

Town of Canton
Joint Town/Village Board Meeting
Regular Town Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
In Person and Video Conferencing
Minutes

TOWN MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Ann Ashley	----	Town Supervisor
Jim Smith	----	Council Member
Bob Santamoor	----	Council Member
John Taillon	----	Council Member
Randy Brown	----	Council Member

VILLAGE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Dalton	----	Mayor
Anna Sorensen	----	Trustee
Barbara Beekman	----	Trustee
Klaus Proemm	----	Trustee
Beth Larrabee	----	Trustee

Also Present: Town Clerk Heidi L. Smith, Code Officer Michael McQuade, Assessor Cindy Brand, Historian Linda Casserly, Highway Superintendent Steven Smith, John Gray, CPA, Recreation Director Meghan Richardson, Attorney Eric Gustafson

Public Attendance: Tom Graser-Watertown Daily Times, Paul Mitchell-North County This Week, Margaret Mauch, Felix & Andrea Huber, Toby Irven, Barry Whiteford

Zoom Attendance: Solar Attorney Bill Buchan, Monica Ryan-River Street, Confidential Secretary/Bookkeeper Shelby Bacon, John Casserly, Jack Honor-EDF Renewables, Jonathan Geldard-EDF, Laura Darling Shelby-EDF

Joint Town/Village Board Meeting

A. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

Supervisor Ashley called the Joint Town/Village Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Stiles Avenue Strategic Site Plan Bid(s)

Supervisor Ashley read over the four bids that were received.

-Brooks Washburn, Architect DPC = \$20,868.00

-Barton & Loguidice = \$49,250.00

-MJ Engineering = \$68,110.00

-C2AE = \$49,344.60

Town Council Member Jim Smith stated that the Town/Village applied for a grant to have a study done on possibly combining the Town/Village Sand Salt Storage that would be at the Stiles Ave location. The committee's recommendation is to award the bid to Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$49,250.

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member John Taillon to accept the bid from Barton & Loguidice in the amount of

\$49,250 to do a Stiles Ave. Strategic Site Plan.

All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Village Trustee Beth Larabee and seconded by Village Trustee Anna Sorenson to accept the bid from Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$49,250 to do a Stiles Ave. Strategic Site Plan.

All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Adjourn

A motion was made by Village Trustee Klaus Proemm and seconded by Village Trustee Barb Beekman to adjourn the special Town/Village Joint Meeting at 6:07 p.m.

All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor to adjourn the special Town/Village Joint Meeting 6:07 p.m.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Town Regular Board Meeting

A. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

Supervisor Ashley call the Town Regular Board Meeting to order 6:08 p.m.

B. Public Comment

Toby Irven – Irish Settlement Rd, Canton

Toby has concern with the access road for the Highway 310 Solar Project. Toby stated that careful work has been done by the Town Highway Superintendent and the Complete Streets Task Force. The recent development at the Planning Board confuses the issue badly. It is Toby's understanding that after speaking with the Department of State Trainer and reviewing Department of State description of Planning Boards, it is that the planning board is an advisory recommending body. The board is the final decision maker with respect to issues. Toby asked the board to decide on the issue later on in the agenda not the decision made by the planning board. Toby references the DOS document that talks about the recommendation unless specific law assigns the planning board a decision-making capability.

Barry Whiteford – Old Route 11, Canton

Barry's concern is with the zoning change and why wasn't the residents informed. Barry believes that if a board member has a family member(s) involved with the project (solar) it is a conflict of interest for that board member to help set policies.

C. County Legislator Representative(s) Update(s)

None

D. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley and seconded by Council Member Randy Brown to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2023, and the Joint Town/Village Meeting Minutes from August 23, 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Correspondence

#1. St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan

Supervisor Ashley stated the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan is about the cost on the town taxpayers for their apportionment on workmen's compensation. According to the formula the cost is going up by \$1,139.

#2. Frank Palumbo

Frank sent a letter to Leigh Rodreguiz and the Economic Committee on what he feels should be done with the Bend in the River Corridors as far as development.

#3. Margaret Mauch

Margaret submitted comments regarding zoning law. This was forwarded to the board prior to the meeting.

F. Town Finances Reports

John Gray, CPA gave the Town Finances Report year to date. The Town Financial Report was given to the board prior to the meeting.

John Gray, CPA gave the Town Clerk Financial Report year to date. The Town Clerk Financial report was given to Clerk Smith and the board prior to the meeting.

***The meeting was paused due to technical difficulties. The first 20 minutes of the meeting were not recorded.**

G. Audit Committee

"A" General Fund	----	\$33,210.10
"B" Town Outside Fund	----	\$3,042.50
"DA" Townwide Highway	----	\$5,135.38
"DB" Town Highway	----	\$382,703.91
"SF" Special Fire	----	\$4,588.83
"SL" Special Lighting	----	\$281.63
"T&A" Trust & Agency	----	\$17,473.72

A motion was made by Council Member Jim Smith and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor to accept the September expenditures. All in favor. Motion carried.

H. Acceptance of Department Reports

Town Clerk

Clerk Smith reported there is still an outstanding \$6.00 check from Town and County Taxes. The office started collecting school taxes. Smith stated that Deputy Clerk Tasha is doing a great job inputting old vital records into the system. Smith is working with other departments on FOIL requests. Smith stated that the Communication and Technology Committee met twice. The committee opted to have Revize (new website provider) create a site plan for the new website. Sally sent an email to the current provider asking for a site plan of our current website to help lock down pages that are "floating" around. Smith responded to Revize with the approval of the design for the new website. Smith is waiting to hear from Revize on the next steps.

Recreation Director

Recreation Director Richardson reported some highlights with the recreation department. There was a safety night that was run by the karate instructor, recreation hosted the rock and mineral show which was a great success. Taylor Park beach closed on September 5th. The part-time position was just filled but now there is an opening for a full-time position. The recreation department has started closing parks. Next week they will start making ice. Richardson thanked Canton Minor Hockey because there will be open skating on Saturdays and thanked Grasse River for sponsoring open skating on Sundays. That means it is free skating on Sundays.

Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Smith reported it was a busy month. They still need to do patch paving on Stiles Rd and Old DeKalb Rd. The crew changed culverts on both the Morely-Potsdam Rd and the Stiles Rd to help the water issues. The sand pile has been moved to the new yard behind the former All States building.

Smith would like to request the approval to purchase another 2-stage nose plow for the trucks. The purchase price is \$14,979. The one that was purchased last year has reduced the sand/salt usages by 1/3.

Smith would like to request approval to purchase the heating system for 12 Stiles. They would like to switch over to a CoRay Vac infrared system.

Smith thanked his crew for all their work.

Supervisor Ashley asked Smith, if the two requested are not additional money, it is in the current budget? Smith responded yes.

Assessor

Assessor Brand reported that on September 15th the State will be mailing out Star Credit Checks. The Enhanced Star Credit Check is \$1,264 and the Basic Star Credit Check is \$619.06. The Enhanced Star income limit has increased from \$93,200 to \$98,700 for the year 2022. Basic star income limit stayed the same. Brand has been busy with phone calls with school tax questions.

Council Member Jim Smith asked if anyone who wants an Ag Exemption will have to bring in proof of income that they are making \$10,000 or more from all ag sources? Brand responded yes.

Historian

Historian Casserly reported it has been another busy month. Bill Rood's birthday celebration was a success. Donations of Civil War quilts-1861/1863 were received. They are working on clearing out the backroom shelves and will start taking boxes from the basement.

Code Enforcement Officer

Code Enforcement Officer McQuade reported there were ten new building permits, twelve certificates of compliance, two certificates of capacity, five work without permit, and one zoning issue. The Planning Board held a preliminary meeting for the State Hwy 310 project last month. The SEQRA process has been started. The public hearing has been scheduled for October 1st.

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member Randy Brown to accept the department reports that were submitted. All in favor. Motion carried.

I. Committee Report

Highway Committee

Jim Smith reported that the Highway committee met and everything that was discussed is on the agenda for later.

Economic Development Committee

Bob Santamoor reported that the ED committee met, and the majority of the conversation was on the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and what to include in the DRI and if it should be applied for again. There will be a second public input session on September 18th at Tauny for the DRI.

Sustainability Committee

Bob Santamoor reported that the committee is going to discuss collaborating with Potsdam Smart Climate Organization.

Building Committee

John Taillon stated the committee met yesterday to go over the RFPs that were submitted for 64 Main Street. The committee also explored other possibilities for the municipal offices needs. There is a possibility that the old Army Reserves will be decommissioned.

The committee also recommends moving the board meetings back up to the boardroom. Mary Ann added that the committee would like the board members to really think about this request because there is difficulty hearing in the courtroom.

Insurance Committee

Mary Ann Ashley reported that there is a need for different health insurance for retirees. The committee will meet in the future to discuss this issue.

Complete Streets

Randy Brown asked Toby Irven to speak on the pop-up project. Toby stated the project starts tomorrow with painting on Court Street. The project will exist for approximately two weeks. This is to improve safety for non-motorized vehicles in what is being called alternate transportation lanes (ATL).

Randy reported that the Complete Streets Committee also talked about the planning board move on the access to the solar project on 310. The committee passed a resolution that Randy read out loud.

Canton Complete Streets Task Force Resolution-Solar Project SH 310 Road Access September 11, 2023, The Task Force maintains a consistent position, as previously communicated to the Board, that solar construction vehicle access on Town roads must be controlled. At its recent meeting, the Task Force recommends in the strongest terms that solar installation contractors be required to access projects from NYS Highway curb cuts/roads whenever possible. The SH 310 project should not have access to its project area from the Town Road known as Outer State St. The primary reason, in this case, is the traffic congestion at, or near, the Canton Central School campus and adjacent playing fields as well as the residential complex known as Partridge Knoll. Safety for pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles is of the utmost importance. Furthermore, construction vehicles should be restricted from approaching this project on the whole length of State St in the Village as well. Resolution adopted by vote of the Task Force, August 14, 2023. Unanimously.

Court Committee

Mary Ann Ashley reported the court committee met and visited the Falcon Recovery System. Falcon Recovery is a contingency based collections agency. This agency tries to recover the funds that are owed to the court. It is committee recommendation that the Town move forward on this. It's the understanding that there is \$200,000 that have not been paid in fines.

Code Committee

Jim Smith reported that the committee met to finalize the proposed new zoning code.

J. Old Business

1. 2024 Budget Work Session 9/21/2023

The board agreed to set the Budget Work Session September 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the boardroom.

2. 2023 Budget Amendment-Miner Street Road Project-\$355,700-JE Sheehan Contracting, Inc.

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor authorizing Supervisor Ashley to amend the 2023 budget as follows: create new line-item DB-599-800-1 Appropriated Fund Balance of \$355,700 increase DB-5100-5110-4.1 Miner Street Project by \$355,700.

All in favor. Motion carried.

See attached resolution.

3. Volunteer Firefighter and Volunteer Ambulance Worker Tax Exemption

Tabled

4. E-Code Program

Clerk Smith stated that she and Mike met with Scott Murphy from General Code on Monday. The cost for the project is \$13,500. There will be an annual fee of \$1,195. On page 13 of the proposal there is a breakdown of the payment schedule and project schedule. It is expected to be a two-year project. It is projected that at the end of 2024 the annual fee will start. Smith added that both she and Mike wanted to make sure the board understands that there is additional fees when submitting Local Laws and having the code book updated.

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member John Taillon to start the agreement with General Code-eCode immediately and take it out of the "B" Fund Balance.

All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Tax Cap Override Law-Set Public Hearing

A motion was made by Council Member Randy Brown and seconded by Council Member Jim Smith to set the Public Hearing on October 11, 2023, at 5:55 p.m.

All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Closure of Funds Bank Account/Transfer of Funds to DB Highway Account

A motion was made by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashely and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor for the closure of the following accounts and transfer the funds appropriately. Housing Fund Account #19034155 Transfer \$46,939.46 to Highway Account #11000025, Line DB-5100-5110-4.1 Miner Street Project and Joint Activity Account #11002362, Transfer \$8,423.51 to the A Account General Fund #11000017.

All in favor. Motion carried.

7. Closure of Joint Activity Bank Account/Transfer of Funds to A Account

A motion was made by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashely and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor for the closure of the following accounts and transfer the funds appropriately. Housing Fund Account #19034155 Transfer \$46,939.46 to Highway Account #11000025, Line DB-5100-5110-4.1 Miner Street Project and Joint Activity Account #11002362, Transfer \$8,423.51 to the A Account General Fund #11000017.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Items 6 & 7 are the same motion. Both items are in one resolution. See attached resolution.

8. Status of Zoning Update-Set Public Hearing

A Public Hearing was set for October 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

9. State Street Road Speed Reduction

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member Randy Brown requesting the St. Lawrence County Department of Transportation to consider a speed reduction on State Street Road from 55 mph to 30 mph.

All in favor. Motion carried.

See attached resolution.

10. MJ Engineering Comp Plan Agreement

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor to sign an agreement with MJ Engineering Comp Plan Oversight.

All in favor. Motion carried.

K. New Business

1. Non-Contract Policy Amendment

An amendment was made to the non-contract policy. The board received this prior to the meeting to review.

2. Clerk's Office Upgrade

Two quotes were received for the Town Clerk's Office upgrade project to add more security to the office. One was from Northern Glass of \$10,620 and one from Colton Glass of \$9,210. It is the recommendation from the building committee to go with Northern Glass in the amount of \$10,620 and use the ARPA funds for the project.

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley to approve the expenditure of \$10,620 using ARPA funds for the Town Clerks Office Upgrade and authorize the Town Supervisor to transfer and expend ARPA funds to and from the A account to pay for this project.

All in favor. Motion carried.

See attached resolution.

3. EDF Renewables Revised Safety Response Plan

Supervisor Ashley stated there were questions about the EDF Renewables Safety Response Plan. The concern is about the water supply in case something happens. This is a result of the Chaumont solar fire. Supervisor Ashley believes there needs to be additional conversation about the water supply. Ashley added that after speaking with Mayor Dalton and Solar Attorney Bill Buchan there is a need to look at the battery storage law and possibly add more language regarding water supply.

It is the recommendation from Bill to have a meeting in October with the committee and to expand the meeting to include the fire chief, water wastewater expert on the Village side.

Bill added that it is wise to consider the resources we have to respond and to spend time with fire responders and fire departments, municipal partners, and engineers to determine what would be necessary and what would be adequate to respond in the event of a fire. It would be helpful to have Barton & Loguidice to be part of that discussion.

4. Highway 12 Stiles Avenue Heating System

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member John Taillon to purchase a new heating system at 12 Stiles Ave from Route 11 Plumbing in the amount of \$13,529.

All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Highway Front Snowplow Purchase

A motion was made by Council Member Jim Smith and seconded by Council Member John Taillon to allow purchase of a front snowplow from Viking Cives for

the purchase price of \$14,979.

All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Rensselaer Falls Road Construction Request

Rensselaer Falls has requested three Road Construction Projects from the Town Highway Department. These projects are additional projects. Highway Superintendent Smith estimated the cost of \$17,050 to do these projects.

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member Jim Smith to approve the MOU with the Village of Rensselaer Falls for three road construction projects at the cost of \$17,050.

All in favor. Motion carried.

7. SolAmerica Solar Project

Supervisor Ashley stated that the Planning Board did not pass the Resolution to have an access point off State Hwy 310. It was 4-1 vote by resolution.

Council Member Smith stated that this project came to the planning board and the planning board approved the project with the access site from State Street Rd. After that discussion and no contact with the Highway Superintendent with regards to it. Smith added it is the Highway Superintendents job to maintain structural integrity and safety of Town roads. Hwy Superintendent Smith brought it to committee with concerns of having an access point on State Street Rd. After discussion with the Hwy Superintendent contact was made with the State. The State agreed to do a curb cut for SolAmerica for State Hwy 310, everyone was in an agreement to have access off 310. Council Member Smith stated he is unaware of how it came in front of the Planning Board again, but the Planning Board met a week ago and voted 4-1 to continue with the access of State Street Rd. Smith stated that the Planning Board has site plan approval and overruled the discussion from the board and made the access point off State Street Rd.

Attorney Gustafson stated that in the Solar Law, that the Town board passed, specifically states that the Planning Board is in charge of site plan approval.

Council Members Smith, Santamoor, Brown all stated they are not in agreement with the Planning Boards decision to have the access point on State Street Rd, but the Town Board gave the authority to the Planning Board to be the lead so there is nothing that can be done. Smith also stated that even though he doesn't agree with the decision he respects it.

Supervisor Ashley thanked all of those involved in solar projects.

8. Declaration of Constitution Week September 17-23, 2023

Supervisor Ashley read the Declaration of Constitution Week September 17-23, 2023 out loud.

See attached Declaration.

L. Public Comment

Margaret Mauch- Janes Rd, Canton

Margaret stated that she attempted to do a definition of a boarding kennel with combined language for the St. Lawrence shelter law, American Planner Dictionary and from draft codes. Margarets definition for a boarding kennel: *any establishment were pet animals owned by a natural person other than the kennel are temporarily boarded for pay, trade, barter, commission, or remuneration of any sort; and where the ownership of the animal is not transferred; provided, however, that this definition shall not apply to zoos or animal hospitals operated by veterinarians duly licensed under the law; the term kennel does not include establishments that exclusively provides animal daycare without overnight boarding or veterinarian clinics or hospitals; if the kennel is a breeding business animals owned and bred at that kennel may be sold.* Margaret feels there should be separation in the code simply by definition. Since there is a new State Law; chapter 683 that is devoted to Animal Shelters which kennels are excluded from. Margaret suggests that they be separated in the code. Margaret also suggested that if you continue to have the two together that the wordage in each item both are included and not singled out as one as boarded animal but should be boarder and shelter. Margaret also thanked everyone for the attention to the noise which continues to be an issue.

Council Member Jim Smith spoke on an earlier comment that was made during the first public comment about conflict to interest. Smith stated that he is not a partner or owner of Loyd Smith & Sons. He does work there if they need him to work. He does not have a say on what goes on there. Smith asked Attorney Gustafson if this is a conflict of interest?

Attorney Gustafson stated that it does not constitute a conflict of interest as that term is defined by General Municipal Law. It has to be a specific contract with a specific entity that you have a financial interest in. General Laws and General Policies that affect everyone across the municipality aren't defined as a conflict. Zoning issues that affect broadly across the township are not a conflict.

Executive Session: Upon a majority vote upon a motion that identifies the subject to be considered, the Council may conduct an executive session to discuss any of the issues identified as proper by Public Officers Law 105(1)

A motion was made by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor to go into executive session for the purpose of [D] discussions of litigation at 7:58

p.m.

All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor to come out of executive session at 8:30 p.m.

All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Bob Santamoor to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:32 p.m.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Heidi L. Smith, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 28
September 13, 2023

2023 Budget Amendment
Miner Street Road Construction Project Fund Balance Transfer

WHEREAS, the Town of Canton approved and was awarded a grant application in 2021 for the amount of \$274,781 for the reconstruction of a portion of the Miner Street Road; and

WHEREAS, the drainage portion of the project was bid on and the Town Board approved JE Sheehan Construction for the project in the amount of \$355,700; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Canton authorizes Supervisor Ashley to amend the 2023 budget as follows:

CREATE A NEW LINE ITEM: DB-599-800-1 Appropriated Fund Balance of \$355,700
INCREASE DB-5100-5110-4.1 Miner Street Project by \$355,700

9/13/2023
Date

Wendy Smith
Canton Town Clerk

RESOLUTION 29
September 13, 2023

Town Board Authorization to Transfer Funds and Close 2 Bank Accounts

WHEREAS, the Canton Town Board authorized, by formal vote, for the Housing Funds be transferred into the Highway Fund to help cover costs for the Miner Street Project; and

WHEREAS, this is a result of the Town unable to find official record(s) of the housing funds and the bank account was set up thirteen years ago; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller's Office indicates that municipalities should not have extensive amount of accounts to govern the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Activity bank account needs to be closed due to the fact that all joint expenditures now go through the A Account as per the village structural change and the AUD (Annual Update Document) of the NYS Comptroller's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Canton Town Board continues to thoroughly examine its taxpayer finances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Canton Town Board hereby approves the closure of the following accounts and transfer the funds appropriately.

Housing Fund Account #19034155

Transfer \$46,939.46 to the Highway Account #11000025

Line DB-5100-5110-4.1 Miner Street Project

Joint Activity Account #11002362

Transfer \$8,423.51 to the A Account General Fund #11000017

9/13/2023

Date

Wendell Smith

Canton Town Clerk

RESOLUTION 30
September 13, 2023

**Resolution Requesting the County of St. Lawrence Department of Transportation
to Consider a Speed Limit Reduction on State Street Road**

WHEREAS, the Town of Canton Board formally requests the St. Lawrence County Department of Transportation consider establishing a lower maximum speed on State Street Road; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent and Town Board recognizes that this road is 3570' which 740' is currently at 30 mph and this road is populated by pedestrians, children, bikers and motorists traveling to and from Route 310 and State Street; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that a speed limit reduction from 55 mph to 30 mph would thereby promote an environment of safety for all residents, motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists and would increase public safety for Canton Central School, United Helpers, Canton Day Care, Pee Wee Programs, trail systems and Canton Golf Course; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Canton Board that the St. Lawrence County Department of Transportation is requested to consider a speed limit reduction on State Street Road from 55 mph to 30 mph.

9/13/2023
Date


Canton Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 31
September 13, 2023

**BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)
COVID 19 PANDEMIC FEDERAL FUNDS
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE UPGRADE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Canton received a total of \$434,665.36 from New York State on July 22, 2021 and August 30, 2021 American Rescue Plan Federal COVID funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Canton has conducted strategic due diligence on the use of ARPA funds and currently has a balance of \$17,858.03; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant need in the Town Clerk's Office and it has been determined that additional infrastructural construction needs to be completed for the health, safety and welfare of the office; and

WHEREAS, the Town Procurement Policy was followed and professional bids were received; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Canton hereby approves the expenditure of \$10,620 of ARPA funds for the project and the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to transfer and expend ARPA funds to and from the A account to pay for this project.

9/13/2023
Date

Wendy D. Smith
Canton Town Clerk

TOWN OF CANTON

PROCLAMATION

Whereas: The Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and

Whereas: The celebration of the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the US Congress and signed into public law on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Whereas: September 17, 2023, marks the two hundred thirty sixth anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas: It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it; and

Whereas: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week.

Now, Therefore I, Mary Ann Ashley, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Supervisor of the Town of Canton do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

Constitution Week

And ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties,

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Canton to be affixed this 13th day of September of the year two thousand twenty-three.

Signed

Town of Canton Supervisor

Date

9/13/23

