

Town of Chateaugay

Minutes September 14, 2026

Public Hearing	There was a legal notice in the Malone Telegram that a public hearing would be held on this night to discuss a Local Law to Override the Tax Cap. A motion was made by Scott Cowan and seconded by Cory Helm to open the public hearing at 6:20 PM. All in favor, motion carried. No interested persons appeared. A motion was made by Irving Monette and seconded by Scott Cowan to close the public hearing at 6:30 PM. All in favor, motion carried.
Meeting	The regular meeting of the Chateaugay Town Board on 9/14/2026 was called to order by Supervisor Donald Bilow at 6:30 P.M.
Members Present	Supervisor Donald Bilow, Councilman Bill Trombly, Councilman Irving Monette, Councilman Scott Cowan, Councilman Cory Helm, Highway Superintendent Roger LaBombard and Town Clerk Phyllis LeMay.
Visitors	Code Enforcement Officer Dave Legault, Christine Gero from AES Valcour and Chateaugay Central School students Austin Dumont, Charles Pearce and Carter Johnston.
Public Input	Representative Christine Gero and Maitland Robinson provided an update on the AES/Valcour wind project.
Minutes	A motion was made by Irving Monette and seconded by Cory Helm to adopt the minutes of the August 17, 2026 board meeting with one correction. All in favor, motion carried.
Brookside	Supervisor Bilow discussed the Host Community Agreement with Brookside Solar, will be discussed at the next meeting when town attorney Eric Gustafson will be present.
Local Law	A motion was made by Cory Helm and seconded by Irving Monette to approve the proposed Local Law #1 to override the Tax Cap for the fiscal year 2027.
Resolution #42	A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilman Bill Trombly – Yea, Councilman Irving Monette – Yea, Councilman Scott Cowan – Yea, Councilman Cory Helm – Yea and Town Supervisor Donald Bilow – Yea – all in favor, motion carried.
Rec Park	A motion was made by Bill Trombly and seconded by Cory Helm to give away the old folding Olympic tables that are at the rec park, all in favor, motion carried.

NYSEG	Supervisor Donald Bilow reported that there will be a Community Leaders Agreement with NYSEG in Plattsburgh on 9/23/2026 at 10 AM.
Bowling Alley	Supervisor discussed a ventilation system in the bowling alley. No changes to the original plan.
Public Hearing	IDA will be having a public hearing at the town hall on September 23rd at 5 PM regarding the Valcour Wind Project.
Memorial	Supervisor Bilow reminded board members that the Peg Boyea memorial will take place on Saturday the 19 th at 11 AM at the pickleball courts.
Reval	Supervisor Bilow reported that Robert Ball gave an estimate of \$7,000 to do a reval for 2027. A motion was made by Bill Trombly and seconded by Irving Monette to approve the reval, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting Dates 2027	Supervisor Bilow presented the 2027 meeting dates, all in favor.
Cashman	Assemblyman Michael Cashman will be here on September 24 th at 9:30 AM.
Parking Lot	Supervisor Bilow presented a proposal from AES Northeast for professional engineering services for the municipal parking lot. Tabled until the next meeting.
Budget	Supervisor Bilow is working on the 2027 budget.
Reports	Highway Superintendent Roger LaBombard – Roger reported the following: 1. Did paving in the Town Ellenburg. 2. Concrete where the bus stop will be placed. 3. Blacktop the Jones Road next week. 4. Working on the Snow and Ice Contract with the County. 5. Requested going to highway school in the fall. A motion was made by Bill Trombly and seconded by Irving Monette to approve the highway superintendent and the deputy highway superintendent to go to the highway training school. All in favor, motion carried. Irving Monette – Irving discussed the Martin Road. Cory Helm – Discussed the breakers tripping in the rec park pavilion.
Bills	A motion was made by Scott Cowan and seconded by Irving Monette to pay the bills. Motion carried, all in favor.

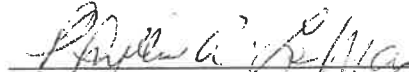
Executive A motion was made by Cory Helm and seconded by Scott Cowan to go into executive session to discuss personal.

A motion was made by Bill Trombly and seconded by Irving Monette to come out of executive session.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Next regular board meeting will be September 28, 2026.



Phyllis A. LeMay, Town Clerk

LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Chateaugay as follows:

§1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this Local Law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Chateaugay pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Chateaugay to adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2027 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

The Town Board finds that this Local Law would provide the Town the flexibility it may need when it adopts the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Thus, the Town Board of the Town of Chateaugay finds that it is in the best interests of the Town to enact the Local Law.

§2. Authority

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to subdivision 5 of N.Y. General Municipal Law §3-c (the "Property Tax Cap Law"), which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

§3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town of Chateaugay Town Board is hereby authorized to override the Tax Levy Limit established pursuant to N.Y. General Municipal Law §3-c, for Fiscal Year 2027, and to adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2027 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in N.Y. General Municipal Law §3-c.

§4. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to said clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

§5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the New York State Secretary of State as provided in §27 of the N.Y. Municipal Home Rule.