

MINUTES
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 25, 2026
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on June 25, 2026, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor D'Alessandro with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Presentation:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there was one presentation. It was to Nathaniel Isley, who was presented a declaration from the Town Board as the Salutatorian at John Jay High School. The Board wished him his best moving on to his future endeavors.

Supervisor's Announcements:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the month started with the Dutchess County Mayors and Supervisors meeting. It was hosted in the City of Beacon. The guest speakers were the Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati and the Dutchess County District, Attorney Anthony Parisi. They presented their joint initiative called ARTIC which is an Analysis and Real Time Crime Intelligence Center. It is a collaborative public safety initiative between those offices and many different participating law enforcement partners.

There was a Central Hudson Annual Municipal Storm Preparedness exercise That was conducted virtually. This is usually with all of the local and state officials and helps to ensure that communication is established during times of need.

He attended the Town of Fishkill's America 250 celebration. It was held at Dutchess Stadium. It was a very well attended event and the focus was to discuss the history and significance of the Rombout Patent.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the Flag Day Run/Walk held at the Hopewell Depot. This event is organized by the American Legion Manny Bacon Post and the local East Fishkill Rotary. It was a great, well attended event.

The annual Flag Day ceremony was held at the Town Hall. It is for flag retirement with a burning pit. It is a very meaningful ceremony hosted by the American Legion Manny Bacon Post with participation from the Boy Scouts of America.

Supervisor D'Alessandro and Councilman Arco, Christine Selback, and Michael O'Brien met with representatives from the National Fitness Campaign to discuss several different grant opportunities to enhance East Fishkill's physical fitness and recreation opportunities. They will continue to evaluate these opportunities and review the long term maintenance and operational costs if they were to be

approved for this grant.

Dutchess County Jewish Federation Annual Gala was at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie this month. It was a wonderful event and very well attended. The Federation makes a tremendous impact throughout Dutchess County through all of their charitable works.

The Town Historian Rick Soedler, Recreation Director Christine Selback, and Board members met to continue planning for the East Fishkill America 250 Celebration. This will take place on Saturday, July 11th at 12 noon at the Hopewell Recreation Complex. There will be a full day of activities including music, military drills, Historical demonstrations, food trucks, family events live entertainment, and a fireworks show to end the evening. He invited everyone to come out and help celebrate.

The quarterly meeting of the Dutchess County Economic Development Advisory Council was held. There were updates from several committee chairs. He did advocate for a County position to assist with grant administration and project administration. This is especially important for smaller municipalities who may not have additional resources in house to assist with this.

Roll Call: Supervisor D'Alessandro asked the Deputy Town Clerk to call the rolls.

Board Members in attendance were:

Craig	Emanuel	Tom	Marianne	Nicholas
Arco	Marinero	Franco	Flores	D'Alessandro

Also, in attendance were:

Ken Williams, Highway Superintendent; Derrick Cuccia, Police Chief; Thomas Wood, attorney; Scott Bryant, engineer; Mark Pozniak, comptroller.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that resolutions #1 and #2 were going to be done first.

Approve Minutes:

May 7, 2026, Town Board Minutes

May 21, 2026, Town Board Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the May 7 and May 21, 2026, Town Board meeting minutes: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearings:

Open Public Hearing to Consider Moratorium

a) Open Public Hearing

Motion to open the Public Hearing to consider a moratorium: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that over the last several weeks many residents have expressed their concerns about the possibility of a data center coming to our community. Many have spoken passionately, and some have raised valid concerns and questions. Some have voiced fears about what it could mean to our quality of life here in East Fishkill. That is exactly how government should work. The people speak, the government listens, and the government acts responsibly. That is why they are proposing this moratorium here tonight. Not because there is an application, there is not. Not because they are hiding anything, they are not. But because a significant use like a data center deserves impactful thought and consideration, by not just the public, but by our professionals and everyone in the community. A moratorium gives us time. It gives a time out for us to say "let's review everything". It gives time to study the infrastructure impacts and the environmental impacts. It gives time to hear from the experts. Everything that you want, we want. They work hard as the Town Board to lead the Town and do not do it emotionally. They make doable decisions that will protect our community for a long time. They live here too. They want the best for the community. This Board has always supported smart, economic development. They have brought jobs, they have brought investment, they have brought increased tax base here in East Fishkill. They have done it while protecting the character of our town. Those things are not mutually exclusive. Supporting business does not mean ignoring the residents. In fact, responsibility is to strike the right balance. That is what they want and that is why they are all here tonight. That is why they want to hear from the public. They might not all agree on every step but they are on the same side. They want to make sure that whatever comes into our community is best for the residents for the rest of their lives here. With that, he asked if there were any Board members here that wish to make any comments before they open it up to the public. The Board requested they wait till the end of the public comments. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he had the sign in list and would call people up one at a time. He did request 3 minutes for each resident to speak and two minutes for each nonresident to speak.

Keri Peterson: Across the United States, the rapid expansion of data centers has emerged as a defining infrastructure challenge of the digital era. What was once an unseen layer of the Internet has become a sprawling physical footprint driven by the exponential growth of cloud computing and artificial intelligence. Technology companies such as Amazon, Microsoft, and Google are building increasingly large and energy intensive facilities to meet this demand, but as these projects scale, so do their impacts, raising urgent questions not only about energy and environmental sustainability but also about where and how these facilities are integrated into existing communities. Any national level data centers now place extraordinary demands on electrical grids with individual campuses consuming as much power as small municipalities. In states like Virginia, Texas, and Arizona utilities are being

forced to expand generation capacity to keep pace. Water consumption presents an additional strain as large volumes are required for cooling systems. These pressures, once considered abstract or remote, are increasingly felt at the local level where infrastructure, environmental resources, and community character intersect. The data center known as 1 Gig Data Center East Fishkill is no different. It takes on heightened significance when sensitive or community oriented uses are located in close proximity. The sighting of a data center adjacent to residential neighborhoods raises fundamental issues of livability and long term property value stability. When a preschool is located nearby the analysis shifts further implicating the health and well-being of young children, particularly with respect to air quality, noise exposure, and emergency preparedness. The presence of a veterinarian group introduces parallel concerns for animal health, as animals can be especially sensitive to noise and environmental stressors. Likewise, churches situated within the immediate vicinity underscored the importance of preserving spaces intended for quiet reflection, community gathering, and spiritual practice, uses inherently at odds with the constant mechanical operation of a data facility. The question is no longer whether data centers are necessities, but whether their placement respects the character, health, and reasonable expectations of the communities in which they are sited. The national experience offers a clear and cautionary lesson. When high intensity infrastructure is introduced into environments with sensitive receptors, the resulting impacts are non-speculative. They are immediate, cumulative, and enduring. In such settings the burden of accommodating digital growth is borne disproportionately by those least equipped to absorb it. Accordingly, data centers in East Fishkill must be evaluated not in isolation, but as part of a broader pattern that has revealed the limits of outdated frameworks and the necessity for more careful, context sensitive siting decisions. A data center in a surrounding environment defined by homes, children, pet care giving services, and places of worship presents an issue of compatibility and consequence. The national dialogue makes clear that without meaningful consideration of these factors, a critical risk in development policy or technological change, the top down progress can harm rather than help the people it is intended for if their needs and perspectives are ignored. As you consider this proposed law, I urge you to look beyond technical compliance and carefully evaluate whether this project truly respects the character, health, and reasonable expectations of the East Fishkill community because after all, East Fishkill's motto is "It's a great place to live". So let's keep it that way.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated it is. He thanked her for her statement.

Ester Glassberg: I am here to argue in favor of a moratorium, but not for seven months. I think the moratorium would be more prudent and reasonable if it was for a year and it would be revisited at that point. Current polling shows that irrespective of whether you are Republican, Democrat, or an Independent, 2/3 of Americans are concerned about these data centers and don't want them. So she has no reason to assume that our numbers would be any different in East Fishkill. Even in rural areas where there are large parcels of land and there aren't that many people living, these

people are starting to become very concerned about their quality of life and the character of their community. Some senators in Washington are voicing concerns that while we need these centers to compete with AI and the Chinese, they have to be done in the right way. State governors are trying to enact laws to protect their citizens, including Governor Abbott in Texas now. Our Governor has not made a decision, but it's reasonable to assume she will enact some protective laws. There are concerns about national security, which haven't totally been addressed because if the grids go down, our country could be in deep trouble. So we don't know about that. The truth is that really none of us know about the impact of all of these decisions, but we certainly have a right to be concerned. So, I think the question for East Fishkill is what quality of life do we want here? I think the risks outweigh the benefits. There are no longitudinal studies as to the effect on health. They do not offer long term jobs. The tax benefits will be at the expense of falling real estate values and less interest in living here. The current proposed sites are not on large tracts of land and with little population. The iPark site is particularly not suited. iPark uses a 418 acre former industrial property where there could be negative environmental impacts on soil and water. There's monitoring there right now. There's a plume. We also have endangered species. One being the Indiana Bat, the Long Eared Bat, and the Bog Turtle. They could be affected as well. Time is needed to assess the impacts of State and Federal decisions. Zoning laws have to be passed to protect us. There are actually communities where the zoning laws are now requiring that the sound level and noise from these data centers not be any more than what's allowed in the Town in general, and some have had success. Why would we choose to make East Fishkill Ground Zero as a test case? Why not wait to explore all of these things that are happening to best protect our community? The world's in turmoil, and many communities are being devastated by earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, and other natural things. We're blessed to live here. Let's keep it that way.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked her for her comments.

Chris Duffelmeyer: Thanks to the Board for their time and commitment to big development in the community at large. I am new to the area and unfamiliar with the rules. I am asking for a point of information to address the Board. It is my understanding that the Master Development Plan specifically references in two locations attracting data centers to iPark. The moratorium cites a carve out for Economic Development Special Permits. Is this the same instrument as the Redevelopment Special Permit iPark already has? Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that is correct. Mr. Duffelmeyer: Who issues those permits and what's the criteria for issuing them in the future? Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the Town Board issues them and then they go through approval through the Planning Board. Attorney Wood stated with a Public Hearing.

Mr. Duffelmeyer: The other carve out that I noticed that stood out to was a 20 MW carve out. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they did that for the state. That's what the state... Mr. Duffelmeyer stated it is analogous to what they have going. What stops the developers from building 20 MW clusters? iPark is a large area. What

stops them from building a 20 MW here, a 20 MW next to a 20 MW, and they can build it up to something much larger. I'd imagine everything is reviewed and things of that nature, but that was definitely a concern that came up. As a Union Leader myself, I'd be remiss without asking with this large development what's the Board's commitment to IDAs supporting local New York union labor? Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they always have. They always will.

Mr. Duffelmeyer: beautiful, I love it.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked him for his comments.

Debra Pagano: Thank you for giving all of us the opportunity to speak tonight. I'm actually going to speak more from... I was very concerned when I heard about what was taking place. And I was even more concerned when I checked, my son lives down in Texas, and I knew they had opened the data centers down there. So I asked his opinion if it was to their advantage or not. And he had said if you can put the brakes in any way to stop it from coming, especially to this area, do it. And I looked at some things. They said "Texans are raising growing alarms about rapid expansion of hyperscale AI data centers. Complaints center on massive electricity draws that threaten the power grids, heavy groundwater depletion throughout droughts, and poor local transparency. Texas power grids are feeling the squeeze. AI facilities demand so much power that they risk driving up the cost for residential and small business customers while threatening the grid reliability. Massive volumes of water are required to cool these facilities. Studies in Houston point that to a blind spot in the water forecasting, predicting data centers should consume billions of gallons annually. Rural industrialization and noise, residents in rural areas complain that the data centers disrupts their communities with constant industrial noise, air pollution, and massive land. Critics cite that the lack of State oversight, pointing out that the enforcement agencies like the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, are ill equipped to quickly investigate nuisance complaints like noise and emissions." This is Texas and will soon be East Fishkill if this is allowed to go through. Although there are areas of East Fishkill that are public water, I'm from Stormville. I have a huge concern because we still have well water. These massive draws on the water will easily impact us although we're up on the mountain, the water levels are not. It was my understanding that Mike Lawler and Anil Beephan and other Republicans have already put a one year moratorium on Governor Hochul's desk and she's refused to address it yet. She's waiting for the midterms. That was my hearing. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that is a shame. Ms. Pagano: I'd like you to tell her to stay out of the Hudson Valley and if she'd like to put something up, go over to Indian point. She and Cuomo shut it down. There's plenty of room there. They destroyed that area. Leave the Hudson Valley alone and go down there. Thank you.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked her for her comments.

Eric Hansan: I am a resident. I've been a resident living on Hortontown Rd. for 32 years, a lovely area. We're right on the edge of the woods. It's sort of that where

the mixing happens. We've got bears. We've got wildlife, and we have the beautiful Appalachian Trail, and a lot of people go by my house on the trail. I wouldn't have it any other way. This data center would be on the other side of the ridge. It would, I mean, from what I read, it would afford light pollution, and noises, and this and that, and so forth and so on. I just have to start by saying that this area that we live in is set upon pre Cambrian rock, as my dad used to say, which is older than the Himalayas. They're still going up and we're worn down to a nub. We used to be as high as the Rockies, I'm told, and now we're down here. It's kind of like a crushed muffin, is what it is. That granite is, it's porous and it's, you know, where's the water going? Sometimes it goes up, sometimes it goes down. Droughts create all kinds of interesting situations. The water table in our area so forth and so on. So it's very unpredictable geography to suss. Privately, my belief is that those that love AI the most have the least intelligence of their own. But that's just my opinion. So as far as I can tell, data centers like this will be tempting targets for evil doers jeopardizing surrounding communities, messing with the water, even if it's a closed loop system, which could breach, spewing its coolant into the aquifer during a seismic event, which we have every now and then. If it isn't a closed loop system, what does that do to the surrounding communities? Option of a geothermal personal system, something I would like to do. I'd like to invest extra money for a geothermal system. If they're warming up all the water, it's not available, OK? I have two properties I would like to do that on. Our aquifer, I think, is really hard to map because it's so old and riddled with underground galleries and deep rubble filled crevasses, fractured granite, as I would, as experienced by the Superfund site. That's kind of halfway between where I live and where this proposed site is. The guy threw the chemicals down into one of these rubble filled ravines. The backhoe bucket could only get so far. The rest of it is a plume that we monitor to this day. As you can say, I don't know, but how low can you go?

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked him for his comments.

Nora Marviello: Thank you. Good evening. Most people have expressed my thoughts so I'll just add my parents bought the property up here in 1941. We live on Lime Kiln Road, up from where the proposed site is. We've seen a lot of change in that time. We saw the building of Interstate 84. We saw the building of the IBM complex. Listen, progress is inevitable. We know that. But progress that takes care of the community as opposed to progress that doesn't are two different things. We have an aquifer for water. They used to say that our property could run a farm and we probably could. And we want to keep it that way. We are next to Fishkill Farms. We're next to an Animal Hospital, to a church. It's a residential area. Why do they feel the need to make it in a residential area? It should be in a place, I know we don't have deserts here, but it should be in a place like a desert if that's, you know, if that was where they wanted to look at, but not in a residential area. It'll affect not only the wildlife, the water, our quality of life. It'll affect the farm, Fishkill Farms, our good neighbors. It'll affect all the residents, their properties, their property values. What does any of this benefit the residents of East Fishkill? How would this benefit besides the electricity used, the water? How does this benefit the residents? I can't

find one thing that would say it would. So my thoughts. I don't see... I hope besides a moratorium I don't know what else you can do. Three years is great, but I don't think we should have to visit this every three years. Thank you.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked her for her comments.

Dorothy Rzepka: I'm supporting my daughter.

Pamela Henry: I am very concerned about all of this because I've sort of been through something similar. I'm not far from where this center's going to be doing their stuff or whatever. And there's a church there. It's in walking distance almost from my home. I have been through this with the IBM contamination that happened. I was a victim of that. And because of that you know, after all the contamination, we are in the Shenandoah Valley and we ended up paying the highest water rate, at the fourth highest water rate in the East Fishkill. And we're actually not getting water from East Fishkill. We're getting water from wells in Fishkill. We end up getting the Shenandoah Valley is now paying the highest, the fourth highest, for water rate. We were going to come from the... to generate... I want to know where's the water going to come from to generate the system that they're going to have because if we don't have water, we have to get water from Fishkill. Where are they going to get water to generate that plant that they are going to have there. And what kind of energy will be used and how will it affect the environment? After all of that the water rate went up, the electric rates went up. We are all struggling to pay water. I am struggling to pay water because I don't know how to... I have to sort of stop, slow down, and flushing my bathroom to keep down the amount of water that I use because the rates went up so high. Because some of us are on fixed income and we can't afford these extra costs. And I know that this is not going to benefit the people. I hope it will, but as far as I know, I don't see how it's going to benefit the people of East Fishkill and our neighbors. OK, lastly, the resident of East Fishkill and the surrounding area, we have to go through another pandemic or what you would call contamination again because I don't know how this whole situation, this whole data center is going to help us health wise. I'm hoping that they really... well I hope that our Town would prevent this from happening. Totally. Not for three years, but forever. Because we don't need it. Thank you.

Supervisor D'Alessandro reminded everyone that there is no application before the Town. There have been comments asking how it is going to affect things. We don't know because there is no application. Someone from the audience yelled something and Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that doesn't have anything to do with this Town Board or anything about East Fishkill. That is New York State. Not us.

Chris Frehlich and Carlos Hernandez: OK, I think that's fine, but I think it's blatantly obvious how concerned everyone is here. If there is nothing else you take away from this, it's that we do not want it. We don't want it. We're not sugar coating. Your residents don't want this. All right so I wrote something quick. I'll read it. Like

someone said, progress should benefit the residents, right? Not big tech, right? So I'm here to support a minimum of a three-year moratorium on the development of data centers within the community. A minimum. It should be more than that. Three years is too soon. We do not want it. We do not want it ever. Three years is the bare minimum. We do not need to make big tech richer while they suck our resources dry. Our beautiful green lush forests will be razed to the ground and replaced with an ugly gigantic metal box. No one wants that. We have a beautiful environment here. We're very lucky to have it because it's going fast. And this will make it go much faster. We'll be sacrificing our water quality, our wildlife, our growingly scarce land. And already astronomical utility bills will only go higher. And we won't see a single positive benefit in our daily lives from this monstrosity of a project. No meaningful addition of jobs, like one of the other residents mentioned. So there is literally zero benefit. I think you can all see that. At least I hope you can. Especially in this time when we're living in a virtual oligarchy, right? Where the wealthiest of us control the government and the decisions made for us. The thought of supporting big tech and making them richer at the cost of our beautiful community and all of its valuable resources makes me sick. And it should make you sick as well. This room is full of angered and passionate and concerned constituents, your constituents. This should be proof enough, clear as day, that East Fishkill says no to any data centers within our borders or our neighbors. Thank you.

Tanya Radford: Good evening. My name is Tanya Radford and I'm an East Fishkill resident and a con Central Hudson customer. I live on Long Hill Road just over the hill from Lime Kiln Road. I heartily support the Town Board's declared intention of passing a three-year moratorium, though even that may not be enough, on data center construction as well as a proposed 7 month extension on the industrial construction moratorium. Our Town, as you said, needs time to develop policies and practices that will protect citizens from development that damages rather than enhances our community. And that will require... and that will... and that we need policies that will require corporate beneficiaries to foot the cost of development and environmental remediation. From my perspective as a resident, the following measures are crucial. One, and the industrial building applications should be subject to a robust environmental review, one that requires specific analysis of air, water, noise, and light pollution, as well as impacts on waste management, including how contaminated water and electronic waste will be disposed. Current review practices are likely inadequate for AI data center applications and new practices must be developed before any moratorium ends, well before. A full independent SEQRA review should be required of all data center applications and any revisions to an industrial proposal should require a new and comprehensive review and comment period. Secondly, the beneficiary must pay for any additions to energy infrastructure. Ratepayers and communities should not have to pay for new infrastructure that supports new industry. Central Hudson customers already pay 40 to 50% more than the national average for electricity. Large commercial industrial users should pay premium prices rather than get sweetheart deals at our expense. Our Town Shield presents East Fishkill as a nice place to live. Let's protect that. Yes to big trees and puffy clouds like the shield shows. No to clear cutting a

wooded parcel and replacing it with an energy hog. Yes to robust environmental protections to sustainable beneficial development. No to diesel generators running 24/7, and no to massive increases in water usage.

Craig Bernardini: Greetings Supervisor and Town Council. My name is Craig Bernardini. Tanya, who just spoke is my partner, so we live at the same address. We've been there for 14 years. A lab that I work at, Hostos Community College, which is a City University school in the Bronx, and I'm a proud member of the Professional Staff Congress, also a representative Local 2334 of the American Federation of Teachers. I echo all the conservatives, thanks, and potential remedies that Tanya has just raised and all the concerns other people have raised about air quality, energy use, etcetera. Rather than repeat them I'd like to make a couple of additional points. The first is that we live a mile away from the Shenandoah Road groundwater contamination site, where I'm sure you are aware, 60 residential wells were poisoned with tetrachloroethylene ECE or trichloroethylene TCE, which are according to the EPA are "harmful, volatile, organic compounds used in industrial solvents". IBM was declared the responsible party. One thing we know about data centers is that they use an enormous amount of water. Unfortunately, I have little faith that either Treetop, or whatever third parties they contract with to manage wastewater disposal, will make much more of an effort than IBM did to protect or safeguard our communities health. I do not want another 60 or perhaps more wells poisoned on the other side of the mountain. We need to make sure there are robust controls over corporate remediation of any and all waste before this process starts. The second thing I want to say concerns jobs. Data centers often sell themselves as engines of job creation. There isn't much data on this yet, it's too new. The latest study suggests yes, they do create jobs, but many fewer permanent ones than they often promise. That's because you don't need a lot of workers to run a data center. Something which maybe speaks to concerns about AI's impact on the job market more generally. The largest jump is in construction jobs related to the building of these centers, and with this in mind, I'd like to say a word in the abstract to my siblings in the building trades unions. I know that for any trade union the chief concern is the bread and butter one of making sure the folks you represent have good jobs. But all unions also need to weigh these gains against the longer term impacts on the communities where they work and to which the workers they represent may or may not belong. The biblical analogy would be to the story of Jacob and Esau about selling one's birthright for a mess of pottage. Please don't let the mess of pottage offered by tech billionaires and data center developers who have anything but the wages or quality of life of your members in mind blind you to the potential impacts on our communities need for affordable utilities and a livable environment. Union means all of us. And lastly I just once again want to urge the Town Council to pass a three-year moratorium on data center construction.

George Nowmann: Hi. I am George Nowmann. I am not going to take the time to wave my credentials. You can look me up on the Internet. I would like to take the time to say thank you for being courageous enough to invite us all in to holler at you

and to throw a lot out there for you to deal with. I think it's great that you're taking the initiative to say you're representing us and you want to do what's right by the residents of East Fishkill. So thank you for your time. Hope it just started. 3 minutes umm. Where can I begin? One of the first speakers alluded to the effects of data centers on sensitives and she didn't elaborate on that. What's sensitive? Those are the people who are bothered by this 16 Hertz flashing of fluorescent lights. Those are the kids on the autistic spectrum. Those are old people like myself. So there are effects on sensitives and they're important to consider. The data centers, when you look at the power consumption, Indian point, when it was up and running, was putting out about 911 megawatts of energy at top speed when it was really working. That's a little less on a GW. When you go online and you check with AI and you check with Google you'll find that data centers use a substantial fraction of that energy. I can't put it in comparative terms with the average households that's now using low energy LED's to save so they can pay the electric bill. I can't put it terms of numbers of bananas in terms of the size of the building either. But 900 megawatts for nuclear power plants. 200 megawatts for a data center. Seems kind of disproportionate. I think even if I turn all the lights on I'm not going to come close to that. I'm not big on rallies. I haven't been to one since Kent State. But I have run into a lot of useful information that I hope will make you better able to be the leaders in standing up to something that's inequitable. Where control is given over to a country, a company rather, speech impediment, that doesn't really respect your zoning lines. It doesn't even respect the boundaries of the earth. We've already had our hydrogeological lecture about where the water comes from and where it's going. These things, the atmosphere, you go up two miles you can't breathe. It's a skinny little layer that protects all the life on earth. Pollution doesn't say "oh, we've reached the zoning line for where things are industrial where we are starting to pollute a residential area. Let's stop now." It doesn't work that way. The Town of East Fishkill has rules about how many chickens you can have. Don't waste my time on laws, that's not what I'm here for. And I'm not mocking that rule. That rule is there for a reason, for health and safety and there are people who inspect things like that. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the residents wanted it.

Mr. Nowmann: And they say specifically "No roosters" because they're as noisy as a data center. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated you're at 4 minutes.

Mr. Nowmann: In that case I'll shut up because there are plenty of intelligent people here with a lot to say. I hope I've given you some ammunition to be courageous with. Look to the Internet. Learn what you're talking about. These things are not good. Thank you.

David & Nancy Knodel: I live in a community which is less than 3 miles away from there where this one Gigabit, GW, data center would be built. We have big concerns about water, noise, and air pollution right there. One thing I wanted, I've been looking into what do other communities do when they're trying to fight something like this. And in the past, a lot of them have relied upon federal laws, the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Endangered Species Act. But the current administration has issued executive orders which basically gut these. And in fact, I just found out a few days ago that since the beginning of 2026, there

have only been 12 environmental lawsuits brought by the current EPA. In past administrations there would have been over 200. I'm assuming you're going to support your community and fight this. But even if you do, I want you to be aware that our current administration has signed four executive orders pushing data center development onto a high speed track. One of them says that no environmental review can last more than two years. And whereas when I've been looking at how long environmental reviews take, they typically take three to four years filed by themselves. So, there again, they're trying to speed things up. And they're also, another one is trying to make AI a prime strategic part of the United States Policy and that includes data centers. So you're going to be getting pressure, political pressure, and maybe even Department of Justice pressure if you would go against this, assuming it's approved by the New York State grid authority. So you're going to be getting pressure. So I want you to take a close look at your zoning laws and try to find loopholes and close them. The other thing I wanted to mention is that there are like 36 open permits right now before the New York State, no I mean 20 that are in operational and 36 that are proposed. There was 37. There's only been one that's been turned down. So I know you say you don't have a proposal yet, but it doesn't look like they're turning down a large number of these. So we need to get that three-year moratorium. And we also need to make sure that we have the zoning laws in effect here in East Fishkill to resist any pushback afterwards. Thank you.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there are still more than 30 people wanting to speak so he is going to cut it down to two minutes per person because otherwise they will be here all evening.

James Webb: I live 8/10 of a mile from iPark. I'm a bit concerned about the potential of a data center. I'm not going to go into all those things I was really going to get fired up about because they've been very articulated very well by others. Those are also my concerns. You know the big ones that brought me down here was that I have a well. I'm 8/10 of a mile to the water. Obviously, the issues associated with the economy, the environment, all of that. But the reason I decided to get up anyway and speak is because these concerns are real. I feel I have a bit of a crystal ball and I say that because my daughter is a reporter in Texas, in Abilene, where they have a huge data center, which is by the way infinitely farther away from the Town Center. She has been reporting all year on not just concerns, but actual things that are happening. Families who can't afford to live their daily lives. Families that give away their dog because they can't feed the dog so they're going to the local shelter and say "please take care of him. He's a great dog but I can't keep him because it's either the dog or my kids." I will say number one, I forgot to say it already, I want to thank you all for hearing us because I think that's critically important. We need you. I think this fight is going to be a huge fight. I know there are levers you can pull and many others that you can't but all the more reason to stand up. Stand up for the community. Stand up for the individuals who are here, who are going to feel it. Everybody here is going to be impacted if that data center comes here. And it's not going to be one day, five days, it's going to be for the rest of the time we're here. So I just want to implore upon you folks to please do everything you can, listen to

your community, and know that this is real because my daughter tells me, you know, all the construction workers that the trucks are rumbling back and forth and the noise and people losing their homes, rents are through the roof, electricity is through the roof. I'll stop here, but I just want to let you know about that crystal ball because I watched my daughter every day report, and it's all happening and none of it is good and there's no direct advantage to that city of Abilene. They're not feeling anything but the pain and the same thing is going to happen here. I appreciate your time and, I really, if there's anything I can do let me know. Thank you.

Ed Ivory: I apologize for being rowdy before. When I was speaking before I was... The audience here gives you gentlemen the permission to take your jackets off. And loosen your ties. I think it's kind of hot. You all look like you're on the Supreme Court. Gentlemen in green, you look very uncomfortable, and you are not smiling, I would take off the blue jacket. I want to go on record that I share the audience's hostility towards us. One of the things you said at the beginning here was to strike the right balance. And we have to realize, unfortunately, that the person Company or whatever it is that owns that property has rights. Alright. Now, the real question here with them, whatever they're doing with this project, is to deal with the law of unintended consequences. And the concrete example of that was what was the pollution that we suffered from IBM about what, in the 1980s. Alright. Now, IBM did not pollute. It was a subcontractor. And in turn, that left them off the hook to some extent. And it left us with the illegal process of over 10 or 12 years. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they also polluted themselves on that site. Not only their contractors but themselves as well.

Mr. Ivory: Right. But the problem here is that what happened is we had to underwrite it. I was reading a book by a hedge fund manager. One of his quips is that business privatizes profit, but collectivize his debt. That means everybody in here, in one form or another, paid for the water system that went into this community because so many wells were polluted. Alright. IBM did not really reimburse us. Alright. And we also have this love hate relationship with business. It underwrites our school taxes. So, we don't want to hear a lot of people complaining about what they're paying in taxes. So, we've got to strike a balance. And one of the things is to seek a concept of bonding for this thing called law of unintended consequences. Jamaica, you know where we all go to visit occasionally. And while, I haven't even been there. So what they did was issue a sovereign bond debt to cover hurricanes exceeding a 4 point whatever and they got purchases and believe it or not when they were hit with their five point whatever hurricane that bond paid off. So one of the things I think, one of the tools in your arsenal, and looking at this, would be to you explore very concretely the use of some sort of concept of bonding if unfortunately we do not kind of win and get something else in there. Alright. That's important. The other thing out of this is again, look back at our zoning laws, and one of the things I'm hyped up on and I don't see them on this building are solar panels. Clearly, if this building is using all that electricity and it's a million square feet there's not going to be that much on the roof that solar panels could be put on them. All right. That requires engineering and it has to go exceed more than snow loads. I brought this to your attention over a year and a half ago in a private letter.

Well actually, no it was a formal letter. I never got a reply. But the point is, that all commercial developments that go forward in this community are not built to accept solar panels. They're built to a minimum standard and solar panels simply add more weight to a roof structure. If the various, if this contractor has to take this into consideration that might be something not in their favor. The other thing I would expect the Town Board not simply to communicate with their equals in other cities that have this, or other towns but actually visit it. All right. And make an onsite, not telling them, but make a drive by inspection. Those are simple things you can weigh the balance on it.

Fran Caracappa: I am a 37 year resident of East Fishkill. I want to thank the Town Board. When I was here a couple of months ago we talked about and I asked for, three years. Supervisor D'Alessandro had suggested seven. Now we're back to three so I appreciate that you heard us and that you were willing to listen to us tonight. A hyperscale data center has no place in a town looking to expand tourism or open space as our new master plan has indicated. Does the town need such a large capacity? Also told us when we brought them in with Central Hudson is that the capacity we're paying more for New York City because they're drawing on the capacity. Do we need that here? We do not need a hyperscale data center. We need data. We need data centers. You know, we use our cell phones. We listen to Spotify. So data centers will be here. The issue is how much concern that we have to take into consideration of our environment and our people. I have an MPH. And listening and listening to colleagues and reading the studies, there is hypersensitivity to the sound and the lights. There's also water consumption. I believe at the last meeting it was mentioned, I want to say by the Town Engineer, that they have moist systems. Well, closed systems may use less water, but the issue really is that the water evaporates. There's also chemicals that are used to clean the data centers. You know where does that go? These are forever chemicals. So we have a tremendous amount of concern, OK? You know, do we need this burden on us? Whether our electric bills go up or not, do we need this burden in this town? We want... I've been in a number of meetings. We want to beautify this town. A data center will not do that. I've always acknowledged that this project is not before the Planning Board, OK? I've never said it was and it is not. So people need to understand that. It's not in front of the planning board. We had a developer come in and present a warehouse plan. In and of itself it is not something that we want but in and of itself it was a warehouse. And then it became a project with ISO. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated it did not. Not with the Town of East Fishkill.

Ms. Caracappa: I said with ISO. When I asked you about it you had indicated you didn't know anything about it when we spoke. I then, you know, so I'm asking you now, did the developer come to you and say I want to change this to a data center? Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he made that very clear. He came and said that he wanted to switch to a data center and I told him at that point there is no power here. There is no power available for a data center of his size, not even close. We have 50 megawatts available between the East and West campus combined and we need that power for that site for future manufacturers and other better paying jobs.

I made it very clear at that time that the town was not interested in looking for that. Ms. Caracappa: OK, right now it is still in an active queue with our grid operator. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that is his business.

Ms. Caracappa: But it's there and in addition to that there's 150 MW for iPark that's being looked at. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he has not seen that.

Ms. Caracappa: On their list. I can give you a project number. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he speaks with Central Hudson almost regularly.

Ms. Caracappa: The project number is 1760. It is listed as an active project in the queue. So what ISO is doing now is that they are looking at both of those together. They also have a plan to possibly look at that meaning, iPark, the 1 gig and Orangeburg. So they are looking at what is the total load for all of the projects but it's a step process. They're looking at the best load first, then they are looking at the 1 gig, and then they are looking at iPark, the 150 together and then they're going to look at what Orangeburg give us. A moratorium is needed to assess the full impact on the environment. You know clearly, I have a well. I have wetlands. I have the capacity to have a lot of water because I have wetlands and I'm a proud steward of those wetlands. I don't want them affected. One other question. I come here as a concerned citizen. This is not a political issue. This is a non political issue. This is a community issue. It's been mentioned that this is a political issue. It's also been mentioned that we are spreading hysteria. When the grid operator is looking at a project it's not hysteria. So as a community member and somebody who sits here when there are only 5 people at a Town Board meeting you ask people to get active. People are active now. Please listen to them and please pass the three-year moratorium. I have one comment and that is I am concerned about home rule. And what does that mean when the Governor does sign the one year moratorium? Thank you for your time.

Deanna Jacobs: I have been a resident of East Fishkill my entire life. I grew up playing softball here. I have returned. I went to grad school, lived in Albany for a while and came back because I love it so much here. One of the things I've noticed is that there has been a lot of concern about environmental impact of a data center. One of the things I penitential to was that there is the office of renewable energy sighting and there has been a lot of.... It is being mandated that there's protected farm lands in Fort Edwards specifically, that is going to be a solar farm and, while that doesn't seem relevant to what this is, I was just curious if the Office of Renewable Energy Sighting is going to have any sort of influence on future data centers even if, and hopefully you do pass a moratorium today. Do you think that if you have a moratorium pass today would you then have the Office of Renewable Energy Sighting have any sort of influence on our home rule? Supervisor D'Alessandro stated once we act, that's the law unless the State Legislature overrides because our laws are beneath the state so we play kowtow to the state. If the state passes something above us, we have to adhere to that. Our laws don't supersede theirs.

Ms. Jacobs: Ok, so home rule would not then stay. All right. I really pray that we have some new planning going in that could potentially go against that, any sort of policy to protect us. I just wanted to bring awareness to everyone. Thank you for

hearing us today. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated everyone should call the Governor.

Frudga Talasiha: I'm not going to speak long because everyone else has elucidated all of the negative impacts, but I've been following this whole AI thing for a long time and all of the health. There is a sound that goes that we don't hear that affects little children and animals. And also, we're part, it's the AI bubble, and it's gotten out of hand, and it is not, we're part of the whole country dealing with this right now. It is largely unsustainable as it is being implemented right now. And that's the overriding concern. We're just a little piece of that here because this is happening all over and no one is prepared for this and AI is sort of out of control. That's what I wanted to say and I do have a private well and I've lived here all my life and I am concerned. Thank you.

Mike Nagy: Good evening Board members. Thank you for everything that you do for this great Town. I appreciate it. A lot of my questions were already answered by you previously so thank you for that. My only question is I see that the moratorium is consistent with the State's moratorium. I'm sure the lawyer has a lot of input on that as well. But, is there a time or place during this Board meeting to make a motion for a longer moratorium or one that doesn't set the bar at 20 megawatts? Can we make it all inclusive for any MW data center? Supervisor D'Alessandro stated we are proposing a three-year moratorium. The State is a one year moratorium.

Mr. Nagy: What if we... is there a time or place to make a motion today for a five year moratorium for any data centers in this town? Is that possible? Supervisor D'Alessandro stated this Board would have to make that motion.

Michelle Fredrickson: Thank you again for allowing everyone to make their voice heard today. I appreciate it. I live essentially across the street from the town hall so I'm here once in a while. I'm glad that you could have everyone here today. I am here to urge you to pass the three-year moratorium. I would like to see a longer if that's able to be considered as well if someone would make a motion. So I will echo what the gentleman said before. As a lot of people have already said, a lot of residents in our area are very sensitive to water issues with having experienced contamination, wells drying up. I had a neighbor that had to replace their point well because they didn't have enough water so wells will have to be drilled deeper. Regular testing has to occur in some places because of such contamination that has occurred in the past. Other data centers around the country have essentially led to major water issues for residents in the area with some of those data centers saying that they would use X amount of water and have used doubled that and really impacted people's quality of life and leaving residents high and dry essentially. Aside from the water issue a lot of people have already raised the energy issue and I'm sure a lot of people in this room have experienced penny pinching in order to pay Central Hudson's very high electric bills and I don't want to see our bills get any higher. I don't want to need to have to spot my mom again for a high Central Hudson bill. So we don't want that to happen in our area. Just in terms of the amount of power the data center would use, obviously, the amount of

power could power hundreds of homes, thousands of homes instead. Not to mention how e-waste will be handled. Someone did bring that up earlier. We need to ensure that if this ever goes into place, that we know exactly where any type of waste is going. In the end in terms of a data center who's actually paying for it. It's certainly not the companies who are doing everything in their power to make this feel inevitable. It's us. We who would be left with higher electricity bills and questions on our water supply. So all of this to say we need a halt on the data centers so that local families don't have to pay higher bills for the profit of a few tech billionaires. I know you said earlier that your motto is this is a nice place to live, so I want to make this my forever home, so I want the moratorium in order to make that happen. Thank you.

Alan Tinter: Hello again everybody. I just want to say thank you for allowing me and all the residents to speak. I'm not going to repeat many of the concerns that were presented here today. I've been to many of these Town Board meetings, as somebody said before, when there were five of us here. Somebody recently, at this meeting, talked about the developer rights. Well, we have rights too. This isn't just about data centers and three year moratoriums. I believe that the East Fishkill Board and the East Fishkill residents need to seriously consider how we look at our industrial land use, whether it is a warehouse, data center, or a processing center, whatever it may be. I want to encourage all the residents here to support this Town Board to use every tool at their disposal to do so, which we have some that I'm aware of. We have a 2019 Industrial Land Study that makes recommendations on this property and six other spots. Changing the zoning law of this particular area from an industrial use to a commercial usage. We have legislation passed down by New York State to both municipalities and towns, Sections 261 and 239, which allowed the Town to base that environmental and residential impact, change zoning laws of vacant land. This is not just about the data center. I live here, you live here, we all live here. We need to take a long hard look at what we are going to do with our industrial space and stop the over industrialization of East Fishkill. You have our support. Honestly, you have our support. There's a whole bunch of people here that I haven't seen in the year and a half that I've been coming to Town Board meetings. So all I'm going to say is let's use those tools to protect what we have here because once it's gone we can never get it back. We can never get it back. Go get them. Go get them.

Ken: I've never been up here. Thank you for everything you guys do, but have you guys looked at what it's going to take to put this in our area? The water, the air, the pollution, the footprint. Have you guys looked? Board Member Franco stated that is why they want the pause. They want to do their due diligence on everything.

Ken: Just the three years, like it's going to not be any different. Is it going to make it different than before or after? Supervisor D'Alessandro stated it could. They don't know. That is why they call on the experts.

Ken: Why would you want it here? Do you guys want it here? Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he didn't say he wanted it here.

Ken: I'm just asking. I'm just asking. Do you guys want it here? Board Member

Marinaro stated they do not have the infrastructure available for this kind of unit in East Fishkill. Everybody has addressed the need for electricity. This year alone, we suffered the consequences of Governor Cuomo shutting down Indian Point And what it did to this community. There are seniors in this community that couldn't afford to buy medication to pay their electric bill. So before we talk about data centers we really have to have those people in Albany and I hope everyone in this room tonight makes a phone call to whoever represents us in Albany, to say guess what we need to produce affordable energy for the Hudson Valley. This Town Board is not supportive of any big projects like this. I thank everyone for coming out tonight and addressing all of your concerns and needs but no one on this Town Board, including myself, has expressed a desire for these kinds of projects. Whether it is hearsay or fake news, he doesn't know but he can assure you the needs of this community are different than a data center. We need affordable energy. Board Member Arco stated there is a process they have to go through and if the people want this moratorium to stick and then extend they have to do the process. They have to educate the community. They have to educate themselves. That way they know the moratorium will stick and that it's the right thing for this community. A month ago this wasn't even on their plate.

Ken: I talked to D'Alessandro about this a month ago and he made a statement that they wanted to put it out in Wiccopee, but it wasn't zoned for that and that maybe the IBM plant might be a better location. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated we do not have the power. Board Member Arco stated there are a lot of tire kickers that come into the Planning Board. He was on the Planning Board before he was elected to the Town Board. They come in and present. We spent hours driving around looking at what they want to do and then they vanish for years and we don't see them again. It happens every day.

Ken: I'm speaking for myself. We're scared because we don't... the overdeveloping and this is all we've got left. This was our last year. We're putting it all in your hands. Please, please. There is not one good thing that comes out of this. So we don't want it here. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they hear everyone. Board Member Marinaro stated they are on board with everyone's thinking. It's just that it's only fair.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they are going to start with the non-resident list.

A woman who wasn't on the list insisted she would only take 30 seconds: It seems to me by what I hear that this may not be up to us or yourselves. If there is people behind that is making these decisions for this area, I think we need to lawyer up. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated she could call the Governor.

Unknown resident: No, lawyer up early before they deny your moratorium. No one is going to call. You need to get ready with lawyers to defend your area. I live here. I love it. I think I'm in heaven.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated call the Governor Hochul, because she can end it all. Attorney Wood stated tonight was advertised for a three-year moratorium. In setting moratoriums, the courts and the State require to have a specific purpose and to be taking action and to do it in the quickest shortest period of time Because,

as people have said, the property owner has property rights. Today the Town Board received a missive from the attorneys for the property owner, obviously indicating their objection to the length of the moratorium. The purpose of the moratorium if enacted for whatever time period, is for the Town Board then to allow the study to be done. The study is to identify all of the issues and all of the impacts and to then specifically address them. You cannot just exclude things unless you have a basis for it. It's not just the will, it's the legal rights of everyone. They started out with the three years because originally the State was going to be a three-year moratorium. The State Bill that was passed by the legislature is down to one year requiring New York State DC to perform a study on the environmental issues, which we've heard many of. Yes to do a study on the power source, the power needs, perhaps setting a different tier. If the Board goes with the three years or some other period as long as they're doing something, studying it, and collecting the data, they can be sustained, hopefully. It is a balancing act and we will be challenged. They are going through the process. Tonight, just to switch from three to five years is not doable because the process of enacting a local law, which this is, requires public notice in advance and that would be a substantial change to the law. So when you have a public hearing you can lessen it but you can't increase it. You can't make it more stringent without advertising. So the Board is working within those parameters. They obviously are making a record of your comments. They will be transcribed and they will be part of the litigation. As will the property owner and whatever they have. There are two prongs to the moratorium. One is the data sent to issue because the table of permitted uses doesn't permit it, but the concern would be that an applicant would go to the Zoning Board and say "I'm like this industrial use, so I should be allowed". So, we want to look at that during the moratorium. The second prong to it is to extend the industrial district moratorium through the end of the year. The Town Board has already engaged the services of a planning consultant firm to assist us in getting the data to analyze the industrial districts and make adjustments as needed. This is all the process, but the beginning tonight would be moratorium issue.

Board Member Flores stated that she will be proposing that during the moratorium, assuming the Board approves a moratorium, that they establish a data center task force. During that moratorium we will have a task force made-up of all the key stakeholders; residents, town officials, the engineering, utilities, environmental, and all of the relevant aspects. There is a lot of misinformation as well as information we don't know and we need to educate ourselves to make the right decisions. Part of her resolution will be to form a task force so that during the moratorium they will fully look at the issue. They will look at whether the existing infrastructure can support it. What are the specific requirements that are needed, what are the risks? How do they mitigate them? What zoning, set back, landscaping, noise standards are needed? What are the fiscal impacts positive and negative? As well as how do they continue to retain the community character? She does believe that is a key use of the moratorium. During that moratorium they're going to take the time to study it and make sure they make decisions based on facts, based on the latest technologies, and engineering solutions and do what's right for our Town.

Eileen Ellradt from Fishkill: I know you were looking into feasibility studies and studying it. I actually have a detailed data analysis of what an AI center would do for our communities. I can give it to the clerk. Two things that I have noticed is that right now the current United States policies of data centers is that they are pushing the data centers through as quickly as possible. Right now we have 3900 data centers in the United States, which comprises 37% of data centers throughout the world. Right now our current water qualities in our area is at a B. There are three things they do have to worry about when it comes to water pollution, air pollution, and of course anything else above that. Right now they are not in, the administration, the federal administration, has not put anything as to if the data centers will actually have to pay for their own energy. So 27 states right now are advancing data legislation to make sure that the data centers actually pay for their own energy. Maine is actually the first one so far that is pretty much close to passing it completely. I do recommend that you do a minimum of three years for the moratorium. I would extremely... I think it's a great thing to do right now because right now what's looking at the people that are looking to open up the data center, there are three main players right now; Treetop, Meridian, and Donovan. Donovan has already put in, as of February 2026, HT pass recommendation for a data center in four parts area and they are hoping to put in 1000 MW load interconnection data center for or about October 2028, which would be just after the three-year moratorium. So understand that right now they are coming for us. The wolves are at the door. I would like to give you all of this and I hope you will use it.

Victoria Klose from LaGrange: I live in neighboring LaGrangeville so I am concerned because it is pretty close to us. On Tuesday, the New York Times had an article called living by data centers and I'm going to quote some of the things that they say about a description of the data centers. And the data centers have to generate memory chips. "The memory chips generate heat and they need giant industrial fans to keep from melting. Many data centers also use diesel power generators since the grid often can't support such heavy power needs. The humming of those cooling systems, the rumbling of the generators, and the whirring of fans can be heard and felt for hundreds of feet and even up to a mile. The acoustic footprint is just orders of magnitude different. Some of the noise consists of infrasound, ultra-low frequency sound waves that fall below the threshold of human hearing." So we are talking about something that will affect humans, plants, and all living creatures. I support your urge and your movement to declare a moratorium for as long as possible.

David Itkin from Pine Plains: I signed the sheet outside as I thought it was a standard sign in sheet. I didn't realize it was going to put me over here. I came down here. I live about an hour north of here and I came down frankly out of solidarity. Because, well there's nothing coming to Pine Plains at this moment. This could happen tomorrow and it would be a disaster for us, just as I think it'll be a disaster for East Fishkill. I have a question, since this is new to me, and I have an article that the speaker before me mentioned. This is from the New York Times and says,

“living by data centers has an unseen, unrelenting cost that hum”. One thing about the hum is that it is not a loud noise that you can read on a meter. It's a constant hum that not only do you hear but you feel it. I have a question. Why is there a limit on the moratorium? It has to be 3 years, it can't be longer? Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they advertised for three years and to go above that they would have to re advertise, have a new public hearing, and have this process start again by New York State law. Attorney Wood stated they have to show that it's a reasonable amount for that time to accomplish your purpose. It's initially our goal within three years to be able to do the studies and to make a determination. If you did one for five years it would probably be unsustainable by the courts and we'd be back trying to fill the gap. They can always extend it if the time comes that they need to extend it.

Mr. Itkin: I can't imagine how you could mitigate anything. Attorney Wood stated he is not saying that they have to have the mitigation. He is just saying that it is while they study it and prepare to decide what way to go.

Mr. Itkin: So essentially it's a pause with the understanding that in three years assuming there is still a project to be had and assuming that none of these problems can be solved. Attorney Wood said correct, and also not to be the bearer of bad news, but there is also the higher levels of government have preemption authority. So the federal government had preempted towns from regulating cell towers if there's a study done to show the area needs coverage. So we can regulate how it's screened at the bottom and everything but we can't prevent that. The State government by establishing the Public Service Commission has preempted us with respect to where the high power lines go, power substations, and generation stations. Those are all tools that the government have to force things on us that we may not like.

Mr. Itkin: But you were doing everything that you as the Town Board can do. Attorney Wood said yes.

Andrew Parker from Highland: Good evening. Thank you for having me. I had to cut down my speech a little bit. I have watched countless towns across America approve of the building of these data centers and I've seen what it does to the community, how it affects people's lives, and especially the environment around them. I've watched how these data centers have destroyed the life around it, and how it has permanently altered the way of living in those towns and communities. And I can tell you right now I refuse to sit and watch the same thing happen in the town I grew up in and I continue to live in. We cannot afford to share our community with the data center. It has no benefits. It does not create jobs. It does not improve our way of living. It does not make it easier or cheaper for people to afford to live here. It will only cause harm and detrimental damage to the place that thousands of people call home and continued to work hard to make sure they can keep this place as their home. No AI data center will ever be a more important or even as important as the communities that we have here, the lives that people have built over generations, the environment we try our best to protect from things like these data centers, the wildlife that we live among and everything that makes this town what it is. An AI data center will never be welcomed here. It only causes harm to

our communities and the lives that live here. You are part of that community, so it is your duty to help protect and provide for this community. We are part of it as much as you are. I can hope that you will represent us properly, to protect us properly. I have just one more thing I would like to add. For anyone who is for these data centers being built across the country, every time you step outside, every time you appreciate the nature around us that we have taken advantage of and destroyed, every time you interact with someone in a community being affected by these data centers, every time you see an animal, whether it is a pet or wildlife, I want you to think about the fact that all of that is being destroyed by these data centers. And I don't want you to see me and my voice as an enemy of technological progression because I know some may see these data centers as a step towards progression for our community, but this is not progression. This is the destruction of our communities and another fat check in another rich man's pocket that has no care for our communities. I am not fear mongering. I am not being over dramatic. I'm simply stating what it is, a detrimental threat to every single thing that I just listed. Is that the community you want your kids to live in? Is that the community you want your pets to live in? Is that the community you want your family and friends to live in? If so, you are not for the betterment of our society, but a supporter of the destruction of the world around us. People over profit always. Thank you for your time.

Shirley Freitas from LaGrange: Well I've only lived here for about 11 years. I'm a native Californian so I can tell you very much what happens when developments are allowed to run unbridled and the problem with water usage. So, we all know that Mother Nature doesn't have these town borders. We've seen bears wandering from one town to another and all these other animals. So this would affect every one of us. In LaGrange right now for instance there's a proposal for this town center opposed by 96% of the residents. We don't have a great Town Board like you guys have here. And so they are kind of running roughshod over it. But I wanted to address the member who is talking about the study, the group. That's an incredibly good idea because what they did in LaGrange is they did all these studies kind of on the sly and the developer himself hired the groups that did the studies. So there's no environmental problems, there's no water problems, there's no traffic problem. You know they're like basically covering it all up. So we need independent voices who can look at that. And the moratorium, as you pointed out, will allow time for the structures that could be developed to be looked into their own power generation. What are they going to do with the water? Oh and by the way the Town Center they're proposing is built over the aquifer. So we need to talk about the water usage definitely. As a Californian, that was a big issue for us. So also I wanted to say that if the administration, whether it's the Federal or some other group attacks you guys or sues you or whatever they tried to do to stop you from doing the right thing, I think everybody here will back you up. So just let people know. Let people know. I have one question for the... That was a great presentation from the city attorney. But my question, I may be confused about this. If the State passes a one year moratorium does that override the three-year one if you pass it? Attorney Wood stated no the statute that the governor has before her doesn't say that. I think they

would both coexist for that year. And then ours would continue to whatever time.
Ms. Freitas: OK that's good news. I was worried that that might supersede it. Thank you very much. Keep on doing the right thing you guys.

Tyler Melendez-Fielding from Hopewell: That's why I'm here. Alright. Thank you for giving your time and I know you guys are with us and understand the environmental impacts that this can cause for everybody here, But we all know what data centers can do to us and the environment. Data centers raises our electric and water bill, lowers the value of the Town, and make excessive noise, and give us poor water to live off of. The Board knows what the data owners can do to us and our future generations. As a hiker, I don't want to be on the Appalachian Trail and listen to or know that a data center is only an 11 minute drive from me. This vacant lot should be used for something that's actually beneficial to the community and is being built off of instead of taking from it. Make it, I don't know, affordable housing, water storage, or something. I don't know. Something that's other than obviously a data center. Data centers don't just affect us, they affect the environment and how future generations survive on the water that they need. As members of the Board it is your duty to help keep the interest of the public and not the interest of the wealthy. You know what's best for us and if you don't make the right decision you'll know about it in the next election, you know? That's how it goes. But thank you.

Someone from the public asked if they were allowed to ask questions while people are speaking. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated when they get through all of the speakers he'll ask for any additional questions.

Laurie Fir-Bares from Stormville: Hi guys. I am Stevie Henning. I am 20 years old so I don't really know much about board meetings and everything going on here. I'm not very educated, I'm sorry to say. I'm just here to see what's going on in my community. I'm wondering if after this three-year what is being made possible during this three-year pause? Are they just going... Are people...Are developers or the higher ups, the Governor are they just going to be able to basically plan this in their three years? And when the three years is up start developing almost immediately? Like I'm fearing that even with this three-year pause, or I don't even really know what it does, I'm sorry, but with this pause, it's not really a pause, it's just allowing them to get their stuff together. So that they are ready in these three years to develop. Like is that the... Board Member Franco stated the pause is so that we can get our stuff together. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the pause is for us to study and see what the impacts are and then have legislation for or against these types of companies to come into our municipality. But in the meantime, if the State or the Federal government acts, they supersede us. So there's nothing we can do about that but we can act while we have the moratorium. We will study, hire consultants, and look and see what this truly will do to our community. And do we want that? I don't think so. But we have to have proper backup, proper experts tell us this so we prove our point if we pass legislation.

Ms. Bares/Henning: Thank you so much for your guys's time and I appreciate everyone else coming out as well.

Bryce Volnicts from Poughkeepsie: Hello. I will lead with one question that I will ask you to refrain from answering until I explain everything weighing into your response. How is this AI data center benefiting the citizens of East Fishkill in the Hudson Valley in any way? And how does it not go against every single goal listed in the Comprehensive Plan for this town? The main argument I've heard is it's going to generate tax revenue, but is this really true? When we look at the opportunity cost, the picture becomes a lot more clear. Firstly, data centers only pay corporate income tax if they generate revenue. Hyperscale data centers owned by large companies don't generate direct operating income. They just house servers, period. Therefore, if the goal is to generate taxes, why not build another type of facility like a pickle factory, a distillery, or another high income tax revenue source like a cannabis indoor grow house? This would generate a lot more revenue and would bring in jobs and young people according, which is a goal in the Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, if the goal of treehouse development was to create wealth for our town, why aren't they using a cooling system instead of our fresh water? Why aren't they using a turbine, steam power, or solar system instead of our power? Instead they're straining our resources because it's the cheap option. Their footing our town the cost of the center and running off with the resources, destroying the wildlife, and the damage to the environment goes directly against Comprehensive Plan 29.1 through .5. Overall this goes against several goals listed in the Comprehensive Plan but this meeting isn't about canceling the data center, my wish. It's about delaying it, which I would recommend at least three years so they can figure out how to cool their servers with their own freshwater, run without our power, and additionally, until further studies are done, which are currently being done that are showing birth defects in people and animals in the areas around the centers. In conclusion, the building of this town goes against several, if not all, goals listed in the Comprehensive Plan, which should be the most important thing to stick to when making these decisions and running this town. This company is running off with our resources and taking them to Jersey and not bringing us anything in return but actively subtracting from the quality of the township. This plan is short sighted, the developer has ill intentions, so stick to your word and your oath in the Comprehensive Plan and consider not building this. I know that plenty of citizens in this town will not let this build go silently.

Mike Shade from Fishkill: Good evening. Thank you so much for the opportunity to comment tonight. It's great to be back. So I've been working for 25 years to protect New York communities from environmental health hazards. This is not the first time I've been here. I have worked with folks in Hopewell Junction going back to 2004 working with residents whose drinking water was contaminated with TCE, a cancer causing chemical. I was here then and I'm here now. I want to recognize that we know that no formal proposal for a massive data center has been submitted to the town. At the same time, the fact that a project of this scale is being evaluated by the New York ISO raises serious questions and concerns. I want to thank the Town Supervisor D'Alessandro and the Town Board for listening to residents and considering a three-year moratorium tonight. And I think that given the scale of this

facility being evaluated and the questions that it raises, this is a prudent and responsible step. According to reporting from the Times Union, the data center that is being evaluated could require as much electricity as 800,000 homes. To put that into perspective, that would require more than six times the electricity of every single homeowner in Dutchess County writ large. If we look at East Fishkill alone, that is 80 times the number of energy used by homes here in East Fishkill for just one facility. That's simply staggering. No community should be expected to absorb that kind of demand without asking very tough questions first, and that's why this moratorium is critical. When one project requires more than six times the electricity needed to power every home in Dutchess County, we're not talking about neighborhood development anymore. We are talking about a massive industrial scale facility operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with impacts that can extend far beyond East Fishkill, which is why myself and other folks in the region are here. At a time when families are struggling to pay their utility bills, residents should not be asked to shoulder the cost of infrastructure upgrades that are needed to serve some of the largest and wealthiest corporations in the world. I will close. Responsible growth means planning for the future, not gambling with it. Certainly, we should welcome economic development but development should strengthen our community not strain infrastructure or diminish quality of life. In closing, I want to thank you for holding this hearing and I want to strongly encourage you to adopt this moratorium. Thank you.

Shantha Thanglah from Poughkeepsie: Good evening everyone, Board, fellow community. One more time my name is Shantha Thanglah from Poughkeepsie. I'm a Town of Poughkeepsie Councilman. The reason I'm here is East Fishkill used to be my home, as well I run a business here for the last 20 years and my biggest customer lives here, so practically I live here as well. When it comes to data center it consumes great deal of power and electricity that everybody talked about. IBM complex today it's called On Semi. Poughkeepsie provides water for them, 1,000,000 gallons every day. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated 2,000,000 gallons. Mr. Thanglah: Correction, 2 million. So we don't have that capacity to build a data center here that, you know, I'm preaching to the choir but the people who is listening. So we know if there is a data center, you need to dig up wells and contaminate the water, but we know we don't have the power. I mean they need to have a generators. We know this is all. But this is, I'm confident you know, first of all thankful that you took this moratorium. But I'm here to talk about the moratorium is not a solution. Moratorium is a temporary moratorium for you to come up with a local law. So in my Town that's what I did. I proposed and drafted a temporary moratorium and sent it to the attorney. And this give us time to develop a local law and an act. My job or your job is depends on the people. If they don't back us up, we don't have the job. We, today you can see they are with you. You know it's my concern is when you have a longer period of a moratorium you can be challenged with the property rights. I totally agree with that, that's what we are concerned you know. It's not you don't have the political bill, but how do you get challenged by the laws, right? So my concern, my concern and request is hopefully you will develop a local law. You have the people support. You have all the reasons. You have the

good reasons to develop a local law and enact it. Thank you very much.

Ann LaGey from Fishkill: Hi. I have been a neighbor to East Fishkill for 30 years. I have lived in Fishkill and I fully support and thank you for first of all having the public hearing, introducing the moratorium. I hope you unanimously pass it. I want to thank you, Ms. Flores for answering my question before I even had to ask it, which is how are you going to conduct yourselves in the three-year moratorium and it sounds like between what the attorney, thank you for your presentation, you have that sort of mapped out. So I do hope that is the case. I do have one other question though. It is my understanding that there was a project in front of the Planning Board for a nearly 800,000 square foot warehouse. There is a current moratorium that is up at the end of next week. Is that what the seven month moratorium is? Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that was correct.

Ms. LaGey: So you've extended that. So I can go home. My questions are answered, but I do hope that you unanimously passed this. Clearly, you know, we are all in agreement.

Api Castano from Hopewell Junction: Good evening. Supervisor D'Alessandro asked him if he was a Hopewell Junction resident.

Mr. Castano: Yes. A growing body of reporting shows a significant negative environmental community impact caused by data centers that rarely make headlines. Recent investigations are beginning to document what is happening out of the public view. Data centers have a potential to cause irreparable damage to our community. Data centers draw tremendous amounts of water for cooling, reducing the amount of available for the community while raising utility costs. They're shown to use and release contaminants that can permanently pollute our aquifers, our beautiful lakes, and streams. They use tremendous amounts of electricity mostly using fossil fuels because there is not the infrastructure to support their power needs sustainably. This pollutes our air and environment and is a tremendous health risk. There is concern about noise also, land use changes, and making our water undrinkable. The prospect of unforeseen negative detrimental impacts to the environment, health, property values, loss of land, water use, and dangers that may not have effects that may not be apparent for decades to come. This reminds me of very much as when as a young man there was a lot of smoking it was very common because we were told by the tobacco companies that it was safe. Yet they knew that it wasn't. And only later, many decades later, did they realize the health problems concerning smoking. And also I propose that the data centers are already obsolete. There's evidence, there's research that shows that in the near future we will be able to incorporate data, stored data, using DNA, using technologies such as molecular, and also atomically in such technologies as, I forgot, entanglement. So therefore I propose at least a 10 year moratorium if not longer to protect our citizens and as long as you can. I ask this body. The promise of jobs and economic growth do not outweigh the trade off to our health, environment, and long term impacts. Let's keep Fishkill and the beautiful Hudson Valley safe and clean. Thank you for your time.

Steve Caswell from Hopewell Junction: Good evening everyone. I'm Steve Caswell. I'm your County Legislator right here in East Fishkill and this proposed, or this thought of project is right in my district. So obviously I'm very concerned. I've been talking to you guys. I've been following this issue. I agree with many of the comments that are made tonight. And 100% support the moratorium that you're considering here tonight. It gives us the time to understand and assess the real impacts. I mean there's many potential impacts. I won't repeat them. They've all been talked about tonight. Whether it's environmental, water capacity, and things like that. But East Fishkill continues to grow, which is a good thing but it has to be good growth. Right? And smart growth that benefits the town and doesn't cost the residents. So data centers need to be located somewhere. They're coming. Okay? But we need to make sure that they're put in the right place. Not necessarily a highly, densely populated area like East Fishkill. Thank you.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there were any comments from Town Board members.

Board Member Franco stated first of all, everybody honestly, thank you for coming out tonight. I think it was absolutely tremendous seeing everybody here. And we definitely caught your passion without a doubt. One thing I know we heard tonight, everybody wanted to extend the moratorium. I thought the Town Attorney did a great job explaining why we had to do it for three years, or we're going to do it for three years. Understand that it is a process. And please understand that we live here too. We have to keep reminding people that. And we've talked about smart growth before and we're going to continue to talk about it. Councilwoman Flores' idea of a task force, I think is great. I look forward to working with her, the rest of the Board, our professionals, and all of you in the community because your voices are going to be heard. And we're going to want to hear them. And I just want to finish one other thing. I know everybody loves social media which by the way you're going through a data center. I urge everyone. I plead with everyone, please call us if you have an issue. Call us. I will come to your home. These people all here, we're very approachable. We want to hear your voice. We don't need to see it on social media because we can't follow social media every day. All day is tough. Some things are just way out of control. Call us. We will pick up the phone. If we don't, we will call you right back. If we don't have the answer for you right there, we'll get you an answer. But please, we encourage call us. This is what we're here for. And, thank you Mr. Supervisor. Thank you everyone for coming out tonight. We greatly appreciate it.

Board Member Arco stated part of this pause is because they are big on making the right decisions for the community. So we do our own homework, we get our own education. About two years ago, another technology wanted to come into Town and we started talking about it at every morning meeting. They talked about battery energy storage facilities. What they were about, what the risks were. All of us got education on it as well. And we educated the community. We want to do the same thing with the data centers, right? During this pause, we want to make sure

everybody understands how they're built, how they operate, and if we need to extend the moratorium or actually pass an ordinance, a law that says no data no more data centers of this size, then that's what we do for the community. But we have a process that we have to go through. And I know some of you are impatient with that process. That's OK, but we still have to go through that process. So please, please be patient with us. Please don't bash us on social media. It doesn't help matters. We have families as well that look at social media. And we're slandered just about every week. And it's very frustrating. But we come back here every day. We work hard for all of the 30,000 residents of this community and will continue doing that until we are not in office anymore. I just want to ask for everyone's patience while we go through this process. Thank you.

Board Member Marinaro stated what we see over here tonight is a great exercise of how our community should work. I want to thank each and every one of the people and all of the people in this room who participate in their local government. To participate in their local government to address the issues that interest everybody. My question to some of you or all of you tonight is where were you when the solar panel issues were brought up in all of our community? Many times stuff is pushed down our throat just like data centers. And we accept it as something that could be useful for us. Right now, we're being deprived of affordable energy. I've been fighting this issue at the local level. It's very important for you to participate and continue the fight because unless we have the energy to supply whatever future project could come in our community, whether they're welcomed or not, we will analyze them, but we do need the community help. Your community help to exercise the power to make sure that certain things don't happen that are very detrimental to our community. This year specifically in this community, the Town of East Fishkill, I have assisted about 10 families who lost their electric power because of their high electric bills. When I reached out to them to see if I could do anything to help them, they didn't need any help. They just were honest citizens, working people. They wanted to pay their bills and live in a community that they love. I think tonight, we know that this is your community. This is our community and we want to keep it just the way some other people passed it on to us. So, I can assure you that we will do our due diligence through the process. But, like the other Councilman and the Town Supervisor said, there is a process in play. I personally, am not in favor of these projects because there is no infrastructure that supports this type of operation in our community. So I can assure you tonight that this project does not have my support. Thank you.

Board Member Flores stated I wanted to thank all the residents that came out and those that are at home watching on TV. I wish we had this kind of participation in all of our board meetings. But I appreciate this. Clearly, it's a passionate issue. There's a nationwide debate taking place on this subject. I do want to note that during my corporate career before I got into town government, I had the opportunity to visit and work with data centers all across the globe. My role, part of my role, was going in, reviewing them, ensuring they were adhering to standards, safety requirements, etcetera, and operational requirements. So I am familiar with data

centers. However, the size and scale of data centers today have grown exponentially. What we're talking about now is five times more than what I used to see. But at the same time, the technologies and the controls and efficiencies that are in place are changing as we speak. And I think it's important that we understand the engineering solutions, what are the risks, what are the solutions, if any, and make conscious decisions. I believe in process. Throughout my business career, I focused on weighing pros and cons risk mitigations to make the right decisions based on facts and based on things that we can support. The key is to have a robust process. Data centers are not a one size fits all. They are not right in all locations, But they can be extremely beneficial in others. The importance is to note the difference and understand the differences. Moratorium should not be viewed as a mechanism to stop development permanently or to prejudge any future proposal. We need to understand the specifics, so we should take this moratorium as I said to put in place a task force composed of Town planning and zoning representatives utility experts, environmental professionals, engineers, local business leaders, and residents, most importantly. A transparent process. Its mission should be to answer questions such as whether our existing infrastructure can support the facility, what environmental and quality of life issues need to be addressed, what zoning, setback, landscaping, and noise standards should be required, and as I mentioned, the fiscal impacts, and are there areas within the Town for the facilities may be appropriate and clearly areas where they are not. The community benefits should also be considered If such a development were ever to be considered. At the end of the process, I believe this Town Board would be in a stronger position to determine what requirements any future data center developer must meet before receiving approval in East Fishkill. So the question then becomes what conditions make this project acceptable in East Fishkill rather than should all data centers be banned regardless of their design, location, or impacts. Prior to coming here tonight, I was going to propose a one year to 18 month moratorium. Clearly, we listen to our residents. You have spoken loudly. I will support a three-year moratorium would the requirements that the task force complete its work and report its findings within 18 months or at the conclusion if there's a State moratorium. At that point, the Town Board would have the opportunity to review the recommendations and determine whether continuation of the moratorium remains necessary. This is a fast changing industry and engineering and technology. Like they're talking about putting data centers in space. So there's a lot we need to learn. Don't bet against Elon. I do not believe East Fishkill benefits from making permanent decisions before we have completed the necessary analysis, nor do I believe we should rush to judgment on an issue with long term implications for our community. East Fishkill has a long history of technology, innovation, and advanced industry. Our responsibilities to not react based on fear or promises, but to gather the facts, listen to our residents, understand the opportunities and risks, and make informed decisions that protect the interests of our community and the residents. All of you of East Fishkill, deserve nothing less. Thank you.

b) Close Public Hearing

Motion to close the Public Hearing: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

c) Adopt Local Law

LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2026

**(EXTEND, CONSOLIDATING AND IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON
CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL)**

SECTION ONE: LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The Town Board previously enacted a Zoning Moratorium in 2025 while a new Master Plan was being developed. Envisioning East Fishkill, the new Master Plan was adopted in October 2025. Upon the adoption of the Master plan this board realized that some issues raised within the new plan would take time to draft and debate. To this end the moratorium was partially extended through June 30, 2026 primarily on certain industrial zoned areas of the town.

While the board originally was of the belief that the elimination of certain uses and dimensional changes would suffice it has become apparent that this is not the case.

Other than the former IBM site in the town, Industrial districts were mapped primarily while the town was mostly rural. Residential Development over the decades has rendered many of these sites inappropriate and impractical to use as they are zoned.

With changing technologies and changes in National Commerce it is apparent that a rethinking is necessary. Recently a national debate has begun as Data Center Technology requirements are raising questions about impacts to Water and Power Resources and their environmental impact on the Town's Residents. The Residents of East Fishkill have been significantly affected as three Super Fund Sites in the town have impacted their water quality and ground water. Recent downstate power concerns over cost and supply have been in the forefront of public debate. Much study and thought must be given to these issues.

The NYS Legislature has recently approved a one-year state wide moratorium statewide on data centers over 20 mw which is awaiting the governor's approval.

Respecting that property owners have the right to use and develop their properties, and receive a return on investment but not necessarily the highest return the Town Board must proceed cautiously in this process.

With these and other concerns in mind the Town Board adopts this moratorium.

SECTION TWO: MORATORIUM(s)

a) During the term of this moratorium until December 31, 2026 the Boards of the Town will not process, review or accept any applications for development within the Industrial Districts of the Town on lands containing no existing development. Land having existing approvals may modify and expand as appropriate and any project eligible for and granted an Economic Development Special Permit may proceed.

b) While presently not a permitted use and until the completion of Federal and State studies with respect to the power consumption, water usage, noise and heat issues no Data Center shall be permitted or considered within the Town for a period of three years, unless they are ancillary to an existing or permitted use and less than 20 mw or eligible for an Economic Development Special Permit.

SECTION THREE: TERM

This Local Law will be in effect until July 1, 2029.

SECTION FOUR: INTERPRETATION

The Town Board reserves unto itself the right to review and determine any requests to interpret this law.

SECTION FIVE: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law will become effective upon its adoption with the New York State Secretary of State.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
PETER CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK**

**Adopted on the 25 day of
June, 2026.**

VOTE:

VOTING:

**SUPERVISOR D’ALESSANDRO AYE
COUNCILPERSON FRANCO AYE
COUNCILPERSON MARINARO AYE
COUNCILPERSON ARCO AYE
COUNCILPERSON FLORES AYE**

Motion to adopt a Local Law: Seven months on industrial properties moratorium and a three-year moratorium on data centers: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there will be a resolution for the creation of a task force as an additional motion at the end of the meeting.

Receive and File:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there was a receipt for acknowledgement of Arbor Day. The Town Clerk has posted it on the website.

Announcement of Additions to the Agenda:

Supervisor D'Alessandro said there is one addition to the agenda which will be done at the end. It is to authorize a public bid to replace the fuel tanks.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anyone to speak regarding anything on the agenda or general town issues.

Resolutions:

1. Authorize Hiring a Police Officer

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING POLICE OFFICER)

WHEREAS, the Town Police Chief has identified multiple Police Officer vacancies in the Town of East Fishkill Police Department; and

WHEREAS, The Town has requested and canvassed the Police Officer Civil Service List, confirming that Ryan Fells is reachable; and

WHEREAS, The Chief and town board has interviewed multiple Civil Service candidates for the vacancies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Ryan Fells is hereby appointed to the position of Police Officer with salary and benefits to be in accordance with the current PBA contract, effective August 24, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ryan Fells employment will be contingent on his completion of the pre-employment requirements of the Town of East Fishkill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ryan Fells, upon completion of his pre-employment requirements, is authorized to attend the Police Officer Training Program sponsored by the Bureau of Municipal Police or such other program at the direction of Chief Cuccia.

Motion to authorize hiring a Police Officer: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Officer Ryan Fells was presented his badge by Chief Cuccia and congratulated by the Board.

2. Authorize Hiring a Police Officer

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING POLICE OFFICER)

WHEREAS, the Town Police Chief has identified a Police Officer vacancy in the Town of East Fishkill Police Department; and

WHEREAS, The Town Police Chief has interviewed multiple transfer candidates; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board has interviewed the transfer candidate recommended by the Town Police Chief; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Eddie Gonzalez is hereby appointed to the position of Police Officer in the Town of East Fishkill, with a starting salary of \$82,078 (Step 2); effective June 29, 2026.

Motion to authorize hiring a Police Officer: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Officer Eddie Gonzalez was presented his badge by Chief Cuccia and congratulated by the Board.

3. Award Trade Bids HVAC, Electric, Plumbing

RESOLUTION
(TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
AWARD TRADE BIDS)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill oversees the operation and maintenance of Town Facilities that often requires the services of outside, licensed skill services; and

WHEREAS, the Town has completed a bid solicitation for various skilled services; and

WHEREAS, the Town received various bids and has analyzed the results, with recommendations for each trade as follows;

Trade	Recommended Company
General Plumbing	BPI Mechanical Service, Poughkeepsie, NY
HVAC	TEKCON Heating & Cooling, Poughkeepsie, NY
General Electric	Black Electric, Poughkeepsie, NY
System Controls	JEM Engineering, Poughkeepsie, NY

WHEREAS, the proposed services meet the criteria of a Type II SEQR classification as defined in NYS Law 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 and requires no further action; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares and authorizes Nicholas D'Alessandro, Town Supervisor, be provided the authority to authorize a contract with each discipline.

Motion to award trade bids to HVAC, Electric, Plumbing: Board Member Franco.
Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Schedule Public Hearing for July 23, 2026, to consider the "Community Character Preservation Act"

RESOLUTION
(SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE COMMUNITY CHARACTER PRESERVATION LOCAL LAW)

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Town initiated a comprehensive planning process led by a volunteer Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC) committee appointed by the Town Board to prepare a new Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted the East Fishkill Comprehensive Plan "Cultivating Balance" on September 25, 2025.

WHEREAS, the preservation of community character including farms and open space was identified as a significant priority for the residents of East Fishkill; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is proposing to adopt a Local Law titled "Community Character Preservation Act" to support Community Character Preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Local Law is proposed to assist the Town in managing the impacts of growth and development by supporting the purchase of lands,

conservation easements, and purchase of development rights among other strategies; and

WHEREAS, this Local Law will be effective January 1, 2027 if the voters at the November 3, 2026 general election approve up to a 20-million-dollar bond proposed for this purpose; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby schedules a Public Hearing for the Community Character Preservation Local Law on July 23, 2026.

Motion to schedule a Public Hearing for July 23, 2026, to consider the “Community Character Preservation Act”: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Declare Lead Agency and Adopt Negative Declaration for Hopewell Railroad Water Improvement Area

RESOLUTION
(DECLARING LEAD AGENCY AND ADOPTING NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
HOPEWELL RAILROAD WATER IMPROVEMENT AREA)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill is proposing the Hopewell Railroad Water Improvement Area to: 1) to provide public water to roughly 100 residential, commercial and industrial parcels and eliminate the need for point wells which are located in close proximity to the seepage pits which serve as septic for the parcels; and 2) to provide an interconnection between the Hopewell Glen Water District and the Hopewell Hamlet Water District for redundancy which will use the proposed new waterline; and

WHEREAS, the Town will be seeking finding opportunities from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation as well as other eligible funding sources for this project; and

WHEREAS, a Long Form Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) has been filed with the Town Board as required by 6 NYCRR §617.6(a)(2) to initiate the mandatory environmental review prescribed by the State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA) for the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board declared Intent to be Lead Agency on April 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has undertaken a review of the action as required and determined the action to be a Type I action under SEQRA; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting the SEQR review of the Action; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board has determined the proposed action would not result in any significant adverse impacts and is adopting a Negative Declaration; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town is authorized to execute such documents and take such lawful actions as either such officer may deem convenient, necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the foregoing resolution including posting the Negative Declaration to the Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB).

VOTING

VOTE

SUPERVISOR NICHOLAS D’ALESSANDRO	AYE
COUNCILPERSON THOMAS FRANCO	AYE
COUNCILPERSON EMANUELE MARINARO	ABSTAIN
COUNCILPERSON CRAIG ARCO	AYE
COUNCILPERSON MARIANNE FLORES	AYE

Motion to declare Lead Agency and Adopt Negative Declaration for Hopewell Railroad Water Improvement Area: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. Board Member Marinaro abstained. All others voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Set a Public Hearing for the Formation of Hopewell Railroad Water Improvement Area for July 23, 2026

RESOLUTION

At a special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, held at the Town Hall, in East Fishkill, New York, in said Town, on the 25th day of June, 2026, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

PRESENT:

NICHOLAS D’ALESSANDRO
Supervisor

THOMAS FRANCO

Councilman

EMANUELE MARINARO

Councilman

MARIANNE FLORES

Councilman

CRAIG ARCO

Councilman

In the Matter
Of

Hopewell Railroad Water Improvement Area
A proposed water improvement in the Town of
East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York
Pursuant to Article 12-C of the Town Law, to
be known as East Fishkill Route 82 Sewer
Improvement Area:

ORDER CALLING
PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, a plan, report and map has been duly prepared in such manner and in such detail as heretofore has been determined by the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, New York (the “Town”), relating to the creation and construction, pursuant to Town Law Article 12-C of water system improvements to be known and identified as the Hopewell Railroad Water Improvement Area Water System Improvement (the “Improvement”), to provide such water improvement including extensions, to the present Town water improvement, such water system improvement to be constructed and owned by the Town; and

WHEREAS, said plan, report and map have been prepared by George Cronk, P.E., the Deputy Town Engineer, a competent engineer duly licensed by the State of New York and have been filed in the office of the Town Clerk where they are available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Improvement consists of the water improvements set forth below, and in the areas of the Town as set forth below, and as more particularly shown and described in said map, plan and report presently on file in the Office of the Town Clerk:

Construction and installation of water mains, interconnect together with related ancillary controls, service laterals, and other structures.

WHEREAS, the maximum proposed to be expended by the Town for the aforesaid improvement is \$6,000,000. (six million). The proposed method of financing to be employed by said Town consists of expenditure of grants, and borrowings; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing for the purpose of considering said plan, report and map and the providing of the Improvement, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, all in accordance with the provisions of Town Law Section § 209-q.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing will be held at Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, New York, on the 23rd day of July 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the aforesaid plan, report and map and the question of providing of the Improvement and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof and concerning the same and to take such action thereon as is required by law.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this order to be published once in the Southern Dutchess News, and also to post a copy thereof on the town signboard maintained by the Town Clerk, not less than ten (10) nor

more than twenty (20) days before the day designated for the hearing as aforesaid, all in accordance with the provisions of Town Law § 209-q.

Section 3. This order shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing order was upon motion of Councilperson Flores, seconded by Councilperson Franco, duly put to a vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

All present voting:

SUPERVISOR NICHOLAS D’ALESSANDRO	AYE
COUNCILPERSON THOMAS FRANCO	AYE
COUNCILPERSON EMANUELE MARINARO	ABSTAIN
COUNCILPERSON CRAIG ARCO	AYE
COUNCILPERSON MARIANNE FLORES	AYE

The order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
PETER J. CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK**

**DATED: JUNE 25, 2026
EAST FISHKILL, NY**

Motion to set a Public Hearing for the formation of Hopewell Railroad Water Improvement Area for July 23, 2026: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. Board Member Marinaro abstained. All others voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Award the Four Corners WWTP HVAC Repairs

**RESOLUTION
(TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
AWARD FOUR CORNERS WWTP AC REPAIR)**

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill oversees the operation and maintenance of the Four Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, the Town has completed a bid solicitation for the installation of AC for the Pump and Blower Room; and

WHEREAS, the proposed services meet the criteria of a Type II SEQR classification as defined in NYS Law 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 and requires no further action; and

WHEREAS, the Town received three responses and it has been determined that Black Electric, Inc. has provided lowest, qualified bid at \$33,630.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town sufficiently budgeted this repair as part of the 2026 budget for Four Corners Sewer District; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares and authorizes Nicholas D'Alessandro, Town Supervisor, be provided the authority to authorize a contract with Black Electric, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$33,630.00.

Motion to award the Four Corners WWTP HVAC Repairs: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Authorize preparing Map Plan and Report for Swartout Sanitary Sewer District

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE PREPARATION OF SWARTOUT SANITARY SEWER MPR)

WHEREAS, the Town has previously authorized the Hopewell Senior Living Facility, located on Rt 82, to be an out of district user to the Hamlet Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, the Town previously created a Water District for a similar area; and

WHEREAS, appropriating operational costs only associated with operating the new pump station through it's own district is a common best practice; and

WHEREAS, this is a Type II SEQR classification for the preparation of a MPR; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, the Town authorizes the Town Engineer to prepare a Map, Plan & Report to be known as the Swartout Sanitary Sewer District;

Motion to authorize preparing a Map Plan and Report for Swartout Sanitary Sewer District: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Authorize Engineering & Planning Department to Apply for CFA Grant

RESOLUTION

(RE: AUTHORIZING TOWN STAFF TO APPLY TO THE SMART GROWTH COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE 2026 CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION FOR PURPOSES OF UPDATING THE TOWN’S COMMUNITY WIDE ZONING REGULATIONS)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill has completed an update to the Town’s 2002 Comprehensive Plan and adopted a new Comprehensive Plan in September 2025 titled “Cultivating Balance”; and

WHEREAS, the Town has incorporated Smart Growth principles into its updated Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town is seeking to update its community wide zoning regulations to reflect the new Comprehensive Plan and its Smart Growth principles; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the East Fishkill Town Board is authorizing Town Staff to prepare a Consolidated Funding Application for the Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 with a required 10 percent local match for a project known as the East Fishkill Community Wide Zoning Regulations Update.

Motion to authorize the Engineering & Planning Department to Apply for CFA Grant: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. Authorize Grant Application for Hopewell Railroad Water Improvement Area

RESOLUTION

**(HOPEWELL RAILROAD WATER IMPROVEMENT AREA
WIIA GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION)**

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill has identified the public benefit of the Hopewell Railroad Water Improvement Area; and

WHEREAS, the Town plans to provide water improvements to interconnect two water districts and serve about 100 parcels with potable water; and

WHEREAS, the Town has the opportunity to apply for grant funds from the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) which may fund up to \$3 million and/or 60% of the project costs; and

WHEREAS, the project cost is estimated at \$5,997,300; and

WHEREAS, the Town is prepared to contribute matching funds through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED,

1. The Town of East Fishkill is authorized to submit the WIIA grant application.
2. The Supervisor of the Town of East Fishkill is authorized to sign the WIIA grant application and any other documents necessary for the duration of the project.
3. The Town of East Fishkill agrees to provide the matching funds required for the WIIA projects through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
PETER J. CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK**

**DATED: JUNE 25, 2026
EAST FISHKILL, NY**

VOTING

VOTE

SUPERVISOR NICHOLAS D’ALESSANDRO	AYE
COUNCILPERSON THOMAS FRANCO	AYE
COUNCILPERSON EMANUELE MARINARO	ABSTAIN

COUNCILPERSON CRAIG ARCO

AYE

COUNCILPERSON MARIANNE FLORES

AYE

Motion to authorize the grant application for the Hopewell Railroad Water Improvement Area: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. Board Member Marinaro abstained. All others voted in favor. Motion carried.

11. Authorize Grant Application for Hamlet WWTP

RESOLUTION

(HAMLET WWTP WIIA GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill has established the public benefit of the Hopewell Hamlet WWTP Upgrade Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town plans to upgrade the WWTP to improve reliability, protect public health and increase treatment capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Town has the opportunity to apply for grant funds from the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) which may fund up to \$5 million and/or 40% of the project costs; and

WHEREAS, the project cost is estimated at \$6,725,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town is prepared to contribute matching funds through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED,

1. The Town of East Fishkill is authorized to submit the WIIA grant application.
2. The Supervisor of the Town of East Fishkill is authorized to sign the WIIA grant application and any other documents necessary for the duration of the project.
3. The Town of East Fishkill agrees to provide the matching funds required for the WIIA projects through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
PETER J. CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK**

**DATED: JUNE 25, 2026
EAST FISHKILL, NY**

Motion to authorize the grant application for the Hamlet WWTP: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

12. Appoint Full-Time Typists for the Various Departments

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING FULL-TIME TYPISTS (HELP))

WHEREAS, the Town has identified a need for additional clerical support in multiple departments; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Zanfardino & Caitlin Mandile have been interviewed and recommended to the Town Board to be hired as full-time Typists (HELP); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the hiring of Danielle Zanfardino & Caitlin Mandile as full-time Typists (HELP), subject to all applicable Civil Service requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that compensation and benefits for the above-named individuals shall be in accordance with the current CSEA contract.

Motion to appoint full-time typists for the various departments: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

13. Authorize design of Cannon Well #5 Connection

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER FOR CANNON WELL FIELD)

WHEREAS, the Town continues to develop Cannon Well #5 in order to add additional flow capacity from the Hamlet Water District; and

WHEREAS, the well development will require additional professional services from WSP to complete the design needed to connect Well #5 to the Town's existing water system; and

WHEREAS, WSP has previously supported the Well #5 drilling, development, and treatment needed for the use of the well that will replace capacity from Well #2; and

WHEREAS, this is a Type II SEQR classification for the preparation of a design; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, on behalf of the Enterprise Fund, the Town allocates the \$109,000.00 for the additional professional engineering services; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares and authorizes Town Supervisor, Nicholas D'Alessandro, be provided the authority to authorize a Change Order with WSP USA, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$109,000.00.

Motion to authorize the design of the Cannon Well #5 Connection: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

14. Authorize Hiring Seasonal Laborer for Water and Sewer

RESOLUTION
(HIRING SEASONAL LABORER)

WHEREAS, there is a need for additional seasonal help in the Water & Sewer department; and

WHEREAS, Derek Schukal have been interviewed and recommended to the Town Board to be hired as a Seasonal Laborer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the hiring of Derek Schukal as a Seasonal Laborer in the Water & Sewer department; and

SEASONAL LABORERS

2026

Step 1	17.50
Step 2	18.00
Step 3	18.50
Step 4	19.00
Step 5	19.50

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above-mentioned seasonal laborer shall be paid in accordance with the attached 2026 pay-scale and that upon completion of their seasonal tasks, shall be removed from payroll.

Motion to authorize the hiring of a seasonal Laborer for the Water and Sewer: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda (If any):

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there are a few from the floor.

RESOLUTION

(A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DATA CENTER STUDY TASK FORCE DURING THE DATA CENTER MORATORIUM)

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill ("Town") has adopted a temporary 3 year moratorium on the acceptance, review, approval for development of new data centers within the Industrial Zone of the Town unless they are ancillary to an existing or permitted use or less than 20 eligible for an Economic Development Special Permit in order to allow sufficient time for study and consideration of appropriate land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, data center developments may present unique opportunities and challenges relating to land use, infrastructure, electric power demand, water usage, environmental impacts, noise, public health and safety, emergency services, tax revenue, employment opportunities, economic development, and community character; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that a comprehensive evaluation of the potential impacts of data center development is necessary to determine whether amendments to the Town Code, Zoning Law, Comprehensive Plan, or other local regulations may be warranted; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to establish a Data Center Study Task Force to conduct such evaluation and provide recommendations to the Town Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby establishes the East Fishkill Data Center Study Task Force ("Task Force"); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the purpose of the Task Force shall be to examine and report upon the potential benefits, risks, opportunities, and impacts associated with data center development within the Town and to make recommendations to the Town Board regarding future regulatory approaches; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall consist of representatives of the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Town Engineer or designee, residents, technical advisors

from Central Hudson, environmental or conservation representative, technical expert in power systems, data centers, or land; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall solicit public input, review available data and expert information, and provide recommendations regarding whether and under what conditions data centers should be permitted within the Town; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall submit a written report and recommendations to the Town Board prior to the expiration of the moratorium; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall serve solely in an advisory capacity and shall dissolve upon submission of its final report unless otherwise extended by the Town Board.

Motion to establish a data center study task force during the data center moratorium: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
(APPOINT PERMANENT PART-TIME TYPIST)

WHEREAS, the Town has identified a need for permanent part-time clerical support; and

WHEREAS, Denise Hlavaty is currently a part-time temporary Typist and is recommended to be hired as a permanent part-time Typist; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Denise Hlavaty is hereby appointed as a Permanent Part-Time Typist at the same payrate, effective June 26th, 2026

Motion to appoint a permanent part time typist: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
(APPOINTING FULL-TIME TYPIST (HELP))

WHEREAS, the Town has identified a need for additional clerical support in multiple departments; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Frisina has been interviewed and recommended to the Town Board to be hired as a full-time Typist (HELP); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the hiring of Nancy Frisina as a full-time Typist (HELP), subject to all applicable Civil Service requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that compensation and benefits for the above-named individuals shall be in accordance with the current CSEA contract.

Motion to appoint a full time typist: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
(AUTHORIZING A CONSULTANT FOR ROUTE 82 TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS)

WHEREAS, the Town was previously awarded a grant to improve Route 82 at its intersection with Route 376; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has proposed removing the bridge over the railroad crossing on Route 376 and create a traffic circle at Beekman Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems it appropriate to have a consultant assist with the administrative coordination of the projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Patricia Lynch Associates be and hereby is retained to assist the Town at a cost of \$5,000.00 per month not to exceed three months.

Motion to hire Patricia Lynch Associates to assist the Town Board with services for three months for a traffic mitigation plan in Hopewell Hamlet: Supervisor D'Alessandro gave a description of what this was about and what would be studied. He did not call for a motion or a second but he did call for all in favor and everyone voted aye.

Budget Transfer:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there are no budget transfers.

Comments from Town Board Members:

Highway Superintendent Williams stated they have completed catch basin and pipe repairs at multiple locations throughout the town including Woodcliff Drive, Candlewood Court, Woodcrest Drive, Stormville Road, East Hook Cross Road, Bristol Drive, James Dorland Drive, Genung Court, and Sebastian Court. Repairs

are part of a continued effort to maintain proper drainage and roadway infrastructure. They are constantly battling with the older developments where the metal pipe is constantly rotting out. Supervisor D'Alessandro asked what was put in their place and Highway Superintendent Williams stated plastic. That way they don't have to go back and do it again. The jet vac work has been out in many locations, especially in the watershed areas. Worley Holmes has been waiting a long time for paving and they're going to be starting that process after the 4th of July weekend. In addition they have been doing quite a lot of tree work around Town in many various locations as there have been safety concerns with line of sight. The roadside mower has been out all over trying to keep all of the line of sights open and stop signs and areas like that visible. The grader has been out in many locations such as Sylvan Lake Road and Stormville Road. He would like to say that his deputy and recreation foreman have worked tirelessly on irrigation systems at McGrath field, which is now fully operational. He would like to thank his whole staff. Everyone works hard and they are a great team. Takes a big team to run this town and he is very proud of what they do.

Police Chief Cuccia stated he really appreciates the two hires and to make it clear they are replacements for two of the past retirements. He thanked the Board very much for their approval.

Board Member Arco apologized for missing last month's meeting. The past two months have been very busy with police interviews and other department related matters. Tonight they once again hired some outstanding candidates. During the interview process they always look for individuals who have the potential to become future leaders within the department. And a few years as these new police officers test for promotions they expect to have difficult decisions to make in selecting the best candidates. It's a great problem to have. He thanked the Chief for his leadership and presenting such exceptional candidates. He's been working with the building department on implementing schedule changes aimed at improving efficiency by reducing interruptions. This should help expedite the application process. He will provide everyone with an update after they've had about a month to evaluate the results. He met with the Supervisor and grant writer and an outside vendor in regard to outdoor equipment. They are exploring ways to connect the equipment with the Veteran Memorial Park as a tribute to the veterans and their commitment to fitness and service. One concept includes multiple fitness stations throughout the park that replicate elements of military basic training such as pull-ups, sit-ups, ladder bars, and so on and so forth. The proposal they reviewed featured a seven station workout platform along with a padded open area designed for outdoor fitness classes such as Zumba, yoga and similar activities. They have additional meetings scheduled to discuss equipment options and available grant opportunities. He wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July.

Board Member Marinaro stated he wanted to say he is pleased that there was an application that was not put forward regarding the battery storage. He knows there

was a lot of apprehension for many people in the community including the Volunteer Fire Department. This is something that we are not ready for. The community reached out with many comments regarding these projects. As of right now, there is no such project moving forward in the community, which is good. Again, he wanted to reiterate that they still need to find the source of reliable cheap energy for the community in the Hudson Valley.

Board Member Franco stated as a quick reminder the summer concerts start on Friday nights at Hopewell Recreation Park. They are always weather permitting and they are free starting at 7:00 PM. They also have food trucks attending each of the concerts. They will advertise which band and food trucks will be at the Hopewell Rec. For the 4th of July concert weekend, on Friday July 3rd will be the band Everything Else from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Rec. There will be no fireworks on 4th of July weekend. Sunday July 5th, the band at Red Wing will be the Bob Martinson Band. On Saturday July 11th will be the East Fishkill celebration of America 250 at Hopewell Recreation starting at 12:00 PM ending at 9:00 PM. There will be a fireworks display. They will have a colonial village that you can visit from 12:00 to 6:00 PM and during that visit stop and see Ben Franklin himself and build a kite with him. Thomas Jefferson will also be reading the Declaration of Independence with a small Q&A afterwards. Follow East Fishkill Rec on Facebook for upcoming information on this event. Summer camp begins Monday June 29th. This year they will have 330 campers.

Board Member Flores wished everyone a happy 4th of July celebration as we celebrate our 250th birthday. Clearly, what took place here tonight represent what makes our country great, the ability to speak your mind and be heard.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated tomorrow night is the John Jay High School graduation. Congratulations to all of the graduates and best of luck in the future to each and every one of you. He wished everyone a happy and healthy 4th of July to everyone. July 11th will be our big American 250th celebration. It will be a wonderful day and evening. He thanked everyone for coming out. He understands it was a long night and appreciates all of his staff and the Town Board. This is their job and that's why they are here, to make sure that they do business properly for the community.

Motion for Adjournment: Time: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:51 PM: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Town Board Meetings:

Regular Meeting/Workshop:

July 23, 2026

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy –