

A work session meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro, Westchester County, New York, was held on May 26, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at The Town House, 11 Main Street, South Salem, New York.

PRESENT:

Supervisor	Tony Gonçalves
Council Members	Julia Hadlock, Mary Shah, Richard Sklarin, Daniel Welsh
Town Clerk	Janet L. Donohue
Absent	None

Also attending were the Attorney for the Town Gregory Folchetti, Maintenance Employees Joel Smith and Shawn Johannessen, Building Inspector Kevin Kelly, Police Chief David Alfano, Comptroller Annie Burnham and Chief of Staff Kerri Wolfe.

Approximately 5 residents/observers attended the live meeting and approximately 12 participated via Zoom.

Supervisor Gonçalves called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Supervisor Gonçalves noted the exits to be used in the event of an emergency.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT (7:31 – 7:44 p.m.)

A total of 6 residents spoke during the public comment period.

GOLDENS BRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

A resident thanked some of the board members for attending the Goldens Bridge Fire Department's Memorial Day Ceremony.

SOUTH SALEM MEMORIAL DAY RACES, PARADE & CEREMONY

A resident thanked all that took part in the 47<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Races that were hosted by the South Salem Presbyterian Church. Free books were also handed out after the races.

LEWISBORO LIBRARY

A resident urged all to visit the Lewisboro Library's website to learn about upcoming fundraisers and programs. <https://lewisborolibrary.org/>

LEWISBORO SENIORS

A resident stated that she is now part of the senior's group that is run by Jen Brown through the Parks & Recreation Department. If anyone is interested in joining, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 914-232-6162. They meet every Wednesday.

PRIDE IN THE PARK

A resident stated that the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride in the Park will take place on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Town Park from 2-5 p.m.

KLSD PROPOSITION #3

A resident questioned the Town Board asking them if they had an official position regarding the KLSD proposition #3 after one of the Councilman took to social media urging people to vote against proposition #3. She also asked the board to clarify the rules. Another resident stated that she was personally attacked on social media because she did not want proposition #3 to pass. She also stated that the proposition failed because it was unfeasible and this became political. Another resident thanked the councilman for his voice speaking against proposition #3. She also stated that they have nothing against PreK but it was an outrageous amount of money.

WACCABUC COUNTRY CLUB FIREWORKS

Michael Sirignano, attorney speaking on behalf of John Assuma, Club Manager at Waccabuc Country Club, stated that like every year for the past 20+ years, the Club submitted its Fireworks Permit Application directly to the Building Department (on a Building Department form) together with all required documents. This year, the Club's completed Application was reviewed by Kevin Kelly on 2/6/26.

Prior to filing its Permit Application, the Club confirmed these dates with the Police Department, LVAC, and the South Salem Fire Department. All such emergency response departments/agencies were aware of the Town's Recreation Department's own fireworks display at Onatru Farm on the same primary date of 6/27/26 and advised the Club that all customary precautions would be implemented to ensure that both displays could safely occur on the same evening.

Mr. Kelly issued a permit to the Club on 2/17/26 to display fireworks to its members on 6/27/26 with a rain date of 6/28/26.

The Club secured the licensed contractor and paid a non-refundable deposit to Santore's World Famous Fireworks LLC in the amount of \$8,250.

Importantly, the Club then published these approved dates to all its members on 3/31/26. Many members schedule their vacations around the Club's 4th of July fireworks to have their families attend this celebration every year. The Club also made arrangements with other vendors to provide entertainment and children's games and activities. Additional non-refundable deposits were also paid to reserve several of these vendors.

The Club’s approved fireworks display permit approval and all its above-described plans were thrown into question on 5/11/26 when the Town voted it down. They are asking the Town Board to reconsider and honor the permit.

CONSENT AGENDA  
MINUTES - Approved

On motion by Supervisor Gonçalves, seconded by Councilman Sklarin, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2026, Town Board meeting, and the May 11, 2026, Town board meeting minutes.

WACCABUC COUNTRY CLUB FIREWORKS – Further Discussion (7:44 – 7:57 p.m.)

Supervisor Gonçalves stated that at the last meeting the board took the action of recommending that WCC change their firework display date due to public safety. Prior to this vote, he had discussions with a few of the agencies involved and they were not concerned about the public safety issue. After the vote, he also had discussions with these agencies. Supervisor Gonçalves stated that there are communications that were sent which include emails from LVAC, Lewisboro Police Department, Fire Departments, and the letter from Michael Sirignano who is representing WCC. Councilman Sklarin asked what changed between now and the meeting on May 11, 2026. Supervisor read a portion of the minutes from the last meeting: *“Supervisor Gonçalves stated that he spoke with Chief Yorke from the South Salem Fire Department and he spoke with Chief Peck of Vista and they felt this was doable as the fireworks are slotted to be ½ hour apart. Vista would be responsible for the town fireworks and South Salem would be responsible for WCC. The date overlaps will not happen again.”* Councilman Sklarin asked what new information that he now had that he did not have from 2 weeks ago. Supervisor Gonçalves stated that he received 3 emails, one from Dan Murtha from LVAC, one from Police Chief David Alfano and one from South Salem Fire Department Chief Matt Yorke. Councilwoman Shah stated her understanding was that the WCC fireworks would be changing their time of the fireworks so there would not be an overlap and this would not happen again meaning the building inspector would bring this to the town board moving forward and the fireworks will never be on the same night as the town. Councilman Welsh feels that the agencies are fully capable of handling both and it will not be a safety issue. Councilman Sklarin asked about the rain date. Councilwoman Hadlock feels that it has to in fact rain, for the rain date to be used. She also stated that the professionals who are trained to be firefighters and first responders are stating that this is not a safety issue and she is not sure why the board is overriding their opinion. Councilman Sklarin asked if when the application was submitted in February, did it only go to the building inspector and the answer was yes, as it has been the standard protocol for years. After further discussion the resolution of the May 11, 2026, meeting was amended.

On motion by Supervisor Gonçalves, seconded by Councilman Welsh, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Hadlock, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the town board does amend the resolution that was passed at the May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, town board meeting to allow the Waccabuc Country Club to have their fireworks on June 27, 2026, which will start at 9:00 p.m.

WOLF CONSERVATION CENTER - Approve Escrow Agreement

On motion by Councilwoman Shah, seconded by Councilman Welsh, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Hadlock, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the town board does approve the escrow agreement for the Wolf Conservation Center and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign said agreement.

WORK SESSION TOPIC

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL UPDATE - (7:58 – 8:37 p.m.)

Supervisor Gonçalves shared a presentation (see attached) that the Comptroller, Annie Burnham put together. He thanked her for the work that she put into this presentation. He stated that this was shared with the board and there has been some good Q & A. Ms. Burnham stated that this is getting everyone up to speed, especially department heads, as to where their expenses are at the end of May versus the original budget for 2026. Ms. Burnham stated that we have about 64% left in the annual budget to spend, which is a good place to be. A lot of Parks & Recreation expenses hit during the summer. Retirement is spent once a year, so it is not showing in the first part of the year. Ms. Burnham feels that there is a good mix of borrowing and using the fund balance. The Highway Department has 67% of their budget left along with 27% in the snow removal line for the remainder of this year. Ms. Burnham, when asked about utilities expense, stated that the town was trending over on utilities. Ms. Burnham hopes that by the town signing up for NY Power Authority it will bring the utilities cost down. The town collects the school taxes and pays the school & makes them whole. The town also collects the taxes for the fire district and pays them directly. The Board continued discussions and thanked Ms. Burnham for her report.

MEETINGS – Dates Set

An upcoming meeting of the Town Board will include a meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town House, 11 Main Street, South Salem, New York.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –Personnel Issues

On motion by Supervisor Gonçalves, seconded by Councilman Sklarin, the Board voted 5-0 to go into executive session at 8:38 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

On motion by Councilwoman Shah, seconded by Councilman Welsh, the Board voted 5-0 to come out of executive session at 9:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilman Sklarin, seconded by Councilwoman Hadlock, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:46 p.m.

Janet L. Donohue, Town Clerk