

**Town of North East**  
**Town Board**  
Town Hall 19 N Maple Ave  
Millerton, NY 12546  
**Special Town Board Workshop Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 5:30PM**

**Pledge Allegiance to the Flag**

**Roll Call:**

<b>SUPERVISOR KENNAN</b>	<b>HERE</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN MAYVILLE</b>	<b>HERE</b>
<b>COUNCILWOMAN MORRISON</b>	<b>HERE</b>
<b>COUNCILWOMAN WINKLER</b>	<b>HERE</b>
<b>COUNCILWOMAN COLE</b>	<b>HERE</b>

Warren Replansky, Town Attorney, attended via Zoom.

**Agenda**

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Councilwoman Morrison and seconded by Councilman Mayville. Votes taken.

AYES- 5 (Kennan, Mayville, Morrison, Winkler, Cole)

NAYS- 0

**Supervisor Comments**

This is the first of occasional extra meetings that the Town Board would like to hold for Board discussion. As a special workshop meeting there is no Public Comment listed on the agenda. The passing of Bob Stevens leaves a huge impact on us all. There is no memorial or gathering being planned. The Town would like to create a plaque honoring Bob, and have it fixed to the Highway Garage.

**Greenway & NY Forward grant opportunities**

Councilwoman Cole shared two possible grant opportunities. The first is from NYS and the second from Dutchess County. NYS offers an annual “NY Forward” grant that should be due this coming November. Last year it was announced with only a couple months lead time. The grant entails gathering a complex amount of information and Councilwoman Cole feels it would be smart to get started on it early, if the Board is interested. Focused on downtown revitalization, the NY Forward addresses the needs of New York’s smaller rural communities. It will require working with the Village to develop a plan. Councilman Mayville added that he thought money for sidewalks in the Boulevard would be great. Councilwoman Cole said her first step will be to reach out to the Village for input.

The second grant, a Dutchess County Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) is due mid-May. It is a capital infrastructure grant for up to \$25K, with 100% match required. Supervisor Kennan said that MIG grants from the County paid for much of the Highway garage. Councilwoman Winkler wondered if a grant would be useful to pay for the ADA or HVAC improvements within the New Town Hall renovations. Councilwoman Cole will initiate the grant application and report back to the Board.

**Report on new Town Hall renovation**

Councilwoman Winkler and Supervisor Kennan recently met with LAN Engineers and discussed breaking the renovation job into stages. They asked Attorney Replansky for his input regarding contracting out the demolition. Councilwoman Cole asked if we could have a demolition plan before final plans. Both Councilwoman Winkler and Supervisor Kennan said yes, especially if focused on things like removing the bathroom fixtures and flooring.

**Schedule of Additional Meetings**

It was decided after much discussion to schedule an additional monthly Town Board meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30PM.

**Noise Issues**

Supervisor Kennan said that the Town has attempted in the past to implement a noise law, and it has been resoundingly defeated. Since then, he has received, and the Town Clerk has reported, noise complaints. He asked Attorney Replansky if he could provide samples of Ordinances

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regarding random gunfire. Replansky reminded the Board that the Gun Club is of a non-conforming use in the zoning of the Town. He will pull a memo about ways to control non-conforming uses. Supervisor Kennan said there is a prominent sign displayed at the Gun Club about no shooting after sundown. Supervisor Kennan then asked who would be responsible for enforcement. Replansky said it would be specified in the Ordinance whether it's addressed by the penal code or the Zoning Enforcement Officer. He recently drafted a noise ordinance for Rhinebeck.

Councilwoman Winkler said she'd like to see a two-pronged approach: one addressing the Gun Club, and the other addressing the rest of the Town.

**Personnel Committee**

Councilman Mayville reminded the Board that a few meetings ago the committee had made suggestions to changes in the Employee Handbook. Without hearing any differing opinions, he would like to bring a draft of those changes for the Board to approve at the next meeting.

**Additional Board Discussion**

The County requests our Town Hazard Mitigation Plan to be submitted. Councilman Mayville said he would look at the draft, note any revisions, and send it to the Board. The County needs a resolution, which will impact the Town's eligibility for FEMA funding.

Councilwoman Winkler asked the Town Clerk to reach out to PCA IT services for a Town Cyber Security Action Plan. It needs to be published.

**Report on long-term financing of highway garage**

Supervisor Kennan reported that we were able to place a Bond and roll the Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) with the Bank of Millbrook. After receiving bids from several banks, the Bank of Millbrook came in with a percentage below our expectations. It is a significant savings to the Town.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilman Mayville and seconded by Councilwoman Winkler to adjourn. Votes taken.

AYES- 4 (Kennan, Mayville, Morrison, Winkler, Cole)

NAYS- 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/: Elizabeth Strauss, Town Clerk

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APPROVED: 4/9/2026