

# PLANNING BOARD MINUTES-DRAFT

On February 5, 2026, the regular meeting of the Springfield Planning Board was held at the community center at 129 County Highway 29A, Springfield Center, NY 13468.

Present: Henry Miller, Denis Cimbal, Arlene Druse, Jeannette Armstrong, Gretchen Sorin-absent, Theresa Pullis-absent

Guests: Jeff Brown, Martin Harding, Steven Sklenner, Regina Oakes, Andrea House, Martha Oakley.

Miller called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CIMBAL AND SECONDED BY DRUSE TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 2026 MINUTES. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Under old business, there was nothing new to report on the Manochurian Project and no documents were received from other prior projects.

Miller presented the SITE PLAN REVIEW AND SPECIAL USE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS for the Springfield Highway Department. The proposed salt shed will be located at 5497 U S Highway 20. Jeff Brown, Highway Superintendent, is the contact person for the project. There will be construction of a 72' x 120' salt shed with 9' walls and an asphalt floor to be used for material storage and a 20' pad in the front. A map was presented showing the proposed location on the town barn property.

According to the NYS Mapper, the property borders rare plants and animals, but that area has been active for many years. CRISP-it is in the Springfield Historic District. The depth to water and restrictive area is 76 inches and there is no ponding. Minimal flood hazard shows on map 36077oo205e. There are no federal wetlands on the site and an unconsolidated bottom nearby. The ground water drains into Shadow Brook. The building site is slightly sloped, and the roadway joins the current roadway down to US Highway 20. The hamlet housing is at least 676' to 969' away from the project. The highway department mixes sand and salt

closer than that at present. The salt shed will have an impervious floor of asphalt and will contain salt from harming local wells. There will be 9' walls on three sides with a fabric roof system. The current outside piles of sand and salt will be eliminated. No vote was taken at this meeting, but the planning board will determine that this is an unlisted action that will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. It was the consensus that the new salt shed would only be an improvement in the present situation.

There will be a ZBA meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> for waivers sought by two subdivision applicants. The height of the proposed salt shed, which is 7' too high will also be discussed as well as other environmental issues.

The Highway Department received a grant for \$575,000 from the DEC which will pay 75% of the cost for the salt shed. The Town of Springfield will be responsible for the other 25%.

There was discussion about the water running off from the shed roof.

The new website crashed.

On Monday, Miller will have the supervisor sign the landowner's agreement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CIMBAL AND SECONDED BY DRUSE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40 PM. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Jeannette Armstrong, Town Clerk and Recording Secretary