

Town of Chateaugay

Minutes March 9, 2026

Meeting	The regular meeting of the Chateaugay Town Board on 3/9/2026 was called to order by Supervisor Donald Bilow at 6:30 P.M.
Members Present	Supervisor Donald Bilow, Councilman William Trombly, Councilman Irving Monette, Councilman Scott Cowan, Councilman Cory Helm, Highway Superintendent Roger LaBombard and Town Clerk Phyllis LeMay.
Visitors	Lori Rowe, Director of Finance, Tyler McCann, Brenda Perreault, David Legault, Roger O'Dell, David J. Hejl and Attorney Eric Gustafson.
Minutes	A motion was made by Scott Cowan and seconded by Cory Helm to adopt the minutes of the February 23, 2026 meeting. Supervisor Donald Bilow abstained as he was absent from the 2/23/2026 meeting, all town councilmen were in favor of adopting the minutes, motion carried.
Public Input	Tyler McCann came before the board to discuss his concerns regarding a Verizon cell phone tower near his property. The tower is 100' from his property line on the Seymour Road. He voiced his concerns and inquired about a possible local law for cell towers. The town will look into having the town attorney researching and drafting a local law for cell towers in the Town of Chateaugay.

Roger O'Dell came before the board to discuss a building permit. The town explained to Roger that our Code Enforcement Officer resigned leaving the town without a CEO. The town is doing everything possible to get a Code Enforcement Officer in place as soon as possible. Roger asked if the town would write a letter on his behalf explaining the situation to Plattsburgh Housing Outlet, the town is willing to write a letter and help in any way possible.

E. Gustafson Attorney Eric Gustafson came before the board to discuss the following:

1. Eric discussed the HCA with Brookside Solar. A motion was made by Bill Trombly and seconded by Irving Monette to approve signing the amended HCA, all in favor, motion carried.
2. North Country Wind – North Country Wind has filed with application with ORES. Eric is also waiting to hear from Chateaugay Central School on the variances. Eric will draft a HCA with North Country Wind. Their application has not been completed.
3. Blue Wave Energy will use a new name for their project, Chateaugay River, LLC. Eric will review the draft escrow agreement for the payment of municipal consultant and legal expenses.
4. Chasm Solar – Decommission plan has been signed and will be sent to Attorney Eric Gustafson.

- Water D #1 Town Councilman Bill Trombly reported that the water project on the Commons Road has been completed. There are two (2) bills for completing the project, Ed Garrow and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$14,960 and Terry L. Collins in the amount of \$864 making the total cost of the project \$15,824. The general fund will loan money to the Water District #1 account to pay the bills and the Water District #1 will repay the general fund when the funds are available. A motion was made by Cory Helm and seconded by Irving Monette to raise the O&M from \$15 bi-annually to no more than \$35 bi-annually, a roll call vote was taken with the following results: Supervisor Donald Bilow – Abstain, Councilman Bill Trombly – Aye, Councilman Irving Monette – Aye, Councilman Scott Cowan – and Councilman Cory Helm – Aye. Motion carried.
- Survey There was a telephone conference call with the town and surveyor Mark Petrushune. Mark will finish surveying the town property across the road from the town hall and provide the town with a map. He will file the survey with Franklin County and will release cad drawings to the town's engineer. Estimated time for completion will be 2 to 4 weeks.
- Aubertine & Currier There was a telephone conference call with Brian Krueger from Aubertine and Currier. Brian reported the following:
1. Original bids on the bowling alley project and stair project were sent out on September of 2025. There were NO bids for either project. Brian reached out to Fuller Construction in Plattsburgh New York, but they were not interested in the project. He also reached out Kyle Parmeter but has not heard anything back from him. Councilman Cory Helm asked if the bid bond could be waived. US Bowling is interested in putting the lanes and scoring in.
 2. Stair project – There was one (1) quote that came in from Whitton construction in the amount of \$118,500 replacing the stairs with a roof cover.
 3. Brian was asked if he would be interested in engineering the parking lot proposal with a bus stop on the property on State Route 11.
- Bid There was a legal notice in the Malone Telegram asking for bids on the Lake Street Property that the town owns. The town received one (1) bid from Rene Poirer in the amount of \$1,550.00. The board tabled any action until the next meeting.
- Rec Park Director of Finance Lori Rowe discussed the following:
1. Rec Park – Part Time Cleaner – Justin Decosse has requested to be the part time cleaner at the rec park as he does the maintenance for the park, the board agreed that Justin could do the cleaning.
 2. Rec Park Store –Zoey Perkins requested to run the concession stand at the rec park, Zoey did it last year and did an excellent job. The board agreed to have Zoey run the concession stand in 2026 paying the town \$86.50, the same price she paid in 2025.

3. Kitchen cabinets for the pavilion – Justin Decosse provided information on ordering cabinets for the kitchen in the pavilion, Councilman Scott Cowan will get a quote for the next meeting,


- Cemetery JRL Contracting sent an estimate to mow and trim the Smith Green Cemetery for 2026, the estimate is \$3,000. A motion was made by Cory Helm and seconded by Irving Monette to approve the estimate in the amount of \$3,000 from JRL Contracting, all in favor, motion carried.
- Generator Councilman Bill Trombly spoke to the board about a generator for the town hall. The town received a quote from Brian Shaw from Starktech. The town will get additional quotes.
- Chasm Rd Property Town Supervisor received an email from Adirondack Land Trust regarding property owned by John and James Dowd on the Chasm Road. Adirondack Land Trust was inquiring if the town would be interested in purchasing the property, councilman will look at the property.
- .Gov Supervisor Bilow reported that we are still working on the .Gov that is being required by the state.
- HUD Supervisor Bilow asked the board for a motion to sign the SEQRA for the 2025 HUD project. A motion was made by Irving Monette and seconded by Scott Cowan to approve Supervisor Bilow to sign the SEQRA, all in favor, motion carried.
- Executive Session A motion was made by Bill Trombly and seconded by Irving Monette to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.
- A motion was made by Bill Trombly and seconded by Scott Cowan to come out of executive session.
- CEO A motion was made by Irving Monette and seconded by Bill Trombly to appoint David Legault as Code Enforcement Officer, Dave will begin his duties once approved by Franklin County Personnel. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Bill Trombly – Aye, Councilman Irving Monette – Aye, Councilman Scott Cowan- Aye – Councilman Cory Helm – Abstain and Town Supervisor Donald Bilow - Aye. Motion carried
- Reports Highway Superintendent Roger LaBombard – Roger reported the following:
1. Ed Garrow and Sons, Inc. has completed the water project on the Commons Road. All information has been brought to the town hall to file.
 2. Roger also reported that the flags have been put up on roads.

Bills A motion was made by Scott Cowan and seconded by Irving Monette to pay the bills. Motion carried, all in favor.

Adjournment A Motion was made by Scott Cowan and seconded by Cory Helm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Next Meeting March 23, 2026.



Phyllis A. LeMay, Town Clerk