

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

March 18,2026

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Erika Seller-Ryan, Town Attorney; Louis D Pratt II, Superintendent of Highways; E.J. Conzola, Sentinel- Times; Randy Lambert, Joe & Hillary Rozell, Scott & Barb Tracy, Gavin Boule

Supervisor Rozell called the March 18,2026 Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Randy Lambert- Whitehall was denied destination as a park/ trail town need QR codes and “bike friendly” businesses.
  - Joe & Hillary Rozell- want to know about revaluation and boards decision when time to redo. Supervisor Rozell said the tentative assessment tax roll comes out 5/1/26, and Grievance Day will be 5/27/26
  - Scott Tracy- asked if board is filing a resolution if they will do a revaluation. Councilperson Dudley said no commitment yet.
- Public Comments done at 7:04pm

**MOTION** to approve the monthly minutes from February 18,2025 Town Board meeting motion made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

**ADOPTED**    **AYES 5**    **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Wilbur**  
**NAYS 0**

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

- Town Recreation Report** by Timothy Martindale- No report
- Supervisor Rozell called again about lights, still not done. County DPW removed lights and Whitehall can have two pole lamps; we need to check on power.
- Application for use of Senior Center 3/26 for Whitehall wrestling banquet, approved by senior citizens
- Tim has been working on grant paperwork
- Town Dog Control Report** by Kathy Hall- No report
- Town Compliance Report** by Jessie Neddo – No report
- Supervisor Rozell stated the trailer park issues with lighting, and the town is not involved with sewage problems
- Town Clerk Report** by Jamie Barnhill – Written
- Supervisor Rozell stated Jamie had updated the Town website with grievance information and Jamie will be placing the mowing bid for Sciota cemetery
- 4/19-4/22 Town Clerks Conference, Jamie applied and granted a scholarship.
- Town Assessor Report** by Roberta Stone – Written into the record

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

March 18, 2026

**Town Supervisor's Report** by John Rozell

- Meeting with the Village about motel/ trailer park sewage issue. NYSDEC wants county to shut down the property but then county would have to pay for all displaced residents. Everyone wants NYSDEC and NYSDOH to take control
- Introduced Local Law for FEMA
- Broadband internet survey- public comment invited
- BOCES- offered grant writing services
- Dept Head Reviews are 3/31,4/1 and 4/2

**Town Budget Officer's Report** by Joel Carpenter – Written

Resolution #34 Budget Transfer

**MOTION** to approve Resolution #34 Budget Transfer made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

**ADOPTED**      **AYES** 5      **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Wilbur**  
**NAYS** 0

**Town Planning Board Report** by Gregg Chappell – Written

**Town Highway Report** by Louis D Pratt

- PRC# is requested for prevailing wage and additional requirement. The PRC# changes day to day but County says it is good for the year
- Louis stated a salt bill for \$20,000 should be arriving, and already approved for pre-payment

**MOTION** to approve the Monthly Reports made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

**ADOPTED**      **AYES** 5      **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Wilbur**  
**NAYS** 0

**PARK REQUESTS:**

-Chamber of Commerce on 6/20 for Whitehall Festival

**MOTION** to approve Chamber of Commerce request made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

**ADOPTED**      **AYES** 5      **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Wilbur**  
**NAYS** 0

**ABSTRACT #3 OF 2026**

General Fund No.1 through 22	\$ 11,504.31
Highway Fund No.1 through 9	\$ 20,154.61
Youth Budget No.1 through 5	\$ 655.02

**MOTION** to approve the Monthly Abstract #3 of 2026 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

**ADOPTED**      **AYES** 5      **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Wilbur**  
**NAYS** 0

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

March 18, 2026

MOTION to go into Executive Session at 7:35 pm for Hiring/Firing made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

ADOPTED      **AYES 5**      **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Wilbur**  
                         **NAYS 0**

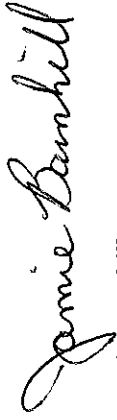
MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 7:50 pm made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley with action taken nominating Bobby Putorti to the Board of Assessment Review

ADOPTED      **AYES 5**      **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Wilbur**  
                         **NAYS 0**

MOTION to adjourn the Regular Town Board meeting at 7:52 pm made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

ADOPTED      **AYES 5**      **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Wilbur**  
                         **NAYS 0**

**ADJOURNED**  
Respectfully Submitted



Jamie Barnhill  
Town Clerk

Assessors Report  
March 2026

January transfers have been received from the County and applied to the roll.

Date Collection & Valuation for closed building permits is underway and will be completed for the 2026 Assessment Roll.

The deadline for exemption renewals was 3/01/2026. All exemption renewals and new applications received have been processed and applied to the roll. All renewal forms not received will be removed from the roll and the property owners will be notified by mail of the removal of their exemption due to failure to renew. If you still need to renew, please turn in your paperwork as soon as possible.

The assessor is in the office on Wednesdays.

Bobbi Stone