

Town of Lyme
12175 NYS Route 12E, Chaumont, NY 13622
May 13, 2026
Repeal Local Law 3 of 2016 Public Hearing 6:10 p.m.
Quarry/Heavy Industrial Public Hearing 6:15 p.m.
Regular Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Town Board of Lyme, County of Jefferson and the State of New York was held at 12175 NYS Route 12E at 6:30 P.M., on the 13th day of May 2026.

Public Hearing Call to Order:

Supervisor Zegarelli called the Repeal Local Law 3 of 2016 Public Hearing to order at 6:09 p.m. There were no comments from the public.

Motion: Councilmember Kingsley made the motion to close the public hearing at 6:11 p.m.; Councilmember Hoppel seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

Public Hearing Call to Order:

Supervisor Zegarelli called the Quarry/Heavy Industrial Local Law Public Hearing to order at 6:15 p.m.

Bill Ewert: spoke 1st and urged the board to pass the amendment as he feels that it is in the best interests of the Town. He also discussed the pitfalls of quarrying

Tom Wild: Also, a resident of Pt Peninsula, spoke and agreed with Bill's speech and expressed his support for the new law.

Karen Klock: Also, a resident of Pt Peninsula, spoke and stated that she was also in favor of the new law.

Kathy Staudenmayer: Also, a resident of Pt Peninsula, spoke and stated that she was also in favor of the new law. She mentioned that she is a neighbor to the property that the previous proposed Quarry was going to go in and that it would seriously have negatively impacted their lives. Supervisor Zegarelli spoke before calling anyone else to assure residence that the previous permit for Quarrying was withdrawn.

Lin Towne: Spoke to thank councilmember Kingsley and councilmember Hoppel for donating their salaries to the Youth of Lyme. As a retired teacher she really appreciated it and said it was a nice gesture.

Councilmember Kingsley spoke to let everyone know that it was not privilege of the floor yet and public comments not about Quarrying needed to wait until that time.

Colleen Bergman: Also, a resident of Pt Peninsula, spoke and read a prepared speech. She thanked everyone that had worked on the new law. She expressed concerns about quarrying and its impact on tourism, public health, and the environment. She reminded the board of its responsibility to safeguard the marine sanctuary that defines the community, noting that the

recent designation is likely to attract even more visitors to the area. She also raised concerns about scenic views being negatively affected by the presence of heavy equipment, including a barge, and asked whether the proposed law would prohibit construction equipment from being stored on site. Additionally, she discussed the 2010 Comprehensive Plan, zoning compliance, and what she viewed as inadequate enforcement of existing regulations.

Supervisor Zegarelli asked if anyone had any other comments about the quarry amendment.

Motion: Councilmember Kingsley made the motion to close the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. Councilmember Gosier seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order:

Supervisor Zegarelli called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., opening the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present included Supervisor Zegarelli, Deputy Supervisor Kingsley, Councilmember Hoppel, Councilmember Gosier, Councilmember Bourquin, Deputy Town Clerk Serena Beach, Legislator William Johnson, Ted Smith, Melissa Ewert, Karin Klock, Bill Ewert, Kathy Staudenmayer, Thomas Wild, Harvey Hewitt, John Condino (Barton and Loguidice), Charles Bruce Kingsley, Cathy Ward, Lin Towne, Colleen Berman, William Lipczynski, Justin Bourquin, Julie Greico, Fred Jackson, Michele Fischetti, Laine Taylor, Karen Greene and Scott Radley.

Legislator William Johnson: Mr. Johnson spoke about what was going on in the County. He spoke about paving at the airport and about the restaurant going out for bid. Spoke about the convergent agreement and the IDA doing the paperwork for free, The IDA lawyers countered with 300 fee for IDA paperwork per site. He spoke with Councilmember Kingsley Jen that day about AES. A representative had come out twice, but his focus was sales tax abatement. AES is now taking over all 5 tier 1 projects in Jefferson County.

TMB Fire Chief Justin Bourquin: Supervisor Zegarelli called upon Mr. Bourquin to speak about the upcoming bridge closure and how that would affect response times. He introduced himself and confirmed that he has spoken to Pat Weston requested and was granted permission to park at the transfer site. He stated that they would be using the old tanker that has not yet been sold. This puts equipment that will be parked on the "other" side of the bridge. He also stated that he has 3 members who reside on that side of the bridge and that during the day approximately 80% of the time 3 additional members will be working on that side of the bridge. He asked the board for permission. There were no objections. He will need to possibly be able to plug in. Has already worked out with Superintendent Weston. Spoke about an additional 15-minute response time for Three Mile Bay, has added Cape for all tones that side of the bridge as well Clayton for all

confirmed explosions and work construction fires. This side of the bridge added Brownville for all working calls. The board thanked him.

Director of Cape Vincent Ambulance and Chief of Chaumont Fire Will Lipczynski introduced himself and Assistant Fire Chief Fred Jackson. He explained that the Cape Vincent Ambulance Service has reviewed the plans with all ambulance drivers. He also discussed coordinating with TIERS and/or Guilfoyle Ambulance depending on response locations and the level of additional assistance required.

Chief Lipczynski addressed the anticipated impact on the Fire Department, stating that minimal effects are expected because Thousand Islands Emergency Rescue Service (TMB) and Brownville are already included in automatic mutual aid assignments. He noted that the primary concern involves cardiac arrest calls, where additional assistance may need to be requested, potentially resulting in some delay.

Supervisor Zegarelli stated that the anticipated construction timeline is from June 1 through Halloween. Councilmember Gosier indicated that she expects the project to be completed in less time.

Board member Bourquin asked whether the fire apparatus were equipped with LifePak units. Justin Bourquin responded that LifePaks are available in his apparatus and that Engine 1 is fully stocked and ready for service. He added that the tanker does not currently carry a LifePak because it has been taken out of service, but it is equipped with minimal equipment and remains available for deployment if needed.

Privilege of the Floor:

After these reports Supervisor Zegarelli opened the meeting to privilege the floor at 6:38pm.

Ted Smith was the first to speak and introduced himself as a resident of Chaumont and spoke about how in the past 2 years it is obvious to him that ORES in Albany has taken away home rule. He has been reviewing solar projects and is concerned about sensitive habitats and asked for additional independent mapping for an environmental assessment to be performed, particularly for the areas where solar is being proposed. To incorporate a map of record into the towns comprehensive plan.

Lainey Taylor spoke about how 3 new sheds appeared in the middle of the night at Shangri-la, and how it was concerning.

Supervisor Zegarelli specified that the zoning officer had been out and there were no violations.

Councilmember Kinglsey read an email from Limestone Solar/AES for the May update. Regarding mapped alvar.

Limestone Solar Update

AES is aware of the concerns about the impact of the project on the local alvar community. As a result of these concerns, we have committed to avoiding all mapped alvar and are conducting an assessment of additional potential alvar onsite. We conducted a rare plant survey and are working to minimize project impacts to the maximum extent practicable. Limestone Solar will not impact the Chaumont Barrens Preserve.

The project team is currently working on the next iteration of the project design and expects to submit the siting permit application to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) summer 2026.

Riverside Solar Project update

Project development is ongoing. This May update will be posted on the project webpage by 5/15/2026.

If anyone has questions, comments, or feedback about Limestone Solar or Riverside Solar, you are welcome to contact the project teams. We can be reached via email, phone, or the project webpages.

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Cathy Ward spoke about how rare alvar are. She reiterated that they specified “mapped” alvar and that the project was never finished, and they haven’t all been mapped, and they are extremely rare. We are very fortunate to have them.

Ted Smith spoke about the Chaumont Barrens and reiterated that the key phrase is “mapped alvar”. He also spoke about how that ecosystem goes from Brownville to Clayton.

Supervisor Zegarelli closed the privilege of the floor as there were no additional speakers.

Supervisor’s Report

Supervisor Zegarelli tabled the Supervisors report. They are still working on things with accountants.

Highway Superintendent’s Report

Councilmember Kingsley advised that Superintendent Weston was not available and gave a brief report on what was going on with the highway department. She spoke about the Kayak Launch and reported that the highway crew has put the docks in at Veterans Park and are working on handicap parking. Waiting on the NY Budget for the CHIPS money to determine what roads will be paved. The Highway Garage is coming along, and they are working on the concrete.

Clerk's Report

Monthly Receipts were as follows: Total Local Shares Remitted: \$1,675.27; Total State, County & Local Revenues: \$1679.27; Total Non – Local Revenues: \$4.00.

Motion: Councilmember Kingsley made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report for April; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Zegarelli opted to skip ahead to John Condino (Barton and Loguidice) to go over and read the new proposed Zoning Law regarding Quarrying. He stated that the Attorneys have filled out the long form. He skipped reading the SEQR and just read the resolution, and the local law.

Quarry/Heavy Industrial Zoning Law (Local Law 1 of 2026):

**RESOLUTION 14 of 2026
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR SEQR (Long Form)
FOR AMENDMENTS TO ZONING LAW – QUARRY**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Lyme, New York has considered the adoption of Legislation in the Town of Lyme to amend the zoning law regarding Quarries in the Town of Lyme; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Lyme has reviewed an Environmental Assessment Form for the purpose of assisting the Town Board in making a determination of significance in respect to the Legislation; of whether the enactment of the Legislation would have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town has reviewed the criteria for determining significance of an action that is set forth at 6 NYCRR §617.7(c); and

WHEREAS, having considered the action, consisting of the adoption of the Legislation and the potential environmental impacts associated with such action, the Town Board has determined to proceed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lyme finds that the proposed action of adopting the legislation is subject to SEQR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the action constitutes a Type 1 action under SEQR 617.Z(aj) and 617-4(b)(2); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board is the agency with jurisdiction by law to fund, approve, or directly undertake this action, and therefore, a coordinated review of the action under SEQR is neither required nor necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Lyme, New York:

1. Based upon the examination and consideration of the Short Environmental Assessment Form and comparison of the proposed action and criteria set forth at 617.7, no significant impact on the environment is known by the adoption of the proposed legislation.
2. The Supervisor for the Town of Lyme is authorized to execute the Long Environmental Assessment Form to the effect that the Town Board is issuing a "negative declaration" under SEQR.
3. A complete copy of the EAF, including its negative declaration, shall be maintained in the Town Clerk's office in a file that will be readily accessible to the Public and published in the ENB. All subsequent notices regarding the undertaking of the project as set forth in this Resolution shall state that a negative declaration has been issued.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member, Zegarelli, and seconded by Board Member, Gosier, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Mark Zegarelli	Yes <u> X </u>	No _____
Jennifer Kingsley	Yes <u> X </u>	No _____
Donald Bourquin	Yes <u> X </u>	No _____
Julia Gosier	Yes <u> X </u>	No _____
Gregory Hoppel	Yes <u> X </u>	No _____

**RESOLUTION 15 of 2026
ENACT LOCAL LAW REGARDING
AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING LAW - QUARRY**

WHEREAS, the Town Board for the Town of Lyme, New York is interested in enacting a Local Law that will amend the Zoning Law related to Quarries within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that adoption of such a Local Law to amend the Town's Zoning Law as related to Quarries is needed and will comply with the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Lyme, New York as follows:

1. The forgoing recitations are incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if set forth herein.
2. The Town Board hereby enacts the Local Law 1 of 2026 entitled Amendment to the Zoning Law - Quarry as being in the best interests of the Town of Lyme.
3. The Supervisor for the Town of Lyme, and the Town Clerk, their respective agents and employees, are hereby authorized to sign all documents and take all steps necessary to enact this legislation.
4. This Legislation shall be filed with the New York State Department of State and shall become effective thereafter.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member, Gosier, and seconded by Board Member, Zegarelli, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Mark Zegarelli	Yes <u> X </u>	No _____
Jennifer Kingsley	Yes <u> X </u>	No _____
Donald Bourquin	Yes <u> X </u>	No _____
Julia Gosier	Yes <u> X </u>	No _____
Gregory Hoppel	Yes <u> X </u>	No _____

Audit of the Bills (Abstracts #9 + 10)

Motion: Supervisor Zegarelli made the motion to approve Abstract #9 in the amount of \$3,075.00; seconded by Councilmember Kingsley; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Councilmember Bourquin stated the prepayment for \$3,075 was for the Veteran’s Park monument. The Town will be dedicating Veteran’s Park and the monument to honor our Lyme Veterans in conjunction with the U.S. 250th anniversary July 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Motion: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to approve Abstract #10 in the amount of \$137,054.55; seconded by Councilmember Kingsley; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: Councilmember Kingsley made the motion to approve the following meeting minutes; April Regular Meeting, Special Meeting April 29, 2026; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Old Business:

Councilmember Kingsley read the following resolution out loud:

Repeal Local Law 3 of 2016 (Local Law 2 of 2026):

**RESOLUTION 16 OF 2026
ADOPTING LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2026
REPEAL LOCAL LAW 3 OF 2016
RELATED TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR THE POSITION
OF CEMETERY SUPERVISOR**

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously adopted Local Law 3 of 2016 - Related to conflicts of interest for the position of cemetery supervisor; and

WHEREAS, the Local Law 3 of 2016 was filed the NYSDOS on/about August 3, 2016; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the Town Board's attention that this Local Law is no longer necessary and/or appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Lyme has decided to repeal Local Law 3 of 2016 in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board for the Town of Lyme, New York as follows:

1. The forgoing recitation is incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if set forth hereafter.
2. The Town Board hereby enacts Local Law No.2 of 2026 to REPEAL Local Law No. 3 of the year 2016 - Related to conflicts of interest for the position of cemetery supervisor.
3. The Supervisor and the Town Clerk for the Town of Lyme, their respective agents and employees, are authorized to sign all documents and take all steps necessary to enact the legislation.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member, Zegarelli, and seconded by Board Member, Gosier, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Mark Zegarelli	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
Jennifer Kingsley	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
Donald Bourquin	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
Julia Gosier	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
Gregory Hoppel	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>

New Business:

Supervisor Zegarelli let the board know that \$150,000 was moved from the highway equipment reserve and moved to NY Class. It will be available when the new truck arrives. Councilmember Hoppel asked if we don't have a delivery date for the truck, yet we put all \$314,000 in NY Class as it was not up to 3.5% interest, and it is available with 2 days' notice. The supervisor stated that we have made \$48,000 in interest. Councilmember Hoppel stated that the interest earned is to offset the interest being spent on a loan taken out by the previous board.

Amended LOC Highway Garage:

Councilmember Kingsley read the revised loan information for the new Highway Garage.

Motion: Councilmember Kingsley made the motion to accept the revised LOC for the new town Highway Garage; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Assessor Resolution: Supervisor Zegarelli read the following resolution out loud:

Appointment & Funding of Sole Appointed Assessor
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LYME
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Lyme adopted Local Law No. 1 of 2022, which abolished the three elected assessor positions and established the office of a single, sole appointed assessor pursuant to NYS Real Property Tax Law § 328 and § 310; and

WHEREAS, said Local Law provided that the terms of the elected assessors expired on December 31, 2022, and that a Sole Assessor be appointed to serve beginning January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desired to appoint a qualified assessor who met the minimum qualification standards set by the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPTS) and is a State Certified Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorized funding for the position in the 2023 Town Budget and subsequent years Budgets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lyme hereby appoints Serena Beach as the Sole Appointed Assessor for a six-year term, beginning October 1, 2025, and expiring on September 30, 2031, subject to confirmation of qualifications by NYS ORPTS; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the annual salary for the Sole Appointed Assessor is set at \$25,000.00 for the year 2026, which shall be paid in accordance with the Town’s regular payroll schedule; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the funding for this position in the 2026 Town Budget (specifically in line item A1355), which includes compensation, required training expenses, and any necessary technology, to ensure compliance with NYS certification requirements.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Council Member, Gosier, and seconded by Council Member, Hoppel, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Mark Zegarelli	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
Jennifer Kingsley	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>

Donald Bourquin	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
Julia Gosier	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
Gregory Hoppel	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>

ADA Compliant Kayak Launch:

Councilmember Kingsley addressed this in the Highway Report.

Transfer Site Time Clock:

This will be discussed at the next work session meeting.

New Phone System:

The Town Board discussed the two quotes submitted for transitioning the Town’s phone system, one from Spectrum and the other from Pier Voice Connect. Councilmember Bourquin also explained why the phone system had not been changed previously. The Board agreed to move forward with Spectrum and to have the Town Clerk set up the process.

Motion: Councilmember Kingsley made the motion to switch the Town phone system to Spectrum; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Environmental Study Limestone Solar: In response to Limestone Solar expected project permit submission Councilmember Kingsley spoke and advised that she had spoken to the Solar attorney, and he had advised that we do an environmental Study. The quote from the Hudsonian organization is \$13,665. Councilmember Bourquin stated that if we wait, we can use intervenor funds if we get them. Attorney recommends doing it now, looks better if we do it now rather than after they submit their application. It was mentioned that we can still use the funds after they apply. Councilmember Gosier mentioned it would also be helpful in updating the comprehensive plan. The surveyor will be in the area for a few days. There will be some overnight charges, but Councilmember Kingsley is working on a plan to save money for accommodations at a discounted rate. Councilmember Bourquin asked why if this has been ongoing why wasn’t he notified prior to the meeting if they have been working on this for months. Councilmember Kingsley stated the permit is expected to be submitted in June so we shouldn’t wait. Councilmember Gosier asked what the total area of coverage is. The entire Limestone project with consideration for Riverside. Supervisor Zegarelli asked that it be tabled until the work session. Councilmember Gosier asked for more comprehensive information to be distributed.

Motion: Councilmember Hoppel made the motion to; seconded by Councilmember Kingsley; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Committee Reports

Town Board Report:

Councilmember Bourquin spoke about the cemeteries to be discussed later as well as meeting with Bach and the continued issues with the Assessor's office. We are waiting for BACH to put together a complete comprehensive bid. The estimated cost is \$5,000 to repair.

Assessor Report:

There were no questions on the submitted report.

Municipal Water Board Report:

Motion: Councilmember Bourquin made the motion to appoint Kerry Young as the Water Board secretary; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Planning Board:

Motion: Councilmember Gosier made the motion to appoint Stephanie Cuppernell as the Planning Board secretary; seconded by Supervisor Zegarelli; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Councilmember Gosier made a statement pertaining to the last planning board meeting regarding the approved Cell Tower. Verizon and 2 other carriers will be on the tower. They instituted the construction, but another company will be building. It should help all nearby towers and improve cell coverage for all, especially on the point and Three Mile Bay.

Youth Commission:

There were recent changes with the employees appointed for Summer Recreation. Supervisor Zegarelli read aloud the most recent recommendations for appointment. Derek Radley - Director, Evan Froelich - Asst Director, Avery Fulmer - Youth Asst 1, Griffin Guga - Youth Asst 2. Mark spoke to Scott Radley about his knowledge of the kids and their capabilities. Scott stated that Derek was the Asst Director last year and that Stephanie Doney would be assisting in the start-up to ensure they had everything that they needed. They are hoping for continuity in the future. Councilmember Gosier asked to make sure that they had applications on file for all employees. Scott assured her that they did.

Motion: Supervisor Zegarelli made a motion to appoint Derek Radley - Director, Evan Froelich - Asst Director, Avery Fulmer - Youth Asst 1, Griffin Guga - Youth Asst 2 for the Summer Recreation program; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Zegarelli asked Scott Radley to give the board his take on the storage barns.

Scott Radley provided background information on the storage sheds located at Morris Tract. He explained that there are currently two sheds on the property. One structure was relocated approximately 35 years ago from behind the TMB Fire Hall. It was formerly used to serve hot dogs and currently houses electrical breakers and controls for the field lighting system, although it is no longer used for food service.

The second, smaller building, which has an overhead garage door, is estimated to be approximately 25 years old and is used to store field liners and a lawn mower. Mr. Radley noted that the building is in poor condition.

He also discussed previous storage facilities used by the Parks and Recreation Committee. Approximately 15 to 20 years ago, the committee purchased an 8-by-10-foot shed located along Route 12E. Originally a low-cost shed purchased from Lowe's for paper storage, it was eventually used beyond its useful life, removed, and crushed. The committee currently shares a newer storage shed with the Lyme Performing Arts building.

Mr. Radley explained that approximately six to seven years ago, plans were made to relocate the shed currently located at the Town Office once municipal records were digitized. Because that project has not yet been completed, the committee obtained quotes for a new shed to provide on-site storage at Morris Tract and eliminate the need to transport equipment to the field. He stated that the current process creates safety concerns and emphasized that additional storage would improve both safety and convenience for volunteers, many of whom work full-time jobs. He proposed using funds saved from telephone expenses, along with salary donations from board members, to purchase additional sheds. He expressed a preference for placing a new shed in the front area of the property rather than installing a stone pad and locating it in the rear. Mr. Radley also noted that he has coached and been actively involved with the program for more than 15 years.

Motion: Councilmember Hoppel made a motion to accept the proposal from North Country Storage Barns for \$4,143; seconded by Councilmember Kingsley; Gosier, Kingsley, Hoppel, Zegarelli yay, Bourquin nay and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Zegarelli voted yay but qualifies his vote that he doesn't think it should be done solely for convenience.

ZEO Report:

There were no questions on the submitted report.

ZBA Report:

There was a correction to the April ZBA minutes to change "Thomas Hearing to Callahan Hearing."

TMB/ Cedar Grove Cemeteries:

Supervisor Zegarelli spoke about the abundance of issues and how the board got handed these issues when the Cemetery got turned over to the Town as the Cemetery went out of business. Specifically, trees that need to be addressed and stones that are sinking. He asked for patience from plot holders, we are working on fixing these items and dealing with the budgets. He stated that the Town is looking for quotes for tree removal at Three Mile Bay, Pt Salubrius, Barnes Bay, and Cedar Grove. Supervisor Zegarelli spoke about the savings that the money in the accounts can be used for those specific cemeteries. There was discussion about the budget and line items for expenses and how to get bids.

Online Privilege of the Floor

Julie Greico: Ms. Grieco spoke about putting off the environmental study. She also spoke about the visitors that came from all over the world to see our rare flora and fauna. Others spoke up and agreed. Supervisor Zegarelli asked why DEC isn't more involved if we are so rare. Councilmember Gosier spoke and said how DEC's authority had been weakened in recent years. Lynn Towne spoke about the DEC has been usurped and that the DEC didn't test when the wells were supposed to be tested after the fire. DEC didn't test they only oversaw. She talked about how her neighbor resigned because his reports were being overlooked by ORES. Cathy ward asked that they reconsider voting rather than wait for a work session. Councilmember Kingsley asked if she could make a motion again. Councilmember Bourquin asked why we didn't know before tonight at the meeting. He reiterated that it is a huge expense, and he doesn't like voting on spending that much money with little knowledge of what we are spending that much money on. There was further discussion.

Councilmember Bourquin brought up that the new board members ran on transparency, and there is nothing transparent about the way this issue came before the board.

Motion: Councilmember Kingsley made the motion to perform the environmental study through Hudsonia in the amount of \$13,665.00 regarding the Limestone Solar project; seconded by Supervisor Zegarelli; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Adjournment

Motion: Supervisor Zegarelli made the motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Serena Beach

Serena Beach, Deputy Town Clerk