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FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES-JANUARY 6, 2026
BILL HOLGATE, COMMITTEE CHAIR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Holgate, Nonie Flynn, Rick Willson, Dan Banach, George Lawson, Doug Paddock

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Dick Harper, Terry Button, Leigh MacKerchar, Ed Bronson, Jesse Jayne (Zoom), Leslie Church (2:19 p.m.), Pat Killen (2:18 p.m.), Jessica Mullins, Emilee Miller, Meghan Kincaid, Jeff Ayers, Leigh Battin, Pat Christensen

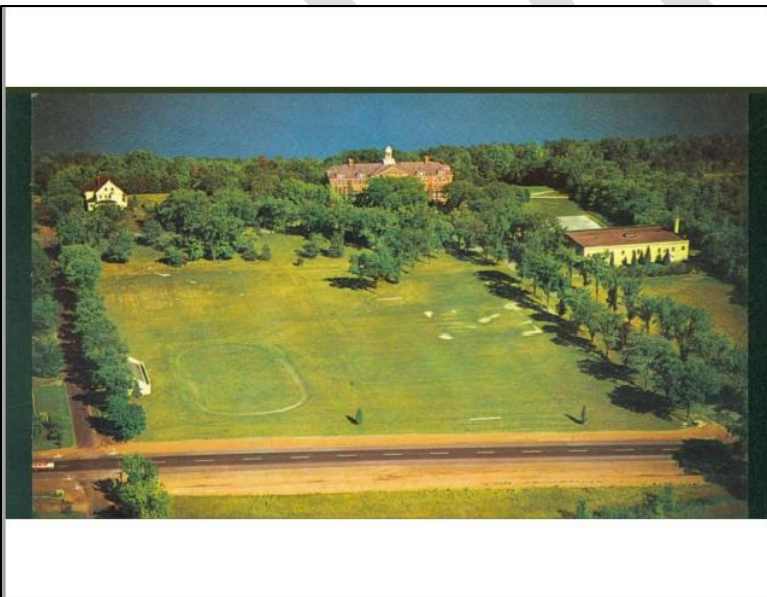
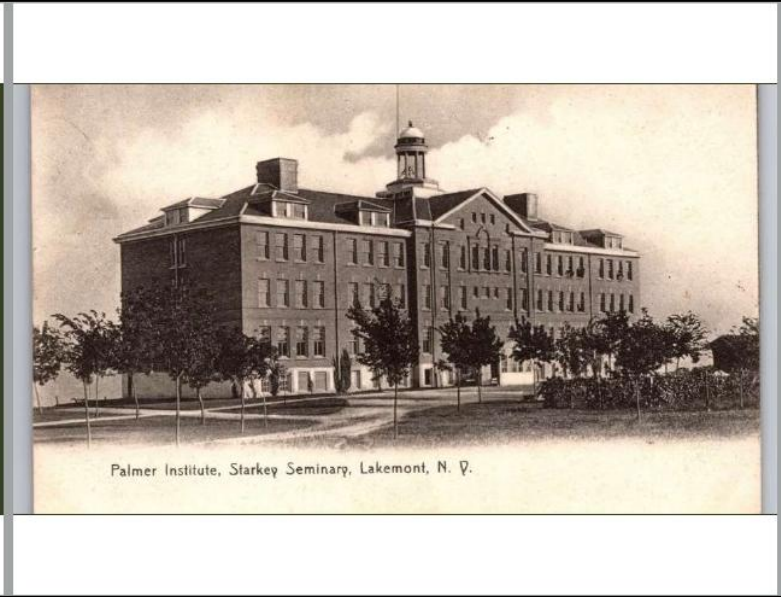
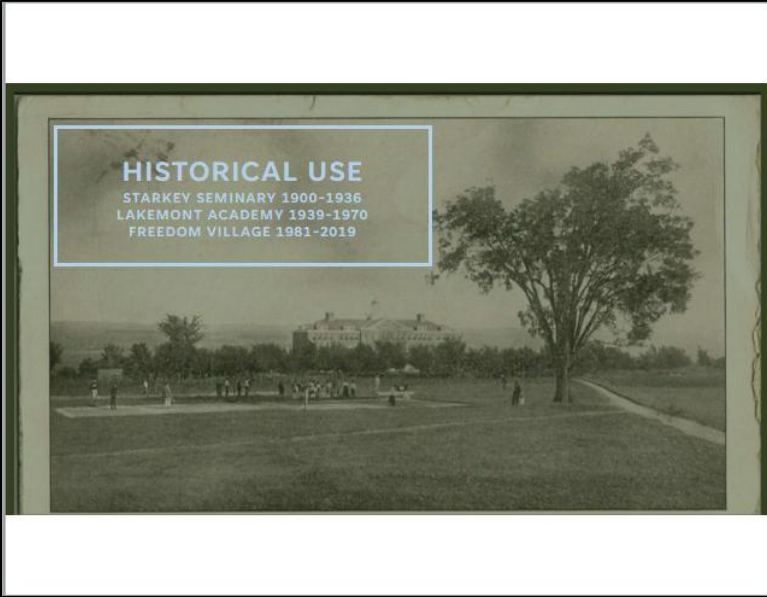
Committee Chair Holgate called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Holgate & Flynn will sign the audit this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

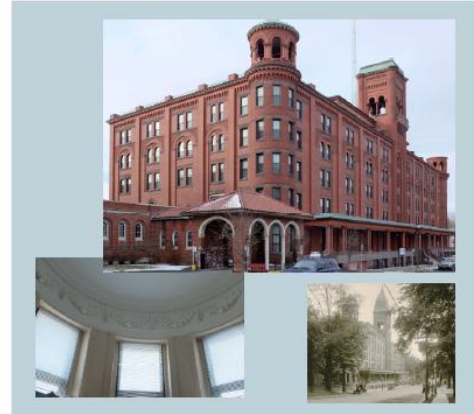
LAKEMONT LANDING ON SENECA: Kate Cronin, Roger Brandt, & Devon Corbin

		<p>AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LOCATION IDEAS FUNDING EXPERIENCE TIMELINE



- ▶ Rochester's Cornerstone Group is a real estate development, consultant, brokerage and property management firm.
- ▶ Founded in 1990, Cornerstone's resume includes:
 - ▶ Development of 2,800+ housing units in NY/PA
 - ▶ Projects in urban, suburban, and rural settings
 - ▶ Multi-family, single-family, new construction, renovation/rehab, or re-development, historic
 - ▶ Housing for families, seniors, veterans, individuals with special needs
 - ▶ An experienced property management company affiliate Cornerstone Property Managers

**SPA APARTMENTS
CLIFTON SPRINGS**



**HUBBARD
SPRINGS
NORTH CHILI**



**TOWNSIDE
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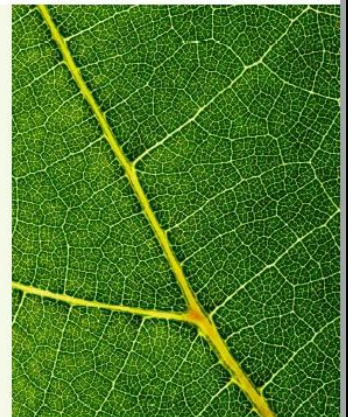


**TIMELINE AND
MILESTONES**



THANK YOU

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 Roger Brandt rogerb@rcgltld.net



REAL PROPERTY: Meghan Kincaid

Ms. Kincaid reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Town/County Tax Bills
 - Completed
 - Bill information & tax rates available on website
- B.A.R.
 - Mary Joan LeClaire was reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review in the Town of Torrey for a term ending 9/30/2030
- Upcoming
 - Assisting assessors as needed as they work to complete their 2026 assessment rolls
- 2025 Q4 Goal Status
 - Involve Sandy in more of the tax bill process-Complete
 - Renew contract for Eagleview/Pictometry-Complete
 - Meet with town tax collectors-Complete
- 2026 Goals
 - Work with VHB to train Claudia to take over the parcel joining
 - Load assessment rolls into Laserfiche
 - Load property record cards into Laserfiche

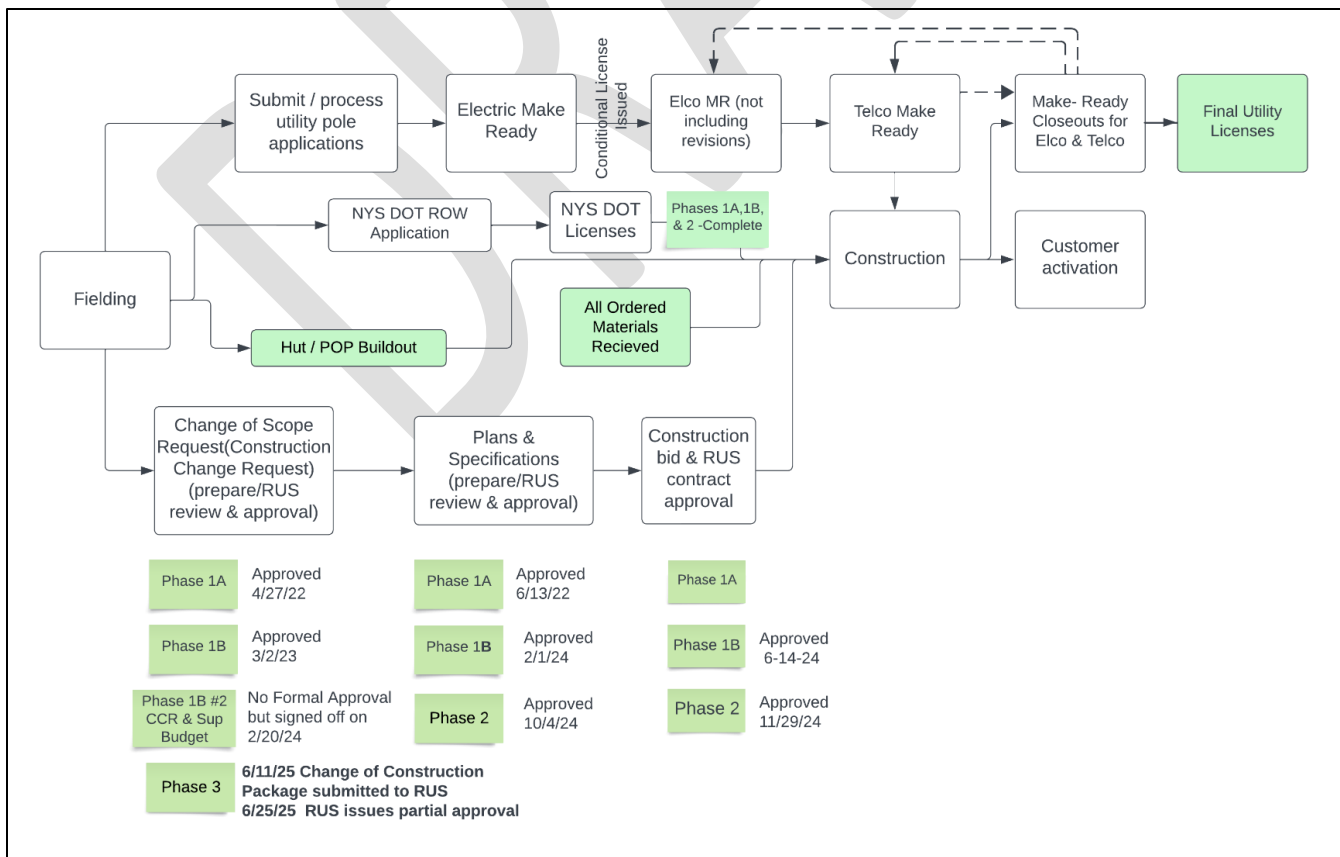
Mr. Holgate questioned the Committee to see if the following resolution(s) should proceed to the Legislative Meeting. After discussion/edits, there were no official objections.

- Authorize Chair to Sign Contract (VHB-Tech Support)

RECONNECT: Jeff Ayers

Mr. Ayers reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- ReConnect 1 Engineering & Construction



- Customers Connected
 - 32 connected and 7 pending
- Phase Updates
 - Phase 1A Trunk Route-Closed out
 - Phase 1B- There is some outstanding testing and paperwork to close this phase out
 - ◆ Possible RUS closeout submission by the New Year.
 - Phase 2
 - ◆ 1/3 of network live, and customer contact started. 2/3s still waiting on splitters from H&M
 - Phase 3
 - ◆ YES is decommissioning sections of Phase 3 that are already served
 - They will be removed before the Plans and Specs process
 - Once the maps are firmed up they will be shared with the Legislature.
 - ◆ The changes discussed to build will not be submitted for another Change of Construction approval
 - They will be covered in the Plans and Specs
- Permitting
- Empire
 - Empire has submitted the terms they would like to build to NSFAs under
 - ◆ Waiting on Yates County reply
- Nokia Equipment
 - RUS has requested additional documentation. Submitted 11/21/25
- COB POP AC
- Engineering
- Marketing
- Overall Schedule
- Financial Reporting
 - 12/19/25 GFLRPC requested another \$20K in Broadband invoices
 - ◆ Submitted their 2025 NYSEG Pole Rental Fees
 - ◆ Hopefully they see \$20K in Q1 2026
- Materials & Storage
- Make-Ready Construction
- Grant Applications

Mr. Holgate questioned the Committee to see if the following resolution(s) should proceed to the Legislative Meeting. After discussion/edits, there were no official objections.

- Authorize the Chair to Sign a Contract Modification for Services Performed by the Yates County Engineering Services (YES) Design on the ReConnect Broadband Project
- Authorize the Chair to Sign a Contract for Yates Engineering Services (YES) Design Assistance on Broadband Grants

PLANNING: Jeffrey Ayers

Mr. Ayers reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Yates County Planning Board
 - 4 Referrals
 - Comprehensive Plan for Dundee
 - Benton and Potter working on their comprehensive plans

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- Public Transportation
 - Responded to the RGRTA requests
 - Meeting with Bob Cilino scheduled to discuss what the requirements would be if RTS needed to put systems on the County towers or their radio systems
- Solid Waste
- Natural & Recreational Resources Grant
 - Creation of Ad-Hoc Award Committee requested
 - Same members as last year
- Housing-CDBG
 - Keuka Housing asked for an extension after the deadline had passed
 - New York State wasn't interested at all in that
 - They did just submit their last request for disbursement, which was \$76,000
 - Significant amount of money, \$230,000, was not utilized on that grant
- NYS EFC-Septic System Replacement Grant-Round 4
- GIS
 - Few Fire Departments reached out for mapping
- 2025 Q4 Goal Status
 - Broadband- More detailed ReConnect updates on the website-In progress
 - Getting public transportation through this transitional year-In progress
 - Increase attendance for the HHWD-Completed
- 2026 Goals
 - Conclude Construction on the 3rd Phase of the ReConnect Project (not finish the entire project)
 - Develop a GML-239 review map
 - Conclude Local Solid Waste Management Plan

Mr. Holgate questioned the Committee to see if the following resolution(s) should proceed to the Legislative Meeting. After discussion/edits, there were no official objections.

- A Resolution to Hold a Public Hearing on the Yates County Local Solid Waste Management Plan and Directing Public Notice Thereof

FINANCE: Leigh Battin

Mrs. Battin reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- NYCLASS
 - A little over \$1.6 million in interest earned, about \$18.5 million invested, & the rate is holding at a little over 3.5%
- Short-Term Rental Legislation Update
 - Scott has sent a letter to VRBO requesting them to send the data we need with their payments
- PILOTS
 - All pilot invoices were mailed on December 31st
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Flint Creek Small Watershed District January 7th
 - Audit Committee January 12th
- 2025 Q4 Goal Status
 - Reduce the number of unregistered/non-compliant Short-Term Rentals by 50%-Achieved

- Implement JP Morgan P Card Program-Achieved
- Complete 3 of the 7 assessments needed to become Certified Public Finance Officer through the Government Finance Officers Association-Achieved
- 2026 Goals
 - Implement vendor EFT payments
 - Complete Munis PACE trainings and implement concepts to streamline processes
 - Complete 3 more of the 7 assessments needed to become Certified Public Finance Officer through the Government Finance Officers Association
- 2025 Appropriations
- Sales Tax Report
 - Sales tax received to date is \$21.5 million

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- 2025 Budget Transfers
- Appropriate Aid (Records Management)
- Appropriate Assigned Fund Balance

TREASURER: Patricia Christensen (Report from Marsha Devine)

Mrs. Christensen reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- State-Owned and Franchise Properties Tax Bills
- School & Village Reliefs
- Warrants for 2026
- Tax Payment Portal / Website
- Estates
- Welcome to Patricia Christensen, Treasurer (2026-2029)
- Thank you

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Jessica Mullins

Mrs. Mullins reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Sales Tax Sharing Committee Meeting
 - February 3rd at 11:30 a.m.
- \$1M transfer to the building reserve that was already budgeted for in the 2025
 - Surpassed Sales Tax revenue & did not exhaust contingent
- ESD Infrastructure Grant- Distribution #2
 - Deadline to apply 4/1/2026

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emilee D. Miller

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Yates County Clerk of the Legislature