

Regular Meeting of the Wilmington Town Board  
of the Town of Wilmington Town Board,  
January 13,2026 Community Center 6:00 PM

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### Attending Officers

*Tim Follo- Supervisor*

*Laura Hooker – Deputy Supervisor*

*Darin Forbes - Board Member*

*Randy Winch - Board Member*

*Hanna Cromie – Board Member*

*Dawn Stevens – Town Clerk*

*Also attending 46 signed in residents; several did not sign in and five remote viewers.  
The meeting was called to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Supervisor Follo made a **motion** to break from formality, **seconded by** Laura Hooker, **All in Favor**

*Supervisor Follo set three-minute limits on speaking for Public Comment. Everyone was allowed to speak that wished to. This took place at both the beginning of the meeting and at the end. Motion to close the informal part of the meeting was moved by Tim Follo at 6:20 pm, seconded by Laura Hooker, All in favor. The complete discussion is online on uTube under Town of Wilmington Board meetings, NY*

*Darin Forbes asked for Clarification on appointments at the previous meeting, specifically Budget Officer. Supervisor Follo stated any appointments he may have missed or did not change would remain the same as in 2025.*

*The New board members Thanked the voters of Wilmington for Putting their trust in them. Randy Winch stated he really was hoping that a lot would get done this term. Supervisor Follo stated he would try to shorten meetings when they start running overly long, by tabling items till the next meeting.*

### Resolution 27-2026: Town Facebook Page

**WHEREAS:** the town board of the Town of Wilmington recognizes that the townspeople of the Town of Wilmington need a dependable, consistent, and clear source of information for the Town of Wilmington’s meetings, public hearings and official announcements, and given the current climate of the social media environment.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The town board hereby resolves to dissolve the newly created Town of Wilmington Municipal Facebook Page, and no postings or interaction on the Town’s behalf in a social media avenue will be performed by any town employee in their official capacity. All communication of official town business will be done through legally required postings by the town clerk, as has been done prior to social media involvement.

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*Moved By Laura Hooker Seconded by Randy Winch*

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<i>Hanna Cromie</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> _No	<input type="checkbox"/> _Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> _Absent	
<i>Darin Forbes</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> _No	<input type="checkbox"/> _Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> _Absent	
<i>Laura Hooker</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> _No	<input type="checkbox"/> _Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> _Absent	
<i>Randy Winch</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> _No	<input type="checkbox"/> _Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> _Absent	
<i>Vote totals</i>	<u>5</u> _Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> _No	<input type="checkbox"/> _Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> _Absent	<i>Carried</i>

**Resolution 28-2026**

Greg Winch was born and raised on Springfield Road and attended the one-room schoolhouse on Hardy Road. His parents died when he was young and his early years were not easy. Other community members helped look out for him, including Bob and Judy Bowen, who helped him get a job working for the Town of Wilmington in 1975.

Greg Winch showed the town that Bob and Judy were correct to believe in him.

Greg worked for the town of Wilmington for 30 years. During that time he oversaw the creation of a new park; spent tens of thousands of hours mowing, raking, planting, and plowing; and worked to repair many broken water lines. None of that is as important as the impact he made on others.

Greg eventually served as Parks Superintendent, Deputy Water Superintendent, and Cemetery Sexton. During his career as a town employee, Greg developed a reputation for being intelligent, practical, and extremely careful with the taxpayers' money. He got the most out of the town's equipment to save money — even if that meant he had to work a little harder. At the end of his career Greg was proud of the fact that he had only used a few different trucks during his decades with the town — using them until their floorboards wore through.

Greg worked for seven different town supervisors and dozens of town board members. No matter what controversy was the talk of the town or what intrigue was afoot, Greg was known for being solid, respectful, and straightforward in his dealings with the town's elected officials.

Elected officials come and go, but the people who keep the lights on, the bills paid, the parks clean, the roads clear, and the water running tend to be in the background, often quietly going about their work for decades without recognition or celebration.

Greg's family remembers him working hard behind the scenes to study for the exams required to run the town's water plant. They also remember him leaving the house in the worst weather to repair broken water lines.

Many of the milestones of Greg's career are milestones of Wilmington's history, including the installation of the town's present water plant and the Ice Storm of '98 — after which Greg and the rest of the town staff spent days working almost around-the-clock.

Greg was a staple of his community for so many years that Wilmington's current town supervisor worked for Greg during his teens and early 20s.

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Wilmington’s current Parks Superintendent, John Langford, also worked for Greg as a teenager.

And Wilmington’s Deputy Parks Superintendent, Ashton Winch, is Greg’s grandson.

More experienced town employees were trusted older adults for Greg when he was a young man, and Greg took on that role for later generations of young people. To them, Greg was known for his great sense of humor; for going out of his way to help them out; for his knowledge, perspective, wisdom, and common sense; for his unique ability to sum things up in a few words; and for his insightful advice.

Like many, many others, they miss Greg Winch.

**WHEREAS** Wilmington lost Greg Winch — a pillar of his community and an exemplary public servant for the town of Wilmington for more than 30 years — in 2025,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, on motion made by Darin Forbes, and seconded by Randy Winch, that the Town Council of the Town of Wilmington, New York, does hereby express its gratitude for Greg’s many efforts — seen and unseen, tangible and intangible — for the town’s citizens; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a section of town property at the town beach shall be named Greg Winch Park, in honor of Gregory P. Winch, Senior: a family man, public servant, and pillar of his community; and that the Town shall furnish signage sufficient to communicate that information to visitors to the town beach, and shall cause that signage to be there displayed permanently; and that the Town shall allocate NO amount set for the purchase of signage sufficient to accomplish that purpose; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be added to the permanent minutes of the Town Council of the Town of Wilmington, New York, and that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the family of Gregory P. Winch.

**Moved By** *Darin Forbes* **Seconded by** *Laura Hooker*

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Darin Forbes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	
Laura Hooker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	
Randy Winch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	
Vote totals	4 Yes	1 No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Carried</b>

*Hanna expressed the desire to move forward on the creation of the Memorial Wall for one of the parks. Darin agreed with this.*

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**Motion** was made by Tim Follos and seconded by Laura Hooker to change the wording slightly in the above resolution to reflect the vote. All in favor.

**Resolution 29-2026: Town Facebook Page**

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Moved By Laura Hooker Seconded by Randy Winch

<b>Supervisor Follos</b>	<u> X </u> Yes	___ No	___ Abstain	___ Absent	
<b>Hanna Cromie</b>	X Yes	___ No	___ Abstain	___ Absent	
<b>Darin Forbes</b>	<u> X </u> Yes	___ No	___ Abstain	___ Absent	
<b>Laura Hooker</b>	<u> X </u> Yes	___ No	___ Abstain	___ Absent	
<b>Randy Winch</b>	<u> X </u> Yes	___ No	___ Abstain	___ Absent	
<b>Vote totals</b>	5_ Yes	___ No	___ Abstain	___ Absent	<b>Carried</b>

**Resolution 30-2026: Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Wilmington**

**RESOLVED:**

Subject to a Public Hearing and further revisions made by the Town Council, if any, the Town Council of the Town of Wilmington, NY, shall take the actions necessary to enact Local Law #1 of the Year 2026.

**Local Law #1 of the Year 2026  
A Local Law to Amend the Land Use Code of the Town of Wilmington**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Wilmington as follows:

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**Section 1. Authority.**

This local law is enacted under the authority granted by the General Municipal Home Rule law of the State of New York.

**Section 2. Legislative Intent.**

In 2013, the town board of the Town of Wilmington, New York, adopted the town's current municipal zoning ordinance. In the years since the adoption of that ordinance there have been developments in land use generally, with an increase in land development and building permits specifically, which were not anticipated by the town board when the town's current municipal zoning ordinance was adopted. The town board recognizes the impact that future developments may have on the quality of life and economic well-being of adjacent and nearby property owners specifically, as well as on the residents and the positive economic development of the township generally.

The town board also recognizes the impact that future developments may have upon existing land uses, public services, traffic, and the mutually supportive objectives of natural resource protection and economic development identified in the town's Comprehensive Plan.

In accordance with the foregoing, the town board of the Town of Wilmington, New York, finds that the following amendments to the town's zoning ordinance will improve the regulation of land use within the Town of Wilmington, thereby protecting and improving the general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Wilmington.

**Section 3.**

**Article V of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Wilmington is hereby amended to add:**

- A. An individual retail trade use shall not exceed 8,000 square feet of floor area, whether in one building or more than one building.
- B. A grouped retail business use shall not exceed a total of 40,000 in all buildings that constitute the use.
- C. For the purposes of the size limits set forth herein, floor area shall include floor area or floor space of any sort within the building, as well as exterior space used for the sale or storage of merchandise.

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**Section 4.**

**Article IX, §F(1) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Wilmington is hereby amended to add:**

§F(1)(f).

Site plan approvals shall not be granted if the proposed use will have a materially adverse impact upon adjoining and nearby properties, or a clearly adverse aesthetic impact upon the Town of Wilmington.

**Section 5.**

**Article X, §C of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Wilmington is hereby amended to add:**

Article X §C(8).

Special use permits shall not be granted if the proposed use will have a materially adverse impact upon adjoining and nearby properties, or a clearly adverse aesthetic impact upon the Town of Wilmington.

**Section 6.**

**The section of Article VI of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Wilmington titled “Site Improvements and Screening” is hereby amended to add:**

A. Visual impact, screening, and setbacks

**OBJECTIVE:**

Ensure that all approved commercial projects preserve and, where possible, enhance the existing natural and aesthetic qualities of the project site and its environs.

**GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

1) Utilize existing vegetation and topographical features, preserve existing vegetation where possible, and employ careful siting methods so as to minimize the visual impact of all commercial development activities.

2) At least thirty (30) feet of natural vegetation shall be left in its natural or improved state adjoining any public street or highway or any adjoining property not in the same ownership.

3) The Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals may, in their discretion, require additional measures to provide suitable screening, such as additional setbacks, planting, and fencing.

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*Pursuant to this Local Law, the previously existing subsection "A." under the heading "Site Improvements and Screening" of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Wilmington, New York, shall be re-labeled as subsection "B."*

**Section 7.**

The Town Board hereby declares its legislative intent to supersede any provision of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Wilmington, New York, that is inconsistent with the amendments adopted hereby.

If any local laws, or parts of any local laws, are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this local law, this local law shall control.

The Town's forms, rules, and regulations shall, to the extent necessary, be updated to reflect these amendments.

To the extent any provision of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Wilmington, New York, is inconsistent with this Local Law, this Local Law shall control.

**Section 8. Effective date.**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Town Council of the Town of Wilmington, New York, does hereby announce a Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of the Year 2026, which shall be held at the Wilmington Community Center at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Town Clerk of the Town of Wilmington, New York, town employees, and town officials are hereby authorized to publish required legal notices, and to take any additional measures to ensure that the above-described Public Hearing and all other actions necessary for the adoption of Local Law #1 of the Year 2026 conform with the laws of New York State and the laws of the Town of Wilmington.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Town Council of the Town of Wilmington, New York, does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to communicate with, send documents to, and take similar actions with respect to the Adirondack Park Agency, the County of Essex, and any departments or employees thereof, to ensure that the processes through which the Town Council of the Town of Wilmington, New York, adopts Local Law #1 of the Year 2026 conform with the laws, requirements, and customary practices of the State of New York, the Adirondack Park Agency, and the County of Essex.

**Moved By** Laura Hooker **Seconded by** Randy Winch

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Vote totals	4 Yes	1 No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Carried

**Resolution 31-2026: Training Requirements for Members of the Planning Board & the Zoning Board of Appeals**

**WHEREAS** the laws of the Town of Wilmington and the laws of the State of New York require all members of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wilmington to complete 4 hours of training annually, it is hereby **resolved** that:

- 1) All members of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wilmington shall submit documentation sufficient to show that they completed their required training for the year 2025 to the Town Clerk of the Town of Wilmington not later than February 1, 2026.
- 2) All members of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wilmington shall submit documentation sufficient to show that they completed their required training for the year 2026 to the Town Clerk of the Town of Wilmington not later than December 31, 2026.

**Moved By** Laura Hooker **Seconded by** Randy Winch

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vote totals	4 Yes	1 No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Carried

**Resolution 32-2026: Employee Handbook**

**WHEREAS** the town board of the Town of Wilmington recognizes that the operation of municipal

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administration and the provision of public services will be improved by a focused effort to revise, update, and improve the Town’s Employee Handbook,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The town board hereby designates Deputy Supervisor Laura Hooker to direct its efforts to revise, update, and improve the Town’s Employee Handbook, in consultation with the town’s Account Clerk, the Town Clerk, the superintendents of the town’s various departments, and the members of the town board.

In updating and revising the Employee Handbook, the Deputy Supervisor shall consult with town employees, community members, and outside experts as she deems appropriate.

The Deputy Supervisor shall be authorized to spend not more than \$3000 to revise, update, and improve the Employee Handbook, and shall be expected to provide the town board with a draft of an updated and improved Employee Handbook on or before April 1, 2026.

**Moved By** Hanna Cromie **Seconded by** Randy Winch

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<b>Vote totals</b>	4 Yes	1 No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Carried</b>

**Darin was worried of there not being enough impute from employees and board.**

**Resolution 32-2026: Comprehensive Plan Committee**

**WHEREAS** the town board of the Town of Wilmington recognizes that the Town’s Comprehensive Plan was adopted a half-century ago and that the Town will be well served by a focused effort to adopt a new Comprehensive Plan, it is hereby **RESOLVED** that Hanna Cromie and Patricia Winch shall be designated as the temporary Chairs of the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

1. The employees and officeholders of the Town of Wilmington and the temporary Chairs of the Comprehensive Plan Committee shall be encouraged to conduct customary and appropriate forms of promotion to encourage Wilmington residents to participate in the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

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2. The temporary Chairs of the Comprehensive Plan Committee shall schedule meetings of the committee and shall lead, organize, and oversee meetings of the committee until the Comprehensive Plan Committee is sufficiently organized that its members are able to elect permanent officers.

3. Members of the town board, members of the Planning Board, and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wilmington shall be encouraged to participate in the Comprehensive Plan Committee, consistent with the limitations imposed by the laws of the State of New York.

**Moved By** Darin Forbes **Seconded by** Laura Hooker

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<b>Vote totals</b>	4 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	1 <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Carried</b>

*Randy thought there should be more discussion about the Chair.*

**Resolution 33-2026: Homestead Housing Board**

**WHEREAS** the town board of the Town of Wilmington recognizes that in the past two years forward movement on the Homestead Housing initiative has been less than desired or expected by the members of the town board and the people of the Town of Wilmington, and **whereas** the town board recognizes that the citizens of the Town of Wilmington will be well-served by a focused effort to generate forward movement on the Homestead Housing initiative, it is therefore **RESOLVED** that Forest “Randy” Winch shall Chair a committee titled the “Homestead Housing Board,” which shall be comprised of not less than three members of the Wilmington community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The town board of the Town of Wilmington hereby gives Randy Winch the authority to take all measures he deems appropriate to make progress on the Homestead Housing initiative for the people of the Town of Wilmington, including, but not limited to:

1. Contacting members of the Wilmington community and asking them to join the Homestead Housing Board;
2. Publicizing & promoting membership on the aforesaid board;
3. Scheduling meetings of the Homestead Housing Board;
4. Contacting employees of Adirondack Roots, the Essex County Land Bank, and similar organizations;

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- 5. Organizing public and non-public tours of and visits to the Homestead Housing site;
- 6. Reviewing maps, documents, and similar materials related to the Homestead Housing site;
- 7. Reporting to the town board from time to time regarding the progress of the Homestead Housing Board, obstacles encountered by the board, and similar matters.

**Moved By** *Randy Winch* **Seconded by** *Darin Forbes*

<b>Supervisor Follos</b>	<b>X</b> Yes	<b>No</b> ___	<b>Abstain</b> ___	<b>Absent</b> ___	
<b>Hanna Cromie</b>	<b>X</b> Yes	<b>No</b> ___	<b>Abstain</b> ___	<b>Absent</b> ___	
<b>Darin Forbes</b>	<b>X</b> Yes	<b>No</b> ___	<b>Abstain</b> ___	<b>Absent</b> ___	
<b>Laura Hooker</b>	<b>X</b> Yes	<b>No</b> ___	<b>Abstain</b> ___	<b>Absent</b> ___	
<b>Randy Winch</b>	<b>X</b> Yes	<b>No</b> ___	<b>Abstain</b> ___	<b>Absent</b> ___	
<b>Vote totals</b>	<b>5</b> Yes	<b>No</b> ___	<b>Abstain</b> ___	<b>Absent</b> ___	<b>Carried</b>

**Resolution 34-2026: Appointments to the Planning Board and the Board of Assessment Review**

RESOLVED:

Carol Weibe shall be appointed a member of the Planning Board of the Town of Wilmington, with a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2027. This appointment fills the seat vacated by Forest Randy Winch pursuant to his election to the town board. This resolution supersedes the appointment of Carol Weibe made by the town board at its meeting on January 6, 2026.

**Be it further resolved:**

Noel Wood shall be appointed a member of the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Wilmington, with a 4-year term expiring on Sept. 31, 2029.

**Moved By** Darin Forbes **Seconded by** Laura Hooker

<b>Supervisor Follos</b>	<b>X</b> Yes	<b>No</b> ___	<b>Abstain</b> ___	<b>Absent</b> ___	
<b>Hanna Cromie</b>	<b>X</b> Yes	<b>No</b> ___	<b>Abstain</b> ___	<b>Absent</b> ___	
<b>Darin Forbes</b>	<b>X</b> Yes	<b>No</b> ___	<b>Abstain</b> ___	<b>Absent</b> ___	
<b>Laura Hooker</b>	<b>X</b> Yes	<b>No</b> ___	<b>Abstain</b> ___	<b>Absent</b> ___	
<b>Randy Winch</b>	<b>X</b> Yes	<b>No</b> ___	<b>Abstain</b> ___	<b>Absent</b> ___	
<b>Vote totals</b>	<b>5</b> Yes	<b>No</b> ___	<b>Abstain</b> ___	<b>Absent</b> ___	<b>Carried</b>

**Regular Meeting of the Wilmington Town Board  
of the Town of Wilmington Town Board,  
January 13,2026 Community Center 6:00 PM**

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**Motion** was made by Darin Forbes and **seconded** by Randy Winch to pay the audited bills and make any necessary transfers. All in Favor

**Motion** was made to accept the minutes for December,2025. Moved by Darin Forbes Seconded by Laura Hooker. Supervisor Follos agrees. *The other board members were not in office for the December meetings.*  
Resolution ?? 2026 Resolved to sign the routine contract with Essex County for Occupancy Tax and the Elizabethtown Community Hospital.

**Moved By** Darin Forbes **Seconded by** Laura Hooker

Supervisor Follos	X	Yes	___	No	___	Abstain	___	Absent	
Hanna Cromie	X	Yes	___	No	___	Abstain	___	Absent	
Darin Forbes	X	Yes		No	___	Abstain	___	Absent	
Laura Hooker	X	Yes	___	No	___	Abstain	___	Absent	
Randy Winch	X	Yes	___	No	___	Abstain	___	Absent	
<b>Vote totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	___	<b>Abstain</b>	___	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Carried</b>

*The contracts are at the end of the minutes.*

**Motion** was made to have the Work session/Meeting immediately following the Public Hearing on Local Law 1 of 2026.

Moved by *Hanna Cromie*, seconded by *Darin Forbes*, all in favor

**Resolution 35-2026**

Resolved to allow the Lake Placid School Board to use the town hall on May 5<sup>th</sup> for a meeting and May 20<sup>TH</sup> for an election.

**Moved By** *Laura Hooker* **Seconded by** *Darin Forbes*

Supervisor Follos	X	Yes	___	No	___	Abstain	___	Absent	
Hanna Cromie	X	Yes	___	No	___	Abstain	___	Absent	
Darin Forbes	X	Yes		No	___	Abstain	___	Absent	
Laura Hooker	X	Yes	___	No	___	Abstain	___	Absent	
Randy Winch	X	Yes	___	No	___	Abstain	___	Absent	
<b>Vote totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	___	<b>Abstain</b>	___	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Carried</b>

**Public Comment**

*All who wished to speak were allowed to.*

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*Michelle Preston asked to have a letter put in the minutes.*

**Resolution 36-2026** to allow the letter permanently put in the minutes. This letter is at the end of the minutes.

**Moved By Darin Forbes Seconded by Hanna Cromie**

<b>Supervisor Follos</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>X No</b>	<b>___ Abstain</b>	<b>___ Absent</b>	
<b>Hanna Cromie</b>	<b>X Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>___ Abstain</b>	<b>___ Absent</b>	
<b>Darin Forbes</b>	<b>X Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>___ Abstain</b>	<b>___ Absent</b>	
<b>Laura Hooker</b>	<b>X Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>___ Abstain</b>	<b>___ Absent</b>	
<b>Randy Winch</b>	<b>X Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>___ Abstain</b>	<b>___ Absent</b>	
<b>Vote totals</b>	<b>4 Yes</b>	<b>1 No</b>	<b>___ Abstain</b>	<b>___ Absent</b>	<b>Carried</b>

*Paula McGreevy also presented a letter to the board but said she was happy with it just being addressed at the meeting.*

**Call for Executive session, to discuss the appointments of an individual or individuals.  
Time 7:45**

**Moved by Hanna Cromie, Seconded by Darin Forbes, all in favor**

**Motion to come out of Executive session and resume the reg meeting. Time 8:15**

**Moved by Laura Hooker, Seconded by Hanna Cromie, all in favor**

**Meeting was called back to order and adjourned at 8:20.**

**Moved by Darin Forbes, seconded by Hanna Cromie, all in favor**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Dawn Stevens*

Account #	Fund	BEG Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest	Ending Balance
201.01	General	\$ 1,040,938.64		\$ 90,000.00	\$ 3,171.35	\$ 954,109.99
201.03	Highway	\$ 530,988.50	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 1,576.89	\$ 612,565.29
201.06	Water	\$ 153,736.24		\$ 29,254.00	\$ 469.33	\$ 124,951.57
201.01	Parks Equip	\$ 4,246.85			\$ 13.41	\$ 4,260.26
201.06	Water Meters	\$ 69,640.29		\$ 5,746.00	\$ 209.95	\$ 64,104.24
201.01	Parks Truck	\$ 5,122.49			\$ 16.17	\$ 5,138.66
201.06	Road Fund	\$ 14,264.85			\$ 45.03	\$ 14,309.88
201.03	Hwy Mach	\$ 14,034.40			\$ 44.28	\$ 14,078.68
201.06	Water Truck	\$ 38,724.14			\$ 122.18	\$ 38,846.32
201.06	Water Equip	\$ 56,013.62			\$ 176.74	\$ 56,190.36
201.01	Beautification	\$ 121,329.60			\$ 382.87	\$ 121,712.47
201.06	Water D&M	\$ 7,078.23			\$ 22.34	\$ 7,100.57
201.15	Water Water	\$ 4,371.83			\$ 13.80	\$ 4,385.63
201.01	Planning Escrow	\$ 68,210.58			\$ 215.24	\$ 68,425.82
201.01	RM Donations	\$ 205,464.85			\$ 648.35	\$ 206,113.20
		\$ 2,334,164.91	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 7,128.03	\$ 2,296,292.94

TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
SUPERVISOR'S CASH REPORT

DECEMBER  
2025

Cash Balances, Disbursements, and Interest Earned

Multi Fund	Bank Account	Prior Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance	Int. E to date
General	200.01	\$36,702.11	\$145,798.10	\$187,490.34	\$13,999.87	\$29.80
Highway	200.02	\$19,483.82	\$299,927.38	\$276,296.84	\$13,114.36	
Water 1	200.06	\$10,978.35	\$36,415.42	\$37,485.03	\$9,908.74	
Water 2	200.08	\$2,298.81	\$0.00	\$1,843.88	\$454.93	
TOTAL		\$69,463.09	\$482,130.90	\$483,116.09	\$37,472.90	\$0.00

Capital Proj Account

Cap Proj	Bank Account	Prior Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance	Int. E to date
Checking	200.14	\$ 5,683.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,683.08	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 5,683.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,683.08	\$ -

HRA Account

HRA	Bank Account	Prior Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance	Int. E to date
Checking	200.93	\$4,612.90	\$0.00	\$4,150.14	\$462.76	\$ -
TOTAL		\$4,612.90	\$0.00	\$4,150.14	\$462.76	\$ -

Payroll Trust Account

Fund	Bank Account	Prior Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance	Interest Earned
Trust/PR	200.99	\$36,672.30	\$ 118,992.93	\$ 79,063.92	\$75,601.31	\$ 6.77
TOTAL		\$36,672.30	\$ 118,992.93	\$ 79,063.92	\$75,601.31	\$ 6.77

Yearly Water Report

Water Data 2025

	Turbidity	PCH180 (Gal)	Gallons Treated	C12 (Gal)	C12 Ave Res	PO4 (Gal)	PO4 Ave Res	Gallons ORDA
January	0.05	48	2,766,800	36	1.02	9.26	1.51	201,600
February	0.04	47	2,617,600	40	0.93	8.75	1.57	224,200
March	0.05	50	2,551,200	32	0.97	8.25	1.36	180,700
April	0.07	42	2,284,600	33	0.97	8.5	1.41	47,800
May	0.05	41	2,346,400	34	1.11	7	1.35	28,400
June	0.06	69	3,572,000	66	0.99	11.5	1.45	43,800
July	0.04	77	4,462,700	68	1.01	15	1.34	49,600
August	0.04	80	4,382,100	74	0.98	13.5	1.45	57,200
September	0.04	68	3,213,200	41	1.04	11.5	1.34	63,000
October	0.05	55	2,818,300	42	1.03	10.25	1.44	65,100
November	0.06	34	1,889,800	31	1.04	6	1.35	61,000
December	0.04	59	2,975,200	43	1.01	9.25	1.66	185,600
Average	0.05	55.00	2,988,341.67	44.17	1.01	9.90	1.44	98,991.67
Total		680.00	35,890,100.00	530.00		118.75		1,187,900.00

Water Report 1/5/2026

Gallons Produced 2,975,200  
Gallons to Whiteface 185,600

Daily Average 165,300  
Daily Average 6,000

- TC / EC Sample
- SPDES Samples
- WW PFOA Samples
- DSNY Locations
- AWMVA Training
- Cleaning Snow
- Boiler @ Whiteface Pump and Filter Plant Serviced

I would like to invite you for a tour of our water treatment facility to give you a better understanding of what goes on in your water department.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

Water Superintendent



Ed Orsi

**MEETING ATTENDANCE SIGN-IN**

Meeting Date: 1-13-2026 6pm  
 Committee/Board: Ray Town Board Meeting

Please PRINT your name clearly to assure the correct spelling in the minutes of this meeting.

21	<u>John</u>
22	<u>Delia Spitzer</u>
23	<u>Shirley Long</u>
24	<u>Steve Long</u>
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**MEETING ATTENDANCE SIGN-IN**

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Committee/Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Please PRINT your name clearly to assure the correct spelling in the minutes of this meeting.

21	<u>Dawn Stevens</u>
22	<u>Erin Tracht</u>
23	<u>Richard Nelson</u>
24	<u>Michael Bonifera</u>
25	<u>Bob Schmitt</u>
26	<u>Louis Adams</u>
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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation Marriage License	Water Use Fees	1	0.00
		Building Permit	4	638.09
		Junk license	1	20.00
		Land Fill	11	2,830.00
		Landfill Tickets	5	40.00
		Planning Board Fees	1	150.00
		STR's	15	7,150.00
		Water Tap	1	800.00
		<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$11,448.09</b>
		Conservation Marriage Fees	1	17.50
		<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$18.80</b>
A1255	Certified Copies	Certified Copies	2	90.00
		<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$90.00</b>
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Unspayed	1	17.00
		Male, Neutered	4	36.00
		<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$53.00</b>
		<b>Total Local Shares Remitted:</b>		<b>\$11,579.89</b>
		Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program		7.00
		Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation		18.80
		Amount paid to: State Health Dept.		22.50
		Amount paid to: Water Use Fees		110.00
		<b>Total State, County &amp; Local Revenues:</b>		<b>\$11,738.09</b>
		<b>Total Non-Local Revenues:</b>		<b>\$192.40</b>

To the Supervisor:  
 Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Dawn Stevens, Town Clerk, Town of Vinton during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Supervisor: [Signature] Date: 2/4/26  
 Town Clerk Dawn Stevens Date: 2-4-2026

January 13, 2026

Dear Town Supervisor and Members of the Town Board,

I am writing as a full-time resident and taxpayer in the Town of Wilmington. I am deeply concerned that it appears residents' voices are not being heard, and that recent actions and procedural changes may be limiting or silencing public input during Town Board meetings.

I respectfully request that the Town reinstate and maintain an opportunity for public comment, conducted in a structured and respectful manner. Public meetings exist to conduct town business openly, and residents deserve a reasonable opportunity to be heard, particularly on matters that affect our community, public assets, and tax dollars.

As someone who has served on the town board and attended many board meetings, I understand the importance of order, efficiency, and maintaining a professional environment. I also understand that balance and respect in the boardroom must go both ways. The public has a responsibility to be respectful and follow established rules, and the Board has a responsibility to allow residents a meaningful channel to provide input. A clear public comment policy, such as time limits, and expectations for conduct can protect that balance while preserving transparency.

Additionally, I am concerned that the agenda for the January 13, 2026 meeting includes resolutions with little or no public explanation or discussion. As one example, the renaming of a park has been included on an agenda. This topic was previously discussed by the prior board, and it was my understanding at that time that a committee was to be established to ensure the entire town had an opportunity to weigh in before any final decision was made. Regardless of one's position on the renaming itself, the process matters. Major community decisions should not move forward without a transparent process and a reasonable effort to include residents.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Town Board to:

1. Allow public comment at meetings in a structured, fair, and respectful way; and
2. Ensure that significant resolutions include basic context and an opportunity for public input before decisions are finalized.

Finally, I request that this letter be read aloud during the January 13, 2026 Town Board meeting and that it be entered into the official record/minutes for that meeting.

Thank you for your time and attention to these concerns. I appreciate the work that goes into serving our town, and I hope the Board will take steps to strengthen transparency and rebuild trust through open communication.

Respectfully,

Michelle Preston