

SPECIAL SALEM TOWN BOARD MEETING
ADOPTION RESOLUTION FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #4-2026
AMENDING THE ZONING LAW IN THE TOWN OF SALEM and
TO REVIEW ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD
08/19/2026

PRESENT: Supervisor Evera Sue Clary; Town Council: Tom McMorris; Brenda Levey; Scott Eastman; Howard Law-Video-conferencing from his home, located @ 2277 State Rte. 313; Shushan, NY 12873; Town Clerk-Pat Gilchrist

OTHERS PRESENT: None

PUBLIC PRESENT: Sherri Slater

5:00 pm-Supervisor Clary called the meeting to order, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

5:03 pm-Resolution #69-Motion made by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, seconded by Councilman Thomas McMorris, for Supervisor Clary to open the Public Hearing to review the passage of the Adoption Resolution, passing Local Law #4 of 2026-Proposed Local Law Amending the Zoning Law in the Town of Salem, NY, passed 5-0. Supervisor Clary asked the required three (3) times if there were any questions or comments regarding the passage of the Adoption Resolution, passing Local Law #4 of 2026-Proposed Local Law Amending the Zoning Law in the Town of Salem; there being no questions or comments on the same, Supervisor Clary closed the Public Hearing @ 5:06 p.m. SEQR Part 2 was read, questions were answered by the Board, all were checked 'No'. **Resolution #70-Motion made by** Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Scott Eastman, declaring a 'Negative Declaration' to Part 2 of the SEQR; passed 5-0.

Resolution #71-Motion made by Councilman Thomas McMorris, seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, to pass the Adoption Resolution; thus passing Local Law #4 of 2026, amending the Zoning Law of the Town of Salem. **Roll Call Vote:** Councilman Thomas McMorris-Yes; Councilwoman Brenda Levey-Yes; Councilman Scott Eastman-Yes; Councilman Howard Law-Yes; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary-Yes; passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes-Minutes from 07/08/2026 Regular Monthly Meeting, as amended @ request of Councilman Law; **Motion made by** Councilwoman Brenda Levey, seconded by Councilman Thomas McMorris, approving the minutes from the 07/08/2026 regular monthly meeting of the Salem Town Board as amended on page 1 & page 5; passed 5-0.

Minutes from 07/29/2026 Special Meeting of the Salem Town Board, as corrected, for passage of Introductory Resolution #54 on proposed Local Law #3 of 2026 Prohibiting Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems in the Town of Salem, NY-Motion made by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, seconded by Councilman Scott Eastman, to approve corrected minutes from the 07/29/2026 Special Meeting of the Salem Town Board as stated above; passed 5-0.

August 07/2026-Special Meeting of the Salem Town Board for Introductory Resolution on Zoning Law Revisions-Wait on passage of these as not all Board members had a chance to review.

08/12/2026 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes-Need to rescind Resolution #65 on BAN renewal for salt shed for \$635,0090; waiting on approximately \$449,600 to come in from Grant money. If money is rec'd., there will be no renewal because the current BAN will be paid off. If BAN needs renewing, the renewal amount will be approximately \$495,000. **Motion made by** Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Scott

Eastman, to rescind Resolution #65 on BAN renewal for the Salt Shed as stated in the 08/12/2026 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of the Salem Town Board; passed 5-0.

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BAN for Doosan Loader-will be renewed for \$37,000; due in early December, 2026. \$37,000, plus interest will be paid at that time, also.

BAN for 2027 International Truck-This will be a new BAN for approximately \$200,000; Supervisor Clary will notify Attorney Matt Fuller to prepare.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

County Board of Supervisors-Meeting will be on Friday, 08/21/2026 @ Supervisor's Chambers in County Bldg.; Fort Edward, NY

LGLCRPB-Meetings next week with them.

Town Owned Medical Bldg.-Supervisor Clary announced that Ann Marie Hatch, of Glens Falls Hospital, will provide any blue prints they might have, if any, of the medical building.

Proudfit Basement-Supervisor Clary reported that Jack McKeighan was in the Town Office & advised her what could be thrown out or did not belong to Legion Auxiliary.

NEW BUSINESS

Al Cormier-Made announcement that Josh's Tree Service would do all work needed along the west wall for the same price; Clerk to Supervisor Chambers advised that a new Certificate of Insurance is needed from him for \$2,000,000/\$1,000,000. If insurance gets straightened out, he can begin work tomorrow, Thursday 08/20/2026, or Friday, 08/21/2026. Councilman Law will contact Joe Wever or Chief Steve Saunders from Salem Fire Dep't. since there is a Lease between them & the T/O/S; he will advise Joe or Steve that Josh's trucks will be doing work on the whole west wall & will more than likely be on the leased property. **Motion made by** Councilwoman Brenda Levey, seconded by Thomas McMorris, to go forward w/Josh's Tree Service to do the work along the whole west wall, providing he secures the necessary Certificate of Insurance; passed 5-0.

Bancroft Bldg.-During court, someone passed out; Clerk could not operate the keypad to Judge's office out front. This needs to be checked out & fixed if there is a problem.

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT-Sherri Slater announced that she would be a Republican candidate, running for Supervisor in November. Sherri wanted to make a public announcement at the Town Board meeting so Supervisor Clary would know her intentions directly from her & not second hand. Supervisor Clary thanked Sherri & said she appreciated it.

More Banners-Sherri also announced that 21 more banners would be going up as soon as they arrive--20 in Salem & 1 in Shushan. This will be the last order for 2026, as they will come down to be stored after Veteran's Day.

MOTION TO ADJOURN-**Motion made by** Councilwoman Brenda Levey, seconded by Councilman Scott Eastman, to adjourn the August 19, 2026, special meeting of the Salem Town Board; passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned @ 5:45 p.m.

Special Town Board Meeting on Monday, 08/31/2026, @ 5 pm in Proudfit Hall; 181 Main Street; Salem, NY, for the purpose of hearing public comments on community development needs & to discuss applying for CDBG funding in the amount of \$350,000.

NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the Salem Town Board will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, in Proudfit Hall; 181 Main Street; Salem, NY. Review of Warrants #8 & Highway Abstract #8 for payment will begin @ 5 p.m., business meeting to begin @ 6 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk
Town of Salem