

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD**

TOWN OF SANDY CREEK  
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**Date:** November 5, 2025

**Type of Meeting:** Special Budget Meeting

**Place:** Sandy Creek Town Hall

**Board Members Present:** Timothy D. Ridgeway, Town Supervisor  
Ruth E. Scheppard, Town Council Member  
John W. Wood Jr., Town Council Member  
A. Dave Warner, Town Council Member

**Absent:** Nola J. Gove, Town Council Member

**Others Present:** Ron Fisher, Creg Ivison, Meg Sprague, Mike Kastler, and Brittany Washburn.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Town Supervisor Timothy D. Ridgeway opened the public hearing on the 2026 preliminary budget and fire protection contracts at 5:30 pm. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Ivison reviewed the budget. While they reviewed the budget, Bookkeeper Sprague gave a brief review of the budget. Our tax rate will be around 5.15%. Council Member Scheppard discussed the letters that will be sent to retirees regarding insurance coverage. Supervisor Ridgeway asked if there were any comments or concerns with the 2026 budget. With no comments from the public, Supervisor Ridgeway closed the public hearing at 5:43pm.

## **RESOLUTION #108-25**

Motion made by Timothy D. Ridgeway, and seconded by Dave Warner, the following resolution was **Adopted** with **4 Ayes** Ridgeway, Scheppard, Wood, and Warner

**0 No**

**1 Absent Gove**

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek adopts the budget for 2026.

Meg Sprague spoke with grant writer Jack Grasso recently. Meg wondered if the town would have any interest in meeting him to see if there are any possible grants for Sandy Pond. The board agreed that it would be a good idea to speak with Mr. Grasso.

Mike Kastler expects to receive a proposal from Barton & Loguidice regarding the bridge on Hadley Road. They had the final walk through for the Skinner Road project. Mr. Kastler hopes to receive the final completion within the next week.

Supervisor Ridgeway spoke with our insurance company regarding the ATV club using the Town roads. NYMIR had a few questions regarding the use of town roads that were not on a trail head. A lengthy discussion followed.

Mike Kastler received a request for extension of the current snow and ice contract with the county. He would like the board to hold off on signing this. There was a brief discussion on the current contract.

Ron Fisher emailed the agreement with Upstate Freshwater Institute for the HAB monitoring work for next year.

**On motion** made by Ruth E. Scheppard and seconded by Timothy D. Ridgeway, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brittany Washburn,  
Town Clerk