

The Fine Town Board held its regular meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at the Municipal Office Building in Star Lake. Attendance was taken, and a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 PM.

Board Members	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Supervisor Jeremy Thompson	X			
Councilman Philip Giardino	X			
Councilman Carlton Kerr	X			
Councilman Samuel Bryant	X			
Councilwoman Gigi Hayden	X			

Others present were H. Dolan, Town Clerk; M. Friden, D. Downey, C. Cook, S. Griffin, D. Landy; and Larry Denesha, County Legislator.

Historian – Mark Friden informed the board that he has done research on the stained-glass windows in our area churches and the families who are named on the windows. He has a binder on them if anyone is interested.

Signs – Mark is also inventorying all of the historic markers around town. He noticed that the one on the Skate Creek Rd is in poor condition and would like to look into replacing it. The board would like him to get an estimate on the cost and report back.

Town Hall- Mark will be meeting with a historical architect next week. This will be the first step in pursuing grant money to fix up the building. Jeremy suggested that he take a look at the last one that was done.

Reed Rd – Donna Landy, who owns Packbasket Adventures, was present to request that the town extend the pavement on Reed Rd so that it extends past her second driveway. Tracy was not present at the meeting. The board members explained that this may not be possible since that road is scheduled to be paved on Monday, and they are not sure what the subbase is at the end of the pavement. Ms. Landy stated that she would call Tracy tomorrow to discuss this.

Report – Sandra Griffin was present to give the board an update on dog control and explain her monthly report. The board continues to be appreciative of her hard work and effort in her work for the town.

Report – The Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report was presented to the board.

Report – 08/2025-97 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by S. Bryant the town clerk's monthly report was accepted as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Minutes – 08/2025-98 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by G. Hayden the minutes from the July 9th board meeting were accepted as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Reports – 08/2025-99 Moved by G. Hayden, seconded by C. Kerr the Supervisor's monthly reports were accepted as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Budget – 08/2025-100 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by P. Giardino to approve the following budget amendment:

Golf Course – Transfer \$1,000 from Contingency SPG19904 to Contractual Expenses – Clubhouse SPG72504.1

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Bills- 08/2025-101 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by G. Hayden the town bills represented by vouchers 25-267 through 25-308 be paid.

<i>General Fund -</i>	<i>-\$ 18,321.19</i>
<i>Highway Fund</i>	<i>-\$ 23,093.92</i>
<i>Youngs Rd Bridge</i>	<i>-\$ 73,679.96</i>
<i>Youth Commission</i>	<i>- \$ 4,355.13</i>
<i>Golf Course</i>	<i>- \$ 7,787.33</i>
<i>Sewer District</i>	<i>- \$ 305.80</i>
<i>Water District</i>	<i>- \$ 6,991.82</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>- \$134,535.15</i>

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Mileage – 08/2025-102 Moved by G. Hayden, seconded by S. Bryant to authorize the disbursement of the mileage checks for black fly mileage from June.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Arena – The arena financials were presented to the board. The Town of Clifton would like the insurance changed over to them. They received a quote of \$1,328.40 per year, with one-million-dollar cash value and general liability coverage. The board had questions about how this would work if it were not a total loss and would like to invite Clifton's agent to the joint town board meeting to discuss.

Golf Course – The minutes of the golf course committee meeting were presented to the board.

County – Larry Denesha, our County Legislator, was present to update the board on what is happening at the county. They have passed resolutions in support of a modular nuclear plant being built in the north country, for the sheriff's office to lease space from the Town of Fine for a satellite office, and to establish a volunteer firefighter's exemption on real property. For the fifth year in a row, there have been no findings in their audit. The burn ban has been extended until 8/17 for St. Lawrence County. Bruce Green will be retiring as the Real Property Director. They will be conducting interviews for the Emergency Services Director at the end of August. The county continues to house many state-ready inmates at the county jail, at a loss to the county. Larry did not know about the status of the house at 4231 SH 3 in Star Lake.

Youth Commission – 08/2025-103 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by C. Kerr to authorize a temporary loan of \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Youth Commission Fund for cash flow purposes to pay expenditures required before reimbursements are received from the Towns of Clifton and Fine for their Towns' contributions and the St. Lawrence County YSEF Grant.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Action Plan – The action plan was reviewed. Carlton will work with Emerson to get estimates for replacing the three roofs on the buildings at the cemetery.

Batteries – 08/2025-104 Moved by G. Hayden, seconded by C. Kerr to authorize the expenditure of \$1,145.00 to replace the batteries for the solar panel at the cemetery.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Lease – 08/2025-105 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by G. Hayden to authorize the signing of the lease agreement with St. Lawrence County for \$1.00 per year for office space for the sheriff.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

JCAP Grant – 08/2025-106 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by G. Hayden the Town Board of the Town of Fine authorizes the Fine Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2025-26 grant cycle, up to \$30,000.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Carried.

Park Bench – Jeremy received a letter and picture regarding the park bench that the Town of Fine sponsored at the St. Lawrence County fairgrounds.

Ambulance Service- 08/2025-107 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by G. Hayden to authorize the town supervisor to write a letter of support for the Natural Bridge Volunteer Ambulance Inc. taking over ambulance services to the Town of Diana and the Town of Pitcairn.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Carried.

Invitation – The Ribbon Cutting for the hospital is scheduled for September 26th at 2:00 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Adjourn – 08/2025-108 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by S. Bryant the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope M. Dolan, Town Clerk