

73) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, May 8,2025 **DRAFT**

74) Roll Call

Board Members	Present	Excused	Town Officials	Present	Excused
Supervisor Joe Denis	X		Town Clerk, Paige Phillips	X	
Councilmember Carol Dimond	X		Highway Superintendent, Jay Rust	X	
Councilmember Gina Sarazen	X				
Councilmember Angela Rust	X				
Councilmember Tom Snye	X				

Guest: Marlene Ashton, Patty Reandeau, Anthony D’Amico

75) Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Supervisor Joe Denis.

76) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Carol Dimond, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, the minutes of April 17, 2025 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved. AYES: Town Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Snye, Sarazen, and Rust. NAYS: 0

77) Monies Received

Refuse & Garbage	\$1,247.00
Dog Licenses	\$6.00
Licenses&Permits	\$228.75
Insurance Recovery	\$330.32
Fines, Forfeits, of Bail	\$293.00

**Privilege of Floor**

78) Patty Reandeau

Patty submitted her resignation letter for the cleaning position of the Town Offices. Supervisor Joe Denis inquired about her plans regarding the Youth Center for the upcoming fall. Should her health permit, Patty wishes to continue serving as the Youth Center Director. The Town Board expressed their gratitude to Patty for her years of commitment and ongoing contributions to the Town of Piercefield.

79) Marlene Ashton

Marlene attended the meeting to inquire if Joe has spoken to the Town Attorney regarding the resolution she requested at the previous meeting. Joe has contacted the Attorney but has yet to hear back. Marlene would also like a copy of the email Supervisor Denis and Councilmember Dimond received from Legislator Rick Perkins. Councilmember Dimond will forward the email to the Town Clerk, who will make it available to Marlene.

80) Highway Report

Jay Rust reports there are still about 4 main water lines with the galvanized material that were installed in 1994/1995 that are at risk. A discussion regarding a replacement schedule of the old lines to avoid unnecessary winter emergencies took place. The Highway crew did repairs to the Raquette Flow Road using crusher run. Highway Superintendent Jay Rust attended the St. Lawrence County Highway Superintendent Meeting. Jay reports that a state budget has yet to be approved, leaving the amount of CHIPS funding the town will receive unknown. It is anticipated that the CHIPS budget will either remain consistent with previous years or we will see a 5% increase, although this is not a guarantee.

81) Code Enforcement Report

There was no report submitted for April. Supervisor Joe Denis has confirmed that work is ongoing; however, the Town Board is interested in receiving a summary of the month's activities. Supervisor Denis will reach out to Nicholas to discuss the possibility of him attending quarterly board meetings to provide updates if a monthly report is not practical. Patty Reandeau inquired whether the CEO could issue notices to residents regarding necessary yard maintenance, recalling that this was previously done. There was also a discussion about many derelict properties throughout the town as well as possible ordinances in regards to campers on properties. Supervisor Denis will consult with Nicholas about the matters and review the current town ordinances related to them.

Old Business

- 82)
- Playground

A discussion took place regarding the condition of the playground. After replacing broken equipment, the new equipment was made unusable within weeks of installation. It is essential for the playground to meet safety standards, or the town could be held liable for any resulting injuries. Removal of all playground equipment is felt to be necessary for safety and liability concerns. Councilmember Gina Sarazen would like to see the area maintained if all the equipment is removed. Highway Superintendent Jay Rust will continue mowing and have the crew reseed the area. Councilmember Carol Dimond would like the flag pole, monument, and cherry tree to remain. On a motion by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, the removal of all playground equipment be approved. AYES: Town Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Snye, Sarazen, and Rust. NAYS: 0
- 83)
- Summer Help

Highway Superintendent Jay Rust has announced the part-time hiring of Jimmy Brownell for the summer season. Councilmember Gina Sarazen inquired whether Jay could assign him to clean up around the fences. Jay has intentions to if both time and budget constraints permit. Supervisor Joe Denis has requested Jay to check in monthly to ensure the budget is being followed. Jay raised a question regarding the distribution of pay among highway, general, and county funds. Furthermore, Jay emphasized that the mowing of town properties, including the area in front of the town garage, the playground, the pumphouse, and the Childwold sign, should be funded through the general fund rather than the highway fund. Joe will consult with Bookkeeper Linda Pickering to gather further details regarding the distribution of payments.

New Business

- 84)
- Cleaning Duties

Due to staffing changes a new checklist will be made for the current cleaner to adhere to. The Town Clerk will supply the updated version.
- 85)
- Setting Pole Dam Repairs

Councilmember Carol Dimond attended a meeting in Tupper Lake where she obtained information regarding repairs that will begin in July 2026 on the spill way of the Setting Pole Dam. Carol relayed that Dale Becker, a retired geologist from Piercefield, was also in attendance. Dale advised that there may be an increase in traffic and potential blockage of the portage. There is an article in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise if anyone is interested in more information.
- 86)
- Pay Incoming Bills

RESOLUTION No.: 12-05-2025

DATED: May 8, 2025

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, all bills for the month of May had not yet been received

RESOLVED, the Town Board approves to pay incoming bills for the month of May that were not received before the monthly meeting.

A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was made by Councilmember Carol Dimond, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen. The following each voted in favor of the Resolution: Town Supervisor Joe Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Sarazen,Rust, and Snye NAYS: 0 Approved:

- 87)
- Approval of Town Clerk Monthly Reports

On a motion by Councilmember Angela Rust, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen the Clerk Reports for April 2025 be approved: AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers, Dimond, Snye,Rust, and Sarazen. NAYS: 0
- 88)
- Payment of Bills

On a motion by Councilmember Thomas Snye, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond the following payments be approved AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Snye, Rust, Sarazen, and Dimond. NAYS: 0

General Fund:	\$1,869.88
Highway Fund:	\$19,676.71
Lighting District	\$372.18
Conifer Water:	\$23.94
Piercefield Water:	\$873.65
Trust and Agency	\$7,802.53
Total	\$30,618.89

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89) Adjournment  
On a motion by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 7:00pm.

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Paige Phillips, Town Clerk

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Date Approved