

APRIL 14, 2026

At the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Champlain held on April 14, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Offices. Present was Supervisor Trombley, Council Member Borrie, Council Member Southwick, Council Member Nevius, and Town Clerk Castine. Council Member Hunter and Highway Superintendent Racine were absent.

There was no one from the public.

Supervisor Trombley opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a salute to the flag.

Supervisor Trombley stated the board members have a copy of the minutes from the March 10, 2026 and March 11, 2026 meeting did anyone note any errors or omissions.

Council Member Nevius made a motion to approve the March 10, 2026 minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Council Member Southwick.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Absent
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Council Member Southwick made a motion to approve the March 11, 2026 minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Council Member Borrie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Absent
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated there is no one from the public so I will move to my report

Supervisor's Report

Good evening,

- Congratulations to Village of Rouses Point Mayor, John LaBonte and Trustees, Brian Pelkey and Benjamin Arno on their re-election to Office.
- Congratulations to Village of Champlain Trustees Tom Ryan and Aislinn Vilardo on their election to Office.

- I wish to extend a huge thank you to Modern Mechanical owned by John and Heather Trombly. The Town had a damaged Historical Marker in need of welding and fabrication. Modern Mechanical offered to repair it and once completed, John and Heather donated all labor and materials to the Town. They have always been very generous to their community and it is greatly appreciated.
 - I also wish to extend our appreciation to David Patrick for donating his time to repaint this marker following the repairs. He is also planning on painting several other markers that are in need of a refreshment. I also want to thank the highway department for their contribution as they remove and install these for this needed work.
 - Weather permitting, the Highway Dept will be sweeping sand and cleaning the roads in the coming weeks. Please be aware of them in your travels and slow down when in the work zone for their safety and yours.
 - I and the Village Mayor, Janet McFetridge were recently asked to speak to a “State and Local Government” class at Clinton Community College. Our presentation was on local government and specifically the differences between Town and Village government. We also spoke about what our challenges and successes that we have experienced managing budgets and finding funding sources to make improvements. It certainly was a very rewarding experience to be speaking to a very engaged group of students.
 - Congratulations to NCCS and our Girls Basketball Players who were chosen as All Stars for the 2025-2026 CVAC Girls Basketball.
Awardees were:
Ray Holmes Sportsmanship: Northeastern Clinton Central School
First Team: Peyton Scott
Third Team: Brynn Hite
Honorable mention: Lexi Roberts
- Congratulations to all!
- I want to extend a huge thank you to our Champlain EMS and Champlain Fire District members for assisting with a community event that we do not wish to lose. This year the St. Mary’s Memorial Day Parade will receive help in the operations and organization of the parade-on-parade day. These dedicated volunteers stepped up to ensure that this annual event to kick off summer here in Champlain will continue. This is a very welcomed community event and these volunteers whom are the heart of our community are there for us again! We so appreciate you!

- The Town of Champlain’s “Earth Day Spring Roadside Clean Up” is scheduled for April 25th. If anyone would like to volunteer a couple of hours, we would greatly appreciate it. We will be starting on Prospect Street at Lincoln Blvd at 8:30 am.

The areas that we will clean up will be from Lincoln Blvd to the top of the hill at the Village limits. This seems to be the worst area on Prospect. We will also clean up on Rt 11 from Dollar General to the entrance of the Miromar drive. The area around the round-a-bouts is heavily littered.

- There will be the annual tree planting in Bob Venne Community Park by the Rouses Point Champlain Kiwanis. The Town of Champlain Board will pick a location for this year’s tree. This event is scheduled for 1:00 Pm.
- The tree planting in the Village of Champlain is scheduled for April 25th at 11:00 AM.

Report on projects:

- “Eat Smart Waste Less” Food Waste Program.
 - Please consider joining in as it is great program that will help reduce the amount of methane gasses in our landfills and create compost for our farmers.
 - Please note that we have ordered new and better storage units for the food waste to be at both locations. However, they will not be in until late May or early June. The wind has wreaked havoc with the plastic ones we have and I want to thank you for your patience while we have been repairing and also waiting for the winds to calm down.
 - Thank you to our highway crew for helping with this and making repairs to keep them together!
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- The Nex Trex Plastics Program
 - Thank you to all who have been donating plastics to be recycled for this project.
 - To date, since we started this in 2023, we have collected over 9,000 pounds of plastic! Thank you to Price chopper for accepting our daily delivery of plastic.
 - Thank you to all of our partners, Northern Tier Senior Housing, Champlain Rouses Point Kiwanis, A.N. Derringer, CTG, Champlain EMS, Champlain Fire District and the Village of Champlain.
- Complete information on both of these programs can be found on our website.
- Miromar properties:

- The 19 acres with the mall, the adjoining 7.5 acres and adjoining 22-acre parcel previously submitted for housing:
 - We have positive news to report. It has been reported to me that the closing date of the sale of the mall property along with the adjoining two parcels will be soon.
- Bob Venne Community Park:
 - Pickleball Courts
 - The surface coating and installation of the nets will be taking place as weather permits in the spring.
 - We just submitted a new grant application through Municipal Parks and Recreation (MPR). With an announcement date of spring/summer.
 - We are also submitting a NY Plays grant application for a children's playground.
- Bob Venne Community Park Electricity Project:
 - NYSDOT received the request for crossing Rt 276 from NYSEG in December **2025** and it is currently in the queue, but hasn't been looked at yet. Therefore, until DOT grants permission, NYSEG can't schedule their installation.

Once the electrical installation is complete, Layer 8 and CTG will complete the security camera installation.
- Great Chazy River Project:
 - We are have completed an application to Congresswomen Elise Stefanik's office through the funding year (FY) 2027, Community Project Funding (CPF) request for consideration under Energy and Water Development. This request is to fund a feasibility study to determine the course forward to implement a dredging of the river at four critical points.
- Clinton County Heath Dept. Complete Streets:
 - The Items left to be done will be completed this summer.
 - *Crosswalk at Church Street and South Street.*
 - *Removal of the Shared Road markings on Prospect St.*
 - *New Shared Road markings for the trail along Prospect.*
 - *No parking signs for Perry Mills Park.*

- Elm Street Culvert Project:
 - The timeline on this project has slipped some due to various state agencies still completing approvals of the preliminary design, the easements required to allow the engineers to finalize the final design phase and go out to bid for the project.
 - It is likely that it will not go out to bid until September 2026 with a spring 2027 construction phase.
- Sewer District Seven Project:
 - Barton & Loguidice are currently drafting the development, design and preliminary plans for construction and this project is behind the expected schedule as well.

Due to NYSDEC criteria we were required to move the location of the lift station. This is requiring an easement or purchase of land from a resident. This is causing a delay in the schedule. Additionally, they are waiting on concurrence from NYSDOT for use of their right of way (ROW) causing research into an alternative route for the discharge pipe.

Public Announcements:

- Please visit our website and Facebook page for information on events going on around the town.
- The Town is continually seeking to appoint more alternates to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. Please consider serving the Town in this capacity as we need talented citizens of this Township to become involved and assist us in moving forward. Please contact me for details if you are interested.
- Please note: Please feel free to stop in and I will be happy to discuss the Town's projects and objectives with you.
- Thank you to all Veterans, and active Military Men and Women for your Service. Also, thank you to all first responders both paid and volunteer, of our EMS and Fire Departments; and our police officers for your dedication to your community.

Supervisor Trombley stated we need to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2026.

Council Member Borrie made a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2026. Motion seconded by Council Member Southwick.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Absent
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated there is no one from the public.

Supervisor Trombley stated I will read the purpose and intent of the Local Law. Pursuant to the statutory powers vested in the Town of Champlain to regulate and control land use and to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, the Town of Champlain hereby declares a twelve-month moratorium on applications for Battery-Based Energy Storage Systems (BESS), also known as "Battery Farms", and includes any Battery-Based Energy Storage System proposed as part of, or accessory to, a proposed or existing energy generation facility. The Town of Champlain currently has four Tier three large scale solar energy facilities and has recently received an application for the construction of one more large-scale solar facility. Research into related developments in other areas of New York State has shown that battery-based energy storage facilities are often located near or within solar projects. The town currently has no regulations for battery-based energy storage facilities. The integration of these commercial facilities, specifically within R Residential & RM Residential zones within the Town emphasizes the need for suitable siting, land use and zoning standards and controls to mitigate any potential negative impacts. Particularly, the Town would like to examine the placement of these facilities in areas where public water and sewer infrastructure are present but unutilized by such projects, thus decreasing the return on investment of this important public infrastructure. The Town of Champlain desire to address, in a careful manner, the establishment, placement, or construction of Battery-Based Energy Storage Systems on a comprehensive Town-wide basis, rather than on an ad hoc basis, and to adopt provisions to specifically regulate the same.

Supervisor Trombley stated if there are no comments than a motion is needed to close the Public Hearing and reopen the regular meeting.

Council Member Borrie made a motion to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Nevius.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Absent
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Council Member Nevius stated if you or someone you know turning 65 and have questions about Medicare, we will be offering a FREE educational class on May 27th from 10 to Noon at the Town Office. New York State wide burn ban is still going on until May 14th.

Council Member Southwick stated it's super important what Natasha said about Medicare Plan Part A, B, C and D. Wits Workout once again office of the Aging is hosting a memory, attention and thinking skills challenge. Learn ways to take care of your brain. The schedule for April is Friday 4/17 at 11:00 am at the Peru Free Library, Monday 4/20 at 9:00 am at northern Tier Housing in Champlain, Thursday, 4/23 at 10:00 am at Senior Citizens Council in Plattsburgh, Friday 4/24 at 11:00 am at Keeseville Free Library in Keeseville and for more information contact Ray 518-565-4629. The youth winter cheerleading has completed this session. They had a great turnout with 46 participants. A huge thank you to Courtney Shutts and all her helpers for making the program successful. Our youth commissioner is currently accepting sign up applications for Champlain and Rouses Point resident children for summer Tball, Grasshopper, Peewee and Pony Softball and Baseball. Please find your forms at your school or on our web page. Complete a form for each child and email to recdept@townofchamplain.com or return forms to the school. Adult water aerobics and lap swimming is available at NCCS pool on MWF. Aerobics at 3:45-4:45 pm, Lap swim at 6:30-7:30 am and 5-6:00 pm. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions 518-578-8598. Regarding the Town signs, the board has agreed on an option for the Town Hamlet signs. A request for updated proofs was made to correct the spelling of Perry's Mills and to make the Hamlet portion of the sign more prominent so if everyone is good, we can move ahead with the signs. Still waiting for additional information on the playground grant. There was no Planning Board Meeting held on April 3rd and the next meeting scheduled meeting is May 7th if there is business to bring before the board.

Council Member Borrie stated there was no Zoning Board meeting in March and nothing scheduled for April the next scheduled meeting is May 21st. The marketing committee met on April 3rd and there was discuss on the videos and they are working on that and hopefully they will be completed before the end of school year. We need to schedule something withing the next week or so to get this completed. You have your quarterly report on what is happening with the website and you can see where the traffic is and the overview of everything. On April 18th there is a community conversation to be held on the Champlain Memorial Library from 12 to 1 and there is no agenda and it is free. The Food Truck that was scheduled for the first part of the month was canceled but is rescheduled for April 22nd from 11 to 6 and it is Cousins Maine Lobster. It is the last call for home Town hero Banners so please contact Sara at the Town office. The America 250 Banners will be going up soon so please check them out. There is going to be a lot of things going on the next few months regarding the America 250 celebration so please check out the website and our Facebook page.

Supervisor Trombley stated there are 14 Banners that will be put up through the Town for America 250 and there will be shirts and hats with an online store to purchase them, so check the Website for events.

Council Member Borrie stated yes so get into the spirit of America 250.

Supervisor Trombley stated Council Member Hunter stated there will be an open house at the Champlain Fire Station on April 18th from 12 to 3. Also, a reminder of the Burn Ban until May 14th.

Supervisor Trombley stated recently there was a lot of wind and trees down and I would like to thank Allen and the Highway Crew for all the recent work they did with that.

Town Clerk Castine stated I am still collecting taxes until the end of the Month if anyone still needs to pay and you have my Town Clerk Report that needs approval.

Council Member Nevius made a motion to approve the Town Clerks Report for March as presented for \$907.20 Local Shares and \$24.00 for Non-Local Revenues. Motion seconded by Council Member Borrie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Absent
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your Post Audit Bills for your review.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your Monthly Bills that need approval. The amount is \$55,684.23.

Council Member Borrie made a motion to approve the monthly bills as presented for a total of \$55,684.23. Motion seconded by Council Member Southwick.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Absent
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated Sara mentioned that the NYSEG bills were a little high for January and February but they are now going down.

Supervisor Trombley stated we need to approve Disbursement #6 for Sewer District Project for \$32,744.59 and \$44,081.75 for Barton and Loguidice.

Supervisor Trombley made a motion to approve Disbursement #6 for Sewer District Project for \$32,744.59 and \$44,081.75 as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Borrie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Absent
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated we need to approve Disbursement #5 for Elm Street Project for \$14,634.96 for Stantec.

Council Member Southwick made a motion to approve Disbursement #5 for Elm Street Project for \$14,634.96 for Stantec as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Nevius.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Absent
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your Code Officers Report for your review.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your Planning Board Minutes for your review.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have upcoming changes regarding Charter Communications for your review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Trombley stated we need approval on the Citation in Recognition of James Seguin for 40 years of Service, Brian Pelkey for 35 years of Service, Gerald Robert for 35 years of Service and Benjamin Arno for 55 years of Service to the Rouses Point Fire Department, Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder Company #1, Inc.

Council Member Nevius approve the Citation in Recognition for James Seguin, Brian Pelkey, Gerald Robert and Benjamin Arno as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Southwick.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Absent

Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley read Local Law #1 of 2026 which is a Local Law imposing a moratorium on new applications for battery energy storage systems.

Supervisor Trombley read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #20 OF 2026
ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2026
ENTITLED A LOCAL LAW IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON NEW APPLICATIONS FOR
BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, this Local Law shall be referred to as the “Local Law Imposing a Twelve-Month Moratorium of Applications for Battery-Based Energy Storage Systems; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the statutory powers vested in the Town of Champlain to regulate and control land use and to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, the Town of Champlain hereby declares a twelve-month moratorium on applications for Battery-Base Energy Storage Systems (BESS), also known as “Battery Farms” and includes any Battery-Base Energy Storage System proposed as part of , or accessory to, a proposed or existing energy generation facility; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board had previously initiated the adoption process per 272-a of Town Law; and introduced Local Law #1 of 2026 on March 10, 2026, and now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Champlain does hereby adopt Local Law #1 of 2026, cited as the “Local Law Imposing a Twelve-Month Moratorium of Applications for Battery-Based Energy Storage Systems, effective April 14, 2026 through April 14, 2027.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a roll call vote is carried to approve said resolution.

Council Member Borrie made a motion to approve Resolution #20 of 2026 as presented and read. Motion seconded by Council Member Southwick.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Absent
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley read the following letter:

Mr. Tom Trombley, on behalf of the Champlain Fire District Board of commissioners, I am writing to formally notify you that, at our recent regular district meeting, the Board unanimously agreed to abandon the Point Au Fer dry hydrant location. This decision follows numerous attempts over the past several years to establish and maintain a reliable drafting site at this location. Unfortunately, ongoing challenges including significant impacts from wind, ice conditions, and the overall difficulty of safely and effectively drafting water have made this site impractical for dependable fire protection operations. While this was not a decision made lightly, we believe it is in the best interest of public safety and operational effectiveness to discontinue use of this location. Moving forward, the Champlain Fire District is committed to continuing to work collaboratively with you and the Town of Champlain Highway Department to identify and develop an alternative nearby location for a dry hydrant or other accessible drafting site that can provide reliable fire protection for the Point Au Fer area. We appreciate the Town's continued partnership and support on this matter and look forward to working together toward a suitable solution. Respectively, Chris Trombley

There was discussion on the letter received from Champlain Board of Commissioners regarding the dry hydrant in Point Au Fer.

Supervisor Trombley made a motion to agree with the decision of the Champlain Board of Commissioners regarding the dry hydrant in Point Au Fer and to find a new location. Motion seconded by Council Member Borrie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Absent
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have a list of the cemetery revival gravestone restoration and repair cost.

There was discussion regarding the repairs and cleaning of the gravestones. It was stated that \$6000.00 was budgeted and to finish the site that has been started and if there is money left to go to the next site.

Supervisor Trombley stated there was a meeting at the Champlain Fire Station regarding the Memorial Day Parade with EMS and the Fire Department and we are trying to save the parade. Also, St. Mary's Bazaar will still go on.

Supervisor Trombley stated that April 25th is clean up day if anyone is interested in helping.

Supervisor Trombley stated a motion is needed to go into Executive Session to discuss two stated contracts.

Council Member Southwick made a motion to go into executive session to discuss two state contracts. Motion seconded by Council Member Borrie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Absent
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried

Executive session opened at 8:16 pm.

Council Member Southwick made a motion to close the executive session and reopen the regular meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Borrie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Absent
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried

Executive Session closed at 8:29 pm and the regular meeting was open.

There was no action taken in executive session.

Supervisor Trombley made a motion based on our Procurement Policy to approve option B for \$338,956.00. Motion seconded by Council Member Southwick.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Absent
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried

Supervisor Trombley stated the next scheduled meeting is May 12, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Trombley stated if there is no further business to be brought before the board then a motion is needed to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Southwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Borrie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Absent
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Julie L. Castine
Town Clerk