

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on February 10, 2026 at the Redfield Municipal Building at 7:00pm. Roll call was taken and the following board members were present:

- Mitchell Yerdon - Supervisor
- Terry Harlander - Councilman
- Carla Bauer – Councilwoman
- Doris Montieth- Councilwoman
- Elaine Yerdon - Councilman

In addition, Russell Montieth -Highway Superintendent, Nick Smith - Assessor, Angie Kimball - Cooperative Tug Hill Council, Ed Montieth, Corey Yerdon – Redfield Volunteer Fire Department Inc. and Town Clerk – Susan Hough

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 26-13

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander that the
General Fund Bills - Abstract #02 Vouchers 24-36, 44-46 Totaling \$ 18,502.35 and
Light District #1 - Abstract #02 Voucher 43 Totaling \$ 711.52
Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, E. Yerdon, C. Bauer, D. Montieth
 Nays 0

Resolution 26-14

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Carla Bauer that the
Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 02 Vouchers 34, 37-42 Totaling \$ 20,307.89
Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, E. Yerdon, C. Bauer, D. Montieth
 Nays 0

Resolution 26-15

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Carla Bauer that the Supervisors Report and Payroll Sheets be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, E. Yerdon, C. Bauer, D. Montieth
 Nays 0

TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH

We had 11 dog licenses, 1 DECAL and 15 Certified Copies this month. I received the following email: My name is Lock Holmes, and I am a Technician with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s European Cherry Fruit Fly (ECFF) program. I’m reaching out to you today to request permission to survey/trap for ECFF in select locations within Redfield, some of which may be on town-owned property. We are required to request your permission annually to proceed with our survey. For private property we will be approaching landowners directly. This request only pertains to municipal property rights. Would the Board grant Mr. Holmes access to the Town of Redfield property?

Resolution 26-16

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and second by Elaine Yerdon to approve access to the USDA for their European Cherry Fruit Fly (ECFF) program on Town of Redfield property.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, E. Yerdon, C. Bauer, D. Montieth
 Nays 0

Resolution 26-17

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and second by Terry Harlander to approve December 9, 2025 minutes as presented.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, E. Yerdon, C. Bauer, D. Montieth
Nays 0

Justice Dory Dumas has turned her 2025 books over for review, they are in my office.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL – ANGELA KIMBALL

Angie - **REMINDER:** The NY Association of Towns (NYAOT) annual meeting and training school has been scheduled for **February 14-17th** at the NY Marriott Marquis in NY City. Online registration is available at www.nytowns.org. The registration cost for the conference has increased to the onsite registration cost. Rooms at the hotel must be reserved separately and are available at <https://book.passkey.com/e/51084536> or by calling 877-303-0104. Room blocks at the conference rates have been released now. For a copy of a paper registration form click [HERE](#). For more information visit NYAOT's conference webpage at <https://nytowns.org/Towns/Towns/2026-Annual-Meeting---Training-School.aspx>. **REMINDER:** The NY Association of Towns (NYAOT) annual meeting and training school has been scheduled for **February 14-17th** at the NY Marriott Marquis in NY City. Online registration is available at www.nytowns.org. The registration cost for the conference has increased to the onsite registration cost. Rooms at the hotel must be reserved separately and are available at <https://book.passkey.com/e/51084536> or by calling 877-303-0104. Room blocks at the conference rates have been released now. For a copy of a paper registration form click [HERE](#). For more information visit NYAOT's conference webpage at <https://nytowns.org/Towns/Towns/2026-Annual-Meeting---Training-School.aspx>. **REMINDER:** \$10 million will be made available for the second round of the Municipal Parks and Recreation (MPR) grant program to fund the development and improvement of municipal parks and recreation sites statewide for the public to enjoy. Funding for this program is provided by the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act. The MPR grant funding is available for the construction of recreational facilities and other improvements to municipally owned recreational sites and parks. Program guidelines, including how to apply, will be available beginning December 31, 2025, on the [State Parks website](#). Eligible applicants include counties, cities, towns and villages within New York State that own the property where the proposed project will take place. Grants will primarily fund construction costs. Preconstruction activities, such as developing plans and design specifications, may be included in the project budget, but the grant cannot fund projects that are solely for planning and design without a construction component. To maximize accessibility to funding, the MPR grant opportunity can fund up to 90 percent of the total eligible project costs, with a matching share requirement of 10 percent. The maximum grant award is \$900,000. Grants are administered on a reimbursement basis. The applications must be submitted by **February 9, 2026**, at 4:00 p.m. **REMINDER:** The New York Department of State's Division of Local Government is offering an \$8 million opportunity for local governments. Take advantage of this opportunity to innovate, collaborate, and create a more efficient future for your residents by filing a [Local Government Efficiency grant](#). The program has \$7.2 million available for implementation grants (capped at \$250,000 per participating municipality and \$1.2 million total) and \$800,000 for planning grants (capped at \$20,000 per participating municipality and \$100,000 total). The grants require a 10% match for implementation grants and a 50% match for planning grants. Priority points will be given to regional projects; regional or local projects being implemented after a prior LGE planning grant or as part of a county-wide shared service plan or for projects which address Information Technology Services including cybersecurity; emergency services; countywide code enforcement or municipal planning; water and/or wastewater management systems or clean energy initiatives. Deadline to apply is **February 4th**. The Tug Hill Commission's Winter Wildlife webinar series has been scheduled for 2026. The webinars include Wolverines on February 26th, Pollinators

and Native Flowers on March 26th and Owls on April 30th. The webinars all begin at 7 p.m. To sign up for one or all these webinars visit <https://tinyurl.com/WWWRegistration2026>. The “Non-Profit Bootcamp”, presented by Lewis County and the Northern NY Community Foundation, will have its fourth session on Thursday Feb. 5th from 12 to 1 p.m. The session is titled “Effective Board Meeting Management” and is focused on practical tools and best practices for running effective nonprofit board meetings. This virtual session will cover key topics such as setting clear meeting agendas, understanding and using Robert’s Rules of Order, taking effective meeting minutes, and supporting thoughtful decision-making. Register [HERE](#) for the session. Lewis County is also sponsoring an in-person training on “Preparing Your Municipality for Renewable Energy Applications” on March 30th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Croghan Fire Hall (6860 Fire Hall St., Croghan). Bridget O’Toole from the Heath and O’Toole law firm will be the presenter. The training is designed to give municipal officials, board members, and interested residents a clear overview of how municipalities can prepare before an application is submitted. The session will conclude with questions and answers so participants can ask questions specific to their municipality. Register for the session [HERE](#). Registration is open for the 36th Annual Planning Symposium, sponsored by the Onondaga County Planning Federation. Scheduled from 8:00 am - 4:15 pm on March 19, at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown. The daylong training includes numerous options for sessions, including Special Use Permits, Area Variances, Battery Energy Storage Systems, Changes in NYS Wetland Regulations, and How Land Use Drives Local Government Revenue and Operation. Early registration is \$85 per person, if received prior to February 13, and \$100 if received after. Registration must be received by March 6. For more information, including the full program, sessions, presenter biographies, visit the Onondaga Planning Department’s Planning Symposium [webpage](#), or click [here](#) to register. The [Northern Border Regional Commission](#) (NBRC) has three grant programs open, with required pre-applications due February 27, 2026, and applications by invitation due April 17, 2026. The **Catalyst** program is NBRC’s flagship competitive grant program, formerly known as the State Economic & Infrastructure Development (SEID) program. Through Catalyst, NBRC invests in state economic development priorities to support a broad range of initiatives that modernize and expand the Northern Border region’s basic infrastructure and revitalizes communities to support and attract the region’s workforce. NBRC’s **Forest Economy** program is designed to support state-identified development plans for the regional forest economy and to assist in the industry’s evolution to include new technologies and viable business models. NBRC’s **Timber for Transit** program advances the use of wood materials and composites through applied research and demonstration projects that showcase the suitability of such materials in transportation and transportation adjacent infrastructure. Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust (THTLT) is inviting community members to share their thoughts on the future of the Tug Hill region and priorities for the land trust as they embark on a five-year strategic plan. This short, anonymous [survey](#) should take less than 10 minutes and asks about what lands, waters, and community programs matter most to the community, as well as individual experiences with THTLT’s lands and programs. Community input will help guide conservation, recreation, and education priorities for the years ahead. The New York State Department of Conservation (DEC) has announced that \$5 million in funding is now available for the fifth round of the “Regenerate NY” Forestry Cost Share grant program. The grant program is designed to assist private landowners in growing the next generation of forests, which are crucial for mitigating the impacts of climate change, providing wildlife habitat, protecting air and water quality, and supporting green jobs and local economies. Funded projects will enhance efforts made through [New York’s 25 Million Trees Initiative](#) to restore and sustain the state’s natural landscapes. Private landowners planning to restore or establish five or more acres of forest land in New York State may apply for grant awards ranging from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$1,000,000, with a required 10 percent match. A portion of the funding for projects in this round will be available upfront to assist with the high costs associated with these practices. **Eligible projects include: tree planting, creating young forest habitat, thinning to remove unhealthy or close growing trees to promote forest health or**

regrowth, and removing competing or invasive vegetation that would interfere with seedling establishment or growth and installing tree protection to prevent deer browsing of young tree seedlings. Applicants must work with a forester or a qualified natural resource professional to develop their project. Applications will be accepted through the [Statewide Financial System](#) and will be accepted until **August 31, 2026**, or until funds are depleted, whichever comes first. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis. Round 5 of this grant opportunity, will meet DEC's goal is to support underserved landowners and **priority projects by reserving a portion of the grant funds until March 10, 2026**, for landowners and projects that are submitted by landowners who are active or veteran military landowners; first time landowners (owned property less than 10 years); or State or Federally recognized Indian Nations or Tribes or for projects dedicated to improving the health of significantly degraded forests due to an insect pest or disease outbreak or large scale planting projects (greater than 5 acres). For more information visit the [DEC's website](#). In case you missed the Newly Elected Officials training webinar held in late January, Sarah Brancatella and Lori Mithen-DeMasi, expert attorneys from the [NY Association of Towns](#), delivered a very informative webinar. Topics covered included conflicts of interest, code of ethics and boards of ethics, financial disclosure requirements, typical town offices and their roles and oaths of office. A recording of the webinar and the slide deck are available at tughill.org/services/training/. This webinar was sponsored by the NYS Tug Hill Commission and the region's five councils of governments. **SAVE THE DATES:** The January Tug Hill Commission meeting was rescheduled due to weather and has been rescheduled for Wednesday February 4th at the Town of Lowville's municipal building (5533 Bostwick St., Lowville). The meeting begins at 10 a.m. and anyone is welcome to attend. The Commission's 2026 Local Government Conference has been scheduled for Monday April 20th (afternoon session and reception) and Tuesday April 21st (full day session). The event will be held at Turning Stone Resort and Event Center again in 2026. Registration for the afternoon session is \$25 the evening reception is \$20 and the full-day session on 4/21 is \$90 on or before March 20th. Late registration from March 21st through the 27th is \$50 for the afternoon session, \$40 for the reception and \$180 for the full day session. You can register by mail with a check or online at <https://events.humanitix.com/lgc-2026>. For more information on sessions and for a paper registration form visit the Commission's website at <https://tughill.org/localgovernmentconference/>. CW E. Yerdon – what's the status of the Elections? CTHC Angie Kimball – lawsuit is in Federal Court – anyone with a two-year term must run again, their terms are only for one year.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell – FEMA - Flood Damage on Old State and Otto Mills roads – it's progressing – Old State Road the squash piping extreme width for flow is needed. Meeting via Webex at 10 am on the 12th, Otto Mills is waiting on the DEC and Oswego Soil and Waterflow calculation, hoping the same size as one upstream. Had a deposit from New York State for the flood damage. The new truck is at Henderson Equipment, build date is two months, they have a couple waiting for parts. We had a fuel issue – the extreme low temperatures – yesterday we couldn't pump fuel. Dale from Glider, Mitch and Russell think they know what the problem is. Russell talked to Corey – Redfield Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. – he had a 100-gallon tank in the back of the mini-dump truck for them. CW E. Yerdon – is there an additive? Superintendent Russell – no, the pipeline was plugged due to the temperature being below zero for three days in a row. Supervisor Mitchell Yerdon – you don't typically treat a fuel tank. Superintendent Russell – discussed with Mitch and Jimmy regarding the fulltime position, he hired Mathew Tibbles as of February 23rd for the fulltime position. He works nights currently- if there isn't a list left for them to do – he finds things to do, Russell told Brad that Matt needed to drive some and then told Brad Matt was to drive every day. The Truck is being taken care of better too.

ASSESSOR - NICK SMITH

Nick – he didn’t get time to ask Annsville to pay for the training. He’s been busier since he changed his hours. Been asked to have a house re-assessed. There is a fine for not getting a permit for building.

Supervisor Mitchell Yerdon – Code Enforcement has two houses on County Route 39.

Redfield Volunteer Fire Department - Corey Yerdon

Corey – we are researching a potential chang to the Fire Department’s Bylaws. You had to be a resident of the Town of Redfield or the Town of Osceola – then if you were a member and moved you could stay in. We recently had a member that wants to do it professionally. Per NYS Law 209i he had to resign from the Redfield Fire Department to bunk in at another Department as he goes to school. We looked at the laws that all Oswego County Firemen are covered under. Law 209i -he can never be a member of two Fire Departments, but he can be a support person. Has a paper that needs to be signed by the Fire Department and the Town. We’ll need a full resolution to support the Fire Department from the Town of Redfield. Angie Kimball – the State law states you can’t be a volunteer in two Fire Departments, defiantly would be good for the Fire Department, quality work. CW D. Montieth – Will they need to do the Training? Corey – no training is responsible at their home Fire Department. Going to build a support visiting Fire Fighter program, this will take several months to build this program.

Resolution 26-18

Motion was made by Mitchell Yerdon and second by Carla Bauer to approve The Redfield Fire Department, Inc (per NYS Law 209i) to progress with the visiting fire fighter program.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, E. Yerdon, C. Bauer, D. Montieth
Nays 0

Supervisor Mitchell Yerdon – Asked if there was any interest in a NOCA representative? Angie Kimball – no interest at the last Fire Department meeting.

Supervisor Mitchell Yerdon – He has started to look at Companies for the Salt Shed Cover, one in Pennsylvania is not interested. There was discussion. Angie Kimball – Sourcewell – are government bidding cooperative entities across the United States.

Resolution 26-19

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and second by Carla Bauer that the Town of Redfield recognizes Sourcewell as a State approved bidding cooperative.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, E. Yerdon, C. Bauer, D. Montieth
Nays 0

Supervisor Mitchell Yerdon – Hybrid is a Sourcewell, woman owned, registered with NYS. They install and replace salt shed covers. They are 13.5 oz heavier materials than others and a 25-year prorated warrant on the fabric, they have one made for that frame, lead time is 6-8 weeks right now. CW E. Yerdon- do you have a price? Mitchell - \$ 52,000 with spraying the concrete. CW C. Bauer – did the concrete hold up well? Russell– yes, it has – there’s a couple of scrapes. Mitchell - the other materials are in good shape, they come back every five years and check the tension, etc.

Mitchell – the Hero Banners – we hope to get this started up soon, we are waiting for National Grid pole approval, he will contact them. Justice Dory Dumas has found a clerk Kelly Prentice and has appointed her.

A motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Doris Montieth to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, E. Yerdon, C. Bauer, D. Montieth

Nays 0

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00pm.

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Town Clerk Susan Hough