SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF DUNKIRK
MARCH 3, 2026

PRESENT:
Supervisor Miller
Councilmember Crane
Councilmember Leone
Councilmember Pagano
Councilmember Price

OTHER PRESENT: Rebecca Yacklon, Town Clerk, Attorney Jeffrey Passafaro, Braden Carmen, Dunkirk Observer, Sue Hazelton, Irene Strychalski

Proof of Publication was read by Town Clerk Yacklon.

Supervisor Miller opened the Special Town Board meeting at 5:15 P.M.

Supervisor Miller asked if there was any further discussion on adopting the BESS moratorium Local Law for a six-month extension.

Councilmember Leone stated that he feels we need to adopt the Local Law extending the Moratorium for another 6 months as we need more time to work on it.

Supervisor Miller spoke on how she has been working on Local Law 1 of 2021 and combined it with a couple of other Towns' BESS Local Laws and it has been sent out to all board members to review and add any other information that is needed as we go along. Both the West Town & East Town Fire Departments have been at both workshops and involved in the process along with others, and it's not just the Town Board working on it.

Councilmember Pagano mentioned that the East Town Fire Department appreciates the fact that they can be involved in this and give any input or ideas that they have.

SEQR PART 1
Determine Significance Part 2 & 3 – Positive or Negative Dec Under SEQR Review

With no changes to previous Local Law #1 of 2025 and no changes to SEQR Part 1 & 2

Councilman Leone made a motion on the matter of Legislation extending the six-month moratorium previously adopted with no changes to SEQR Part 1 & Part 2 and a negative declaration is declared under SEQR with no environmental significant impact. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Miller and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Crane made a motion to adopt Local Law #1 of 2026 extending the six-month moratorium on the Battery Energy Storage Law enacted by Local Law #1 of 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Leone and carried unanimously.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY NYSDOT TAP GRANT

Supervisor Miller explained to the board that she would like their approval to sign the letter of support on behalf of the Town of Dunkirk stating that we support their application into the Complete Street Corridor Enhancement Project: Phase 1 through the Department of Transportation TAP Grant.

Councilmember Crane had wished that Vineyard Drive was included in this as that is where everything is located and is a prime area.

Councilmember Leone made a motion to authorize Supervisor Miller to sign the letter of support as presented on behalf of the Dunkirk Town Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Crane and carried.

Supervisor Miller informed board members that she would like to set a date for another Town Hall meeting.

- A Town Hall meeting was set for Wednesday, Aprill 22,2026 @ 6:30 P.M. at the Dunkirk Town Hall, 4737 Willow Road, Dunkirk New York 14048.

Supervisor Miller mentioned that she would like us to start putting together a building committee. Councilmember Price and Councilmember Leone will be selecting the committee and working with them on the project. Supervisor Miller thanked everyone that has shown interest in sitting on the committee.

Supervisor Miller informed board members that after our fire inspection it was decided that we need to replace the Town Highway Barns door lock.

- Councilmember Price made a motion for the Town Clerk to reach out to A Village Locksmith in Derby to replace the existing lock and keys for the Highway Barns door at a cost not to exceed $500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pagano and carried.

Supervisor Miller informed board members that she would like to consider having Rizzo Duct Services come in and clean out the heating ducts and ceiling vents not to exceed a cost of $1,000.00. Upon further discussion from board members the matter was tabled to the March meeting so we can reach out to them and get a quote.

DULY MOVED by Councilmember Crane to adjourn the Special Town Board Meeting at 5:35 P.M., seconded by Supervisor Miller and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Yacklon
Town Clerk