

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on September 8, 2026 at the Redfield Municipal Building at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken and the following board members were present:

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

In addition, Russell Montieth -Highway Superintendent, Nick Smith - Assessor, Ed Montieth Michael Yerdon – Code Enforcement Officer, Jennifer Harvill – Cooperative Tug Hill Council, and Town Clerk – Susan Hough.

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 26-74

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Doris Montieth that the
General Fund Bills - Abstract #09 Vouchers 207--218, 228-230 Totaling \$ 13,268.64 and
Light District #1 - Abstract #09 Voucher 227 Totaling \$ 624.97
Be paid.

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

Resolution 26-75

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Elaine Yerdon that the
Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 09 Vouchers 218-226 Totaling \$ 30,294.36
Be paid.

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

Resolution 26-76

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon 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, D. Montieth, C. Bauer
 Nays 0

TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH

TClerk – had 3 dog licenses, 1 Certified Copy and 12 DECALS. She sent three bid packages out for the Garbage but only received one bid. Sealed bid is from Bliss Environmental Services Inc. – the bid is for \$ 97,200.00, that is a \$ 2,200.00 increase.

Resolution 26-77

Motion was made by Mitchell Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to accept Bliss Environmental Services Inc bid for 2027 garbage contract at \$ 97,200.00.

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

Resolution 26-78

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Town Justice Kelly Prentice to apply for a JCAP grant in the amount of \$ 8,193.75 for new furniture for her office.

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

Resolution 26-79

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander to approve July 14, 2026 minutes be accepted as presented.

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

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL– JENNIFER HARVILL

Jennifer - REMINDER: The New York Association of Towns (NYAOT) is holding their first ever Legislative Conference this September. The Conference will be a half day on Tuesday September 22nd and a full day on September 23rd with lunch and a reception on Tuesday and breakfast and lunch on Wednesday included in the registration cost. The event will be held at the Albany Hilton (40 Lodge St., Albany) and hotel reservations can be made at the [Hilton booking link](#) or by phone at 1-800-HILTONS (the hotel room block is currently sold out, so pricing may be different than the original price listed). Pre-registration costs for the conference registration are \$175.00 for members and \$225.00 for non-members with on-site registration costs increasing to \$200.00 for members and \$250.00 for non-members. The registration form is [HERE](#). For more information as well as the link to the tentative agenda for the conference visit [NYAOT's conference webpage](#). REMINDER: The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) is accepting pre-application submissions for its [Catalyst](#), [Forest Economy](#), and [Timber for Transit](#) programs. Pre-applications and waivers were due on August 21, 2026. Full applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on October 16, 2026, with grant awards expected to be announced in December 2026. The application process is described in the [Applicant Resources page](#). More details about applicant eligibility can be found on the NBRC's [Competitive Programs page](#) and in NBRC's Programs [User Manual](#). For questions related to these programs, please contact New York State's NBRC State Program Manager Kyle Wilber at (518) 473-3694 or kyle.wilber@dos.ny.gov. REMINDER: The New York State Archives have scheduled several webinars for folks interested in records management topics, which are held monthly through the end of the year. The upcoming sessions include "Managing Social Media Records" on September 10th; "Digital Imaging" on November 5th and "Email Preservation and Transfer" on December 10th. The sessions are from 10 to 11 a.m. on the listed days and registration is required by 4 p.m. the day prior to the session. For more detailed descriptions of the sessions visit the [Archives Workshop Registration](#) page. There are also many other recorded webinars available in the [Archives catalogue](#). The East Branch of Fish Creek Working Group will be meeting on Wednesday September 23rd from 5 to 7 p.m. at the West Leyden Fire Hall (1046 St. Rt. 26, West Leyden). This is an annual gathering of lessees, landowners, and other stakeholders in the East Branch of Fish Creek area. Representatives from NYSDEC, The Nature Conservancy, and LandVest (land and forest manager for Aurora Sustainable Lands) will give updates and provide the opportunity for questions and answers. RSVP to Gwen at the commission office at 315-785-2380 or Gwen@tughill.org by Sept. 16th. The Commission is sponsoring a free training event titled "Providing Fire Protection in NYS" on Tuesday October 27th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the West Monroe Fire Hall (54 Co. Rt. 11, West Monroe). Dan Acquilano (Manager of Local Training, Division of Local Gov't and School Accountability, Office of the State Comptroller) and Katie Hodgdon (Associate Counsel for the Association of Towns) will be present. New York's system for providing fire protection is complex, and many towns and villages are working hard to maintain fire

protection for their citizens balanced with fiscal responsibility. This workshop will include: a general overview of firefighting, fire protection by municipality type (city, town, village), fire districts, budgeting, and reporting requirements. Pre-register for the event at www.tinyurl.com/THFire2026, by calling 315-785-2380 or by email at Tughill@tughill.org. Lewis County residents are invited to complete a second survey for the county-wide climate plan, focusing on vulnerability assessment. Survey respondents are asked about their experiences with past weather events, concerns for the future, and the places, services, and systems they rely on. Complete the survey at www.bit.ly/lewiscountysurvey2. Jefferson County Planning & Community Development is holding two training sessions in September. The first, Get Grant Ready Workshop, will be on Wednesday, September 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Jefferson County Office Building, 175 Arsenal Street, Watertown. This session is tailored to communities seeking grant funding. Register [here](#) or email planning@jeffersoncountyny.gov. Presenters will be Alicia Dewey, Andy Nevin, and Aileen Anderson from Jefferson County Planning & Community Development. The second training session on Monday, September 28, Beyond the Basics Workshop, is for planning boards, zoning boards, and local officials. Session A on public meetings, hearings and record keeping, will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Session B on hot button land uses will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Register [here](#) or email planning@jeffersoncountyny.gov. Speakers will be from the NYS Department of State Division of Local Government Services. The Lewis County Planning & Community Development Department is once again sponsoring our annual training workshop for local land use officials. Training topics “Hot Button Land Uses” | “Public Meetings & Hearings” | “Mock Planning Board Meeting” will be presented by staff from the New York Department of State Local Government Training Office. The workshop will be held in the LGI (Large Group Instruction) Room at Lowville Academy & Central School on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, from 4:00-8:00 PM. To register or for any questions, please call the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Office at (315) 376-5422, e-mail suekulzer@lewiscountyny.gov or online at <https://tinyurl.com/vxj2zkcc/>. To get an accurate headcount for food/refreshments/handouts, registration by Tuesday, September 22nd would be very helpful and much appreciated. The Cornell Local Roads Program is holding a Snow and Ice Control Operations for Local Highway Officials [workshop](#) on Thursday, September 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lewis County Cooperative Extension office in Lowville. Winter is on the way! Join Cornell Local Roads to learn the backbone of an effective snow and ice control program including choosing the best anti-icing strategy, reducing tort liability, and reducing costs. This workshop is aimed at established highway/public works officials, crews and crew supervisors who manage snow and ice control operations. The cost is \$90, and lunch will be served. Register for this workshop, and all other fall highway workshops, [here](#). Twenty million dollars is available through the second round of the Community Reforestation (CoRe) grant program, which supports tree planting projects that will create or restore forested natural areas in urban communities. Municipalities and other groups may apply for a minimum amount of \$300,000 up to a maximum of \$3,000,000, with no match required. Up to \$4 million of the total funding is available for smaller projects (projects with a maximum funding request of \$499,999). The remaining \$16 million will be dedicated to larger projects. Eligible projects include planting trees, preparing sites for planting, removing competing or invasive vegetation that would interfere with seedling growth and installing tree protection to prevent deer browse. Funds cannot be used for real property (land) acquisition or for planting and maintenance of individual street or park trees. Applications will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4 and must be submitted through the Statewide Financial System (SFS). For more details about the grant opportunity, including application and scoring criteria, visit [DEC's website](#) or email urbanforestry@dec.ny.gov. The New York Planning Federation is hosting a training webinar titled “The Changing Evolution of Agriculture in NYS: Pinch Points for Planning and Zoning Boards” on September 29th from noon to 1 p.m. Laura Biasello, Statewide Agriculture Economic Development Specialist for Cornell Cooperative

Extension, will explore the evolution of agriculture across New York State over the past decade relative to land use patterns and types of agricultural patterns to reflect changing consumer preferences. They will discuss the most common "pinch points" between agriculture and planning/zoning boards and tools and strategies to address these issues, and the role Cornell Cooperative Extension plays in supporting both farms and municipalities in navigating land use challenges. No pre-registration is necessary. Join the Zoom webinar at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85942741182?pwd=mb8hj0ymFhyHpSRlv6DpxrCiVYrX0Q.svuEalsO1Nk2NxtY>, passcode is **667074**. The New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) is hosting their Fall Training School for City and Village Officials at the Saratoga Hilton in Saratoga Springs. The event runs from September 14th to the 18th, and the full conference registration is \$575, which includes several meals. One day registrations are also available for a lower price for those who can't attend the full conference. Registration is available online through Monday Sept. 14th, although any cancelations after 9/4 will have an administrative fee attached. The tentative agenda and the link to register for the conference is available on [NYCOMs website](#). Hotel information is available under the "Hotel" tab of the previous link. As a reminder, beginning January 1, 2026, as part of a new **state law**, all local government employees who use technology as part of their official job duties must complete annual cybersecurity awareness training. The [State Office of Information Technology Services](#) makes training available to local officials at no charge and LGSA's Applied Technology Unit (ATU) offers resources on cybersecurity, including [Local Government Management Guides](#) and technical assistance. ATU can be reached by email (muni-cyber@osc.ny.gov) or phone (518-738-2639). Make sure you make plans for your affected employees to get the training they are required to have. SAVE THE DATES: • The September Tug Hill Commission meeting will be held Wednesday September 16 at the Cleveland Village Hall (2 Clay St., Cleveland) starting at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. • The Tug Hill Commission and the five Tug Hill COGs are hosting a SuperCOG meeting this fall. The meeting will be held on September 22nd from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Redfield Fire Hall (4879 Co. Rt. 17, Redfield). Invitations have been sent out, and RSVPs are due by Sept. 10th. A buffet dinner will be provided free of charge. Hope to see you there! • The CTHC Fall Meeting is set for Thursday September 17th. The event will be held at the Timberview Resort (5265 Carpenter Rd., Turin) with food provided by Tim Fargo, catering. Social hour (with a cash bar) starts at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. and the meeting immediately follows. CTHC will pay for dinner for 2 representatives from each municipality, but any other guests will be charged \$26 for dinner, payable at the event. The meeting portion of the night is, of course, open to the public and free to attend. RSVP to Angie at 315-599-8825 or Angie@tughill.org; or to your circuit rider at a meeting by 9/11. • The Tug Hill Commission's annual meeting has also been scheduled for Thursday October 8th at the Adams Country Club (10700 US Rt. 11, Adams). The event starts with social hour at 5:30 p.m. followed a presentation, dinner and the program celebrating the retirement of long-time commission board member Leona Cheresnoski. The cost for the dinner event is \$35, and reservations are required by 9/30. Invitations have gone out and if you did not receive one and would like to attend or have questions about the event, call the commission office at 315-785-2380. Reservations can be made by mailing a check to the commission office (317 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601) or you can RSVP online at <https://www.tinyurl.com/thdinner2026>.

Resolution 26-80

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Terry Harlander to authorize Carla Bauer to attend the Tug Hill Commission meeting on October 8, 2026 in Adams NY.

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

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell – they have finished all the chip sealing, Boylston helped paving, Hauled and for Albion and Williamstown. Finished today the roadside mowing, had some breakdowns – hoses and mechanical. Replaced two culverts – one on Jess Drive and one on Old State Road. The Snow & Ice Contract – had an Audit meeting, paperwork will need to be completed for the new contract. There are six Towns that refuse to participate. We've been paid \$ 241,000 and will pay an additional \$ 82,113.69, they are paying us for their percent of salt, sand and equipment. A set fee by mile will go away, will go by cost, didn't get re-imbursed for benefits previously. \$ 1.5 million paying out to the Towns that participated, the least amount was \$ 20,000.00. The Snow & Ice Contract should be ready soon, cleaning up language and making paperwork. They waited again is September, should have by the end of the month. Thursday at 8 am we have a WEB meeting with FEMA, letter re: looking to acquire an Engineering Firm, the Town will pay the upfront costs, and FEMA will re-imburse later – lady on vacation. CW E. Yerdon – why a bridge? Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth – 17 ft wide to measure 1.25% bigger, 21 ft anything over 20 ft has to be a bridge, the Engineering Firm will verify that it needs to be a bridge & size. Supervisor Mitchell Yerdon – we might need a special meeting regarding the Engineering Firm – we're not going to have a hard number – people devoted, experience with small towns, DEC and FEMA – we'll see who fits the needs, not only the cost, but we have three Engineering Firms. Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth - DEC Forestry is behind us, they see need for that road to be open. GPS coordinates – minimum maintenance road inventory.

ASSESSOR - NICK SMITH

Nick – has had twenty-two calls, or three hundred parcels are done, a quarter done on re-val. Nick has signed up for classes. The Town of Annsville will pay for the class; Town of Redfield will pay for the mileage and hotel. CM T. Harlander – how much increased? Assessor Nick Smith – its \$ 4,200 per acre, buildings are not going up. CW D. Montieth – asked regarding the assessment and market value.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – MICHAEL YERDON

Mike – everyone got a copy of his report, three categories by census. Twenty-seven (27) permits, have five to six (5-6) additional little one's septic, etc. to finish. It's been a good year. Sent a Junk Violation letter – time consuming – send letter, wait two weeks, etc.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR – MICHAEL YERDON

Mike -The Snow & Ice Contract – problem – never have been paying the true cost of what it costs the Towns to do the work; they'll get more money. This Thursday at 7 pm in Oswego they will be voting on a resolution regarding Lake Ontario, County is staying with Lake Ontario, Federal Maps have changed, it's been since the 1600's.

SUPERVISOR – MITCHELL YERDON

Mitch – Myrtle Cemetery Supervisor -Suz Yerdon and Shawn Doyle – attended a ceremony unveiling the William Pomeroy Foundation Patriot Burial Marker that was installed. The Syracuse Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Ontario Chapter of the Daughters of the

American Revolution joined forces with the Half-Shire Historical Society and Oswego County Historian Debra Allen for the dedication of a William Pomeroy Foundation Patriot Burial Marker in Redfield. They also installed three (3) new stones, there are ten (10) Revolutionary War soldiers interred in the Myrtle Cemetery.

Resolution 26-81

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Elaine Yerdon to enact/approve Local Law #2 of 2026 a Local Law for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building code (the Uniform code) and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code (the Energy Code) for the Town of Redfield. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Office of the Secretary of State.

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

Code Enforcement Officer – Michael Yerdon – now up to ten (10) code books, many changes for this year.

Resolution 26-82

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander to enact/approve Local Law #3 of 2026 a Local Law to Establish Dog Control Regulations for the Town of Redfield. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Office of the Secretary of State.

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

There was discussion the board would like to meet the Dog Control Officer at a meeting sometime. Mitchell – the Salt Shed cover replacement- they did the back wall today - so it's finished, will do a final inspection. Building Maintenance – not much luck with anyone calling back. The mowers took the time to weed the Municipal Building and washed the front of the building; they did a really good job. CW E. Yerdon – Do they have to be NYS registered. Mitch – they're suppose to be but can't find people. The Hazard Litigation Oswego County – Angie worked on it, Tanya worked on it before, Natural Disaster – things that have happened in the last 10 years.

Town of Redfield

**RESOLUTION # 26-83
TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE AND ADOPTION OF THE
2026 OSWEGO COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

WHEREAS the Town/City/Village of Redfield recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Town of Redfield; and

WHEREAS, the Oswego County Emergency Management Office, with assistance from Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., has gathered information and prepared the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, created in 2025 and finalized in 2026, for Oswego County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Oswego County, New York has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 201; and

WHEREAS the 2026 Oswego County Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan Update identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Town/~~Village~~/City of Redfield demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2026 Oswego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF REDFIELD, NY THAT;

Section 1: The Town Board adopts the 2026 Oswego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

This resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted on September 8, 2026. Motion by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer.

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

Mitchell – Brookfield didn't get a Labor Day release of the reservoir; it would have gone down 2-3 ft and it didn't

A motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Terry Harlander to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

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

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

September 8, 2026
Town Clerk Susan Hough

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