Energy was the low bid

Election Request – The Board of Election is looking for poll workers, especially for the Primary on June 23rd (early voting starts 10 days prior).

New Business

- Windows – Supervisor Knott reported that the lower, crank out, windows have to be replaced. The manufacturer came out and looked at the

windows and they will be remade. A quote of \$11,000 was approved by the Board at their workshop. Kevin Haberland reviewed the quote and said it was in line with pricing.

- Ethics Training – a training class is being scheduled for all employees. The class will be administered by Rick Washburn from the County Ethics Board.
- Joint Workshop – there will be a joint workshop for the Town Board with the Planning and Zoning Boards to hear about the solar training that Tim Hotaling attended.

Board Comments

Supervisor Knott encouraged everyone to attend the Flag Day/America 250 events in Hudson on Saturday.

Public Comments

Lee Jamison thanked Supervisor Knott for following up with DEC about the Ferry Road house.

She said in relation to the Pro Housing Community resolution, she thought that Towns who passed the resolution supposed to have a housing task force. Supervisor Knott said the towns were not required to have one. They are trying to structure a County committee like the Climate Smart group, having a representative from each town.

Jim Werkowski thanked Supervisor Knott for mowing the paths at Hummel Park.

With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

The following abstract of vouchers was approved at the June 4th and 11th meetings:

	<i>June 2026</i>			LIGHTS	
<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
26-197	MVP Health Care, Inc.	9060.8	841.12		2,523.36
26-198	National Grid (\$1340.99)	5182.4		651.30	
				688.43	
26-199	Peac Solutions	1620.41	251.72		
26-200	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	625.00		
26-201	Chatham Flowers	7110.4	72.00		
26-202	National Grid	1620.4	38.17		
26-203	National Grid	5132.4	212.84		
26-204	National Grid	1620.4	27.00		
26-205	Columbia County Treasurer	8160.4	9,295.00		
26-206	Fingar Insurance	1910.4	950.00		
26-207	The Town CPA PLLC	1320.4	1,450.00		
26-208	The Gazette	8020.4	94.03		
26-209	Repeat Business Systems (197.84)	1410.4	65.94		
		5132.4	65.94		
		1620.41	65.96		
26-210	Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	1620.41	118.00		
26-211	Jump & Shout	7550.4	192.68		
26-212	Crawford Door & Window Sales - Albany	1620.4	328.75		
26-213	Blue 360 Media	1110.4	173.95		
26-214	US Postal Service	1110.4	88.00		
26-215	Michael J. Naegeli	1355.4	80.00		
26-216	Cheryl Trowbridge	1355.4	80.00		
26-217	Paul Chittenden	1355.4	80.00		
26-218	Michael Stasi	1355.4	80.00		
26-219	Derick LaTorre	1355.4	80.00		
26-220	Maggie Simmons	3510.4	21.46		
26-221	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	62.80		
26-222	CCAofTSofH	5010.4	105.00		
26-223	Hollyrock Farm	7110.4	360.00		
26-224	CJ Miner	7110.4	190.00		
26-225	Kathryn J Schneider	7110.4	1,089.91		
26-226	Gabbit, LLC (\$974.26)	1620.41	636.83		
		5132.4	325.73		
26-227	Mario's Home Center	7110.4	1,122.95		

		5110.4			1,154.59
26-228	Albany Steel, Inc.	5110.4			66.28
26-229	Main Care Energy	5110.41			1,384.35
26-230	Mooradian Hydraulics & Equip Co Inc.	5130.4			496.34
	4-Jun-26		19,270.78	1,339.73	5,624.92
26-231	FEP	A8090.4	1,200.00		
26-232	Paychex of New York LLC	1320.4	385.07		
26-233	SL Empire Solar I LLC	1620.4	226.28		
26-234	Salem Farm Supply	7110.4	279.99		
26-235	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	900		
26-236	Staples, Inc. (\$109.56)	1410.4	10.19		
		7510.4	9.93		
		1220.4	10.38		
		1620.4	79.06		
26-237	Melissa Naegeli	7550.4	90.98		
26-238	Ghent Wood Products	5130.4			145.60
26-239	Visa	5130.4			197.58
26-240	Visa	1620.4	49.48		
	6/10/2026		3,241.36	-	343.18
	<i>June Totals</i>		<i>22,512.14</i>	<i>1,339.73</i>	<i>5,968.10</i>