

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF  
THE TOWN OF WHITEHALL  
57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE  
WHITEHALL, NY 12887  
7:00PM

January 21, 2026

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Rozell, Town Supervisor  
David Hollister, Councilperson  
Christopher Dudley, Councilperson  
Stephanie Safka, Councilperson

**ABSENT:**

Francis Wilbur, Councilperson  
Louis D Pratt II, Superintendent of Highways

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Erika Seller-Ryan, Town Attorney; Jamie Barnhill, Town Clerk; E.J. Conzola, Sentinel-Times; Randy Lambert, Whitehall Improvement Network; Scott Tracy; Tammy Rocque; Joe Rozell; Hillary Rozell, Keith Sayers

Supervisor Rozell called the January 21, 2026, Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

-Mr. Lambert from Whitehall Improvement Network asked about the WiFi status in the park, and the current cost. Also, if the town if they could write a letter of endorsement for the application as Whitehall as an Empire State Trail Town Designation.

**MOTION** made by Supervisor Rozell to submit a letter for the application of Whitehall being an Empire State Trail Town Designation and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

**ADOPTED**    **AYES** 4    **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka**  
**NAYS**

-One resident would like the town to designate a location as a resource area with a computer for the unemployed that they may take online programs to better themselves. Many webinars from Warren/Washington County that help in career building skills, for example how to write a resume. Supervisor Rozell to look into the Library and the Recreation Center to see if they could accommodate local residents.

- Discussion with several residents wanting to know what the Town Board is going to do in fixing the Re-Assessment. They want an answer from the Town Board on what they are going to do next year.

**MOTION** to approve the monthly minutes from December 17, 2025 Town Board regular meeting motion made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

**ADOPTED**    **AYES** 4    **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka**  
**NAYS** 0

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

Town Recreation Report by Timothy Martindale- Written

Town Dog Control Report by Kathy Hall-No Report



**MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 9:07 pm for Hiring/Firing made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

**ADOPTED**    **AYES 4**    **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka**  
**NAYS 0**

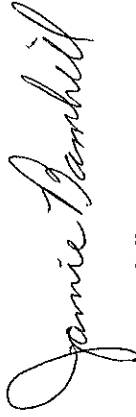
**MOTION** to come out of Executive Session at 9:30 pm made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

**ADOPTED**    **AYES 4**    **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka**  
**NAYS 0**

**MOTION** to adjourn the Regular Town Board meeting at 9:32 pm made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

**ADOPTED**    **AYES 4**    **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka**  
**NAYS 0**

**ADJOURNED**  
**Respectfully Submitted**



**Jamie Barnhill**  
**Town Clerk**

## January 2026

### Rec Notes

1/21/2026

- Any update on parking lot lights?
- Wrestling is still at the Rec Tuesday and Thursdays
- Can I get permission to purchase 3 totes that close or have a lid to hold the snacks that we hand out – and \$100 to refresh the snacks at the Rec.  
As a reminder these snacks are free, and kids do look forward to them.  
Examples of snacks to purchase – Granola Bars, Cracker Packs, Fruit Snacks, Individual Drink Packets, Mac and Cheese Cups.
- Do we have any updates from Rec Booster Club on future projects?
- Can we advertise for a Rec Attendant – up to 20 hours a week, Saturdays are a must.

Assessor's Report  
January 2026

Between November & December there were 41 deed transfers of those 8 were arms length.

Exemption Renewal applications have been out since beginning of November and due back no later than March 1, 2026.

Tax bills are being returned due to lack of updated mailing address, please update your mailing address when it changes.

If your primary residence is in Whitehall you may qualify for an exemption and must apply by March 1, 2026, you can inquire any time before that date.

NYS has been sending letters to homeowners requiring that they need to verify their income in 45 days. This is not a scam! You need to call NYS at the phone number on the letter or go online and fill out the income worksheet. If you do not have an email address, you cannot fill it out online and will need to call. I have had reports that the State is not answering the phone or calling back when messages are left, I have printed worksheets at the Clerks window that can be filled out and mailed in at the address on the bottom.

Bobbi Stone