

144) Roll Call

Board Members	Present	Excused	Town Officials	Present	Excused
Supervisor Karen Brownell	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			

Guests: Marlene Ashton, Tony D’Amico, Ginger Storey-Welch, Loren Bailey.

145) Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Supervisor Karen Brownell.

146) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, the minutes of June 11, 2026 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved. AYES: Town Supervisor Brownell, Councilmembers Sarazen, and Rust. NAYS: 0

147) Monies Received

Insurance Recoveries	\$1,586.79
Refuse and Garbage	\$3,151.00
Licenses & Permits	\$433.50
Vital Stats	\$11.00

Privilege of Floor

148) Loren Bailey

Loren attended the meeting to thank the Highway Department for smoothing out the culverts on the Mt Arab road. He also wanted to confirm if scheduling was still on track for paving the road this fall. Loren expressed to the councilmembers that he has driven every road that the Town of Piercefield is responsible for and in his opinion the Mt Arab Road is in the worst condition of them all. Loren hopes the paving this fall will improve the road condition for many years since it will be done correctly. Lastly, Loren request that the potholes on the road be filled until the road can be paved. Highway Superintendent Rust confirmed that they will have the potholes patched as soon as they can.

149) Ginger Storey-Welch

Ginger who is running for District 7 Legislator shared that the director of the neighborhood center in Colton/Pierrepoint, Kayla Jenkinson, expressed that she would like to implement a mobile neighborhood center for areas that are not currently covered which would include the Town of Piercefield. The St. Lawrence County Community Development Program currently operates 6 neighborhood centers throughout the county. Ginger also shared with the Councilmembers an article from North Country This Week regarding a free Remote Area Medical Clinic (RAM). The clinic is anticipated to be held on June 12-13 of 2027, Clarkson University will be the host site for the clinic. “Nikita Diro Glover, director of clinical education for Clarkson University’s physician assistant program, is seeking public input through a Community Health Needs Assessment Survey to identify barriers to healthcare access and help plan a free mobile medical clinic in St. Lawrence County. Glover is conducting the survey as part of her doctoral project focused on healthcare access in St Lawrence County. Information gathered through the assessment will be used to guide the planning and development of a Remote Area Medical mobile health clinic.” RAM clinics provide free medical, vision and dental care. The survey can be found at <https://redcap.upstate.edu/surveys/?=AHWMXJW8MWT7T894>. A copy of the article will also be available to read on the website at www.piercefield.org.

150) Highway Report

- Cut firewood, still need 10-15 more cord for the winter
- Hauling sand and crusher run for road work on Gull Pond Road
- Franklin County is increasing tipping fee from \$115/ton to \$130/ton. Reviewed reports for the transfer station income so far this year. Will keep pricing as is for now.
- 1 applicant for MEO position. Ad is still running in the Free Press

Jay contacted Taylor Rental for pricing on cotton candy and popcorn machine rentals. The cotton candy machine is \$65.00 +\$10.00 if the cart is included. The popcorn machine is \$59.00. Supervisor Brownell will look into ice cream rental as well.

- 151) Code Officer Report
- Issued 3 building permit
 - Completed 7 site inspections
 - Received 21 phone calls
 - Sent 5 letter regarding property maintenance complaints

Old Business

- 152) 250th Celebration Date
The 250th Celebration will be held on July 25th from 12:00-4:00 at the town garage. Residents are encouraged to bring a dish to pass.
- 153) Non-Compliant Properties
CEO Nicholas Snyder mailed letters to property owners concerning property maintenance.
- 154) Beach Grant
Supervisor Karen Brownell took pictures of the picnic site and also received a copy of the parcel’s boundaries from Assessor James Snyder. She will contact Tammy Althiser and provide her with the documents and schedule a meeting to show the property.
- 155) Adirondack BESS Moratorium
The Town Clerk will provide a copy of the Local Law to Councilmembers when it is received from Town Attorney Kirk Gagnier
- 156) Cemetery Upgrades
A new lawn mower has been purchased for the upkeep of the Gale Cemetery. It is uncertain if there will be sufficient funds available in the budget for fencing replacement this year. Supervisor Brownell will contact TL Supply to obtain quotes for split rail cedar fencing.

New Business

- 157) Budget Transfer
RESOLUTION NO. 19-07-2026
- DATED: July 9, 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY IN THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town of Piercefield needs to transfer money in the 2026 Budget because of increased expenditures,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following transfers be made in the 2026 budget:

General					
Increase	Description	Amount	Decrease	Description	Amount
13552.01	Assessor CE	\$239.99	19904.01	Contingency	\$2,837.84
16204.01	Buildings CE	\$1,482.98			
71104.01	Parks CE	\$1,114.87			
	Total	\$2,837.84		Total	\$2,837.84

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Town Supervisor Karen Brownell, resolution #19 be approved.: AYES: Town Supervisor Brownell, Councilmembers, Rust, and Sarazen NAYS: 0 Approved.

- 158) Approval of Town Clerk Monthly Reports
On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Town Supervisor Karen Brownell the Clerk Reports for June 2026 be approved: AYES: Town Supervisor Brownell, Councilmembers, Sarazen, and Rust NAYS: 0
- 159) Payment of Bills
On a motion by Councilmember Angela Rust, seconded Councilmember Gina Sarazen the following payments be approved AYES: Town Supervisor Brownell, Councilmembers Sarazen and Rust NAYS: 0
- General Fund:

Highway Fund:

Lighting District

Conifer Water:

Piercefield Water:

Trust and Agency

Total
- \$8,656.90

\$78,223.58

\$372.30

\$134.34

\$845.18

\$8,595.29

\$96,827.59

- 160) Adjournment
On a motion by Town Supervisor Karen Brownell, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 7:00pm.

Paige Phillips, Town Clerk

Date Approved