

Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of August 6, 2025

Superintendent Tweedie reports that the five miles of CHIPS projects have been completed and that sealing is scheduled to occur on August 21st. He also reported that the Hoyt Road Stream project is back on with Federal funding. The Town of Richmondville decided it would sell the 2001 6x6 plow sander to the Town of Hamden for \$15,000. Superintendent Tweedie reported that a filming company had town roads closed down and due to too many conflicts, they were told to cease and desist and left.

The Hamden Wastewater report was read and the hamlet of Hamden processed an average of 8,885 gallons per day.

Supervisor Marshfield reported that the July bicentennial celebration was a huge success and credits the committee for the planning and enjoyable weekend. Governor Hochul sent a nice proclamation and it was read in its entirety. The proclamation will be displayed at the town hall.

Supervisor Marshfield reported that a storage battery meeting was held on July 9th with town board, town planning board, county EMS and Planning and many representatives from the proposing company EDF renewables. More meetings will be held. They are planning a 135 MW project as a standalone Battery Energy Storage System. Site application is planned for around the first part of October. Interconnection between it and NYSEG's substation will be a 115kV overhead line. This will be a DC project, converting to AC to the substation. It is proposed on Cobb Cross Road extension and will cover approximately 10 acres. There will be a space allocated for a 15,000-gallon water tank and emergency muster points. It will be designed to meet current and anticipated 2026 NYS Building codes. There will be the formation of an Energy Safety Response Group comprised of former first responders, and emergency technical experts. It is anticipated that it will generate \$250,000 - \$300,000 a year in local tax revenue, once operational. The project will establish an escrow account for town legal and expert support and other administrative expenses. There were concerns raised about equipment delivery and traffic routes to the site. It is anticipated that the project will become operational in 2029. A decommissioning plan will be required and concerns on that were raised.

The board authorized a letter be sent to Donald Bishop and requesting clean up on his three properties in DeLancey. He will be given until August 22 to perform the work or it will then be handed over to the Town CEO. Yard mowing and trimming is the concern of many neighbors and property owners.

The justice financial report was reviewed and approved.

The Heart of the Catskills contract for the upcoming year was approved with no changes except dates from last year to this year's contract.

The board approved the purchase of the 2001 International 4-wheel drive plow truck from the Town of Richmondville for \$15,000. We will await CHIPS funding before making the purchase.

The website progress was presented to the town board with very little comment. It should be going live in the next few weeks.

The Town schoolhouse museum will be open on August 30th, September 14, and 21st.

Supervisor Marshfield reported that he informally offered the banner hardware for our town banners to the veteran banner committee at no charge. There are about 10 or 12 sets of hardware. The town would like to retain the hardware needed for the Welcome to Hamden banners.

An assessment review board member is needed as Leon Merrill is retiring after several years of service to the town.

The board went into executive session for union negotiations.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

September 3, 2025 Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting agenda

1. Purchase of a 2016 Town of Freedom plow and sander tandem truck for \$65,000.
2. Fuel bid opening for gasoline only.
3. Clear Path, NY is denied application by the NYS Public Service Commission
4. A local law to override the tax cap levy will be in order.
5. Update on letter to Bishop for yard cleanup in DeLancey if needed.
6. Water district in Hamden re-elected Mike Hein as commissioner for 3 years. Out of district users' rates will be increased from \$75 per quarter to \$85 per quarter.
7. Water District in DeLancey re-elected Matt Barkalow as commissioner for 3 years.
8. Budget schedule for the 2026 budget will be presented.
9. Veterans banner committee update
10. Assessment review board member is still needed.
11. New website is alive and up and running!
12. Other that may come before the board.

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Unable to attend this meeting due to previous commitments. I apologize. Wayne Marshfield