

AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - TOWN OF BOSTON
July 15, 2026 – 7:30 P.M.

ITEM NO. I PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer
4. Other Preliminary Matters **Schedule Public Hearing for Linwood Estates for August 19**

ITEM NO. II REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Correction and Adoption of the Minutes from June 17, 2026
2. Consideration of all Fund Bills

ITEM NO. III CORRESPONDENCE

1. Town Clerk's Report for June 2026
2. Dog Control Officer Reports for May and June 2026
3. Code Enforcement Officer Reports April, May, June 2026
4. June Income Statement & Cash Balances
5. Erie County Sewer District No. 3, Board of Managers draft meeting minutes June 10, 2026
6. NYSEG Completes Upgrades at Cobble Hill Substation in Western New York
7. NYSEG and RG&E Respond to Outages Caused by Winds and Heavy Rain
8. Comp Alliance – Recommendations for Town of Boston
9. Firefly Admin Inc., Fire Protection District LOSAP Annual Report, January 1, 2026
10. Application for Use of Meeting Facility – Town of Boston, Justice Court
11. Patchin Fire Company – 2026 Officer List, Roster, and Verified Certificate
12. Boston Fire Company – 2026 Roster, Bylaws, and Verified Certificate
13. Boston Fire Company – 2025 form 990 Extension

ITEM NO. IV NEW BUSINESS

1. Requests from the Floor (3-minute time limit per person)
2. Resolution 2026 – 54 Authorizing Expenditure from the Drainage Reserve Fund for the Anthony Gulf Streambank Stabilization Project
3. Resolution 2026 – 55 NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act – 2026 NYS Water Grant

4. Code Enforcement Officer Reed request to attend Code Training Conference
5. Letter from Director on behalf of Boston Free Library Association – request waiving the building permit and variance fees
6. Refer Todd Gallagher, 8325 Cole Road to Planning Board
7. Application for Use of Facility – Scott Fellows, Celebration of Life

ITEM NO. V OLD BUSINESS

ITEM NO. VI REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Highway Superintendent
2. Councilmembers
3. Town Clerk
4. Supervisor

ITEM NO. VII ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. Adjournment of Meeting

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7:30 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Jason Keding, Councilwoman Kelly Martin, Councilman Robert Penders, Councilwoman Kathleen Selby, and Councilman Max Stephan.

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Robert Telaak, Attorney for the Town Ryan McCann, Town Clerk Sandra Quinlan.

Supervisor Keding called the meeting to order at 7:48 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Rev. Dr. John Loeser, Churchill Memorial United Methodist Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Supervisor Keding stated there is one item under Preliminary matters.

A motion was made by Supervisor Keding and was seconded by Councilwoman Selby to schedule a public hearing for Linwood H Estates, LLC, 8965 Boston State Road, Change in Use to office space, August 19, 2026 at 7:35 pm.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

Regular business:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Selby and was seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2026 regular meeting.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and was seconded by Councilman Penders upon review by the Town Board, that fund bills in the amount of \$1,447,691.57 be paid.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

Supervisor Keding stated the following has been received and filed under correspondence:

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New business:

Requests from the Floor:

Supervisor Keding stated the floor is open for public comment.

The following persons were heard:

Richard Hawkins

Deputy Miller, Community Engagement Team, Erie County Sheriff's Office

Supervisor Keding stated the floor is closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Stephan and was seconded by Councilwoman Martin,

RESOLUTION 2026 - 54

**AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM THE
DRAINAGE RESERVE FUND FOR THE ANTHONY GULF
STREAMBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District has requested that the Town of Boston contribute funding toward a streambank stabilization and restoration project on Anthony Gulf, a tributary of Eighteen Mile Creek, located between 6573 and 6595 Valley View Lane within the Town of Boston; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the project is Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00), with the balance of the project costs to be funded through

grants secured by the Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District and contributions from the benefiting landowners; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that the project will help reduce streambank erosion, improve drainage, protect water quality, and preserve public infrastructure within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to contribute up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Town's Drainage Reserve Fund toward the project; and

WHEREAS, expenditures from the Drainage Reserve Fund are subject to permissive referendum pursuant to applicable provisions of the New York General Municipal Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Boston hereby authorizes the expenditure of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Town's Drainage Reserve Fund as the Town's contribution toward the Anthony Gulf Streambank Stabilization Project being administered by the Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such expenditure shall be subject to permissive referendum as required by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon expiration of the permissive referendum period without the filing of a valid petition, or upon approval by referendum if required, the Town Supervisor is authorized to disburse the funds and execute any documents reasonably necessary to effectuate the Town's participation in the project.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately, subject to the permissive referendum requirements of the General Municipal Law.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	Yes		

five (5) Yes

Carried

A motion was made by Councilwoman Selby and was seconded by Supervisor Keding,

RESOLUTION 2026 - 55

**NYS WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT
ACT – 2026 NYS WATER GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Boston, after thorough consideration of the various aspects of the existing conditions, problems and review of available data for the Boston drinking water system, has hereby determined that certain work, as described in the Town of Boston Water System Improvements Phase 2 map, plan and report, is required to address the repair and maintenance of the Boston drinking water system's water main and pump station infrastructure.

The Town of Boston Water System Improvements Phase 2, herein called the "Project", is desirable, is in the public interest, and is required in order to implement the Project and address said compliance requirements; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) authorizes State assistance to municipalities for drinking water quality improvement projects by

means of a contract, and the Town of Boston deems it to be in the public interest and benefit under this law to enter into a contract therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. Supervisor Jason Keding, or his representative or successor in office, is the representative authorized to act on behalf of the Boston Town Board in all matters related to State assistance under the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and/or any applicable State grant provisions.
2. The Supervisor, or his representative, is authorized to submit a 2026 NYS WIIA DW grant application in the amount of \$10,090,000 of which the Town is requesting the maximum of \$5,000,000 or 50% of the total Project cost in grant funding;
3. The Town of Boston Town Board agrees to fund its portion of the Project, approximately \$5,090,000 of the Project total, by way of a General Obligation Bond or a series of Bond Anticipation Notes, and that funds will be made available to initiate the Project efforts within 12 months of written approval of its application by the NYS Department of Health and the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation authority;
4. The one certified copy of this Resolution be prepared and submitted with the electronic WIIA grant application to the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation; and
5. This Resolution takes effect immediately.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Penders and was seconded by Councilwoman Selby to approve request from Code Enforcement Officer Robert Reed to attend the Western Southern Tier Building Officials Association code training conference September 16 through September 18, 2026.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and was seconded by Councilman Stephan to waive the building permit fee for the construction of a fence and greenhouse, and the variance fee for the greenhouse at the Boston Free Library located at 9475 Boston State Road.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Penders and was seconded by Councilwoman Selby to refer Todd Gallagher, 8325 Cole Road to Planning Board.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and was seconded by Councilwoman Selby to approve the Use of Facility application from Scott Fellows, August 29, 2026, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, for celebration of life, Community room, Lions Shelter, and bathroom facilities.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	Yes		

five (5) Yes Carried

Supervisor Keding stated that there is no Old business.

Reports and Presentations:

Highway Superintendent Telaak reported on the following:

Parks Department bucket truck has been decommissioned due to a rotted and broken frame and compromised fuel tank. He indicated the truck is used frequently for flag installations, holiday decorations, and lighting maintenance throughout town park. It's not something that we can rent when needed, renting a replacement on an as-needed basis is not practical. He stated his intent to discuss acquisition options, including purchasing through an online marketplace with Supervisor Keding. Oil and stoning the roads all went very well. Streets have all been swept and cleaned. Crews are currently mowing shoulders and preparing roads, skid paving and paving, prepping for next year's oil and stoning.

Councilwoman Selby reported on the following:

Expressed appreciation to Skylighters for the July 4th fireworks display, to the Boston Town Band for their performance, and to the firefighters and Deputy Miller for their roles in ensuring public safety at the event. Reminded residents that Tuesday evening concerts in the town park begin at 7:00 PM and encouraged community members to attend.

Councilman Penders reported on the following:

Had a prior commitment and was unable to attend the July 4th fireworks but relayed that all feedback he received indicated it was an exceptional event, better than the City of Buffalo.

Councilman Stephan reported on the following:

For the past 8 years his family have attended the Town hall fireworks and this year had stayed in the back yard to see the fireworks and enjoyed. Echoed positive comments about crowd management and parking. He encouraged the Board to carry forward lessons learned this year and keep that going for future events.

Councilwoman Martin reported on the following:

Unfortunately, was also out of town on July 4th and extended appreciation to all involved.

Town Clerk Quinlan reported on the following:

The most recent blood drive earlier in the month, 25 units collected, helping to save the lives of up to 75 local patients. The next blood drive will be on Tuesday, August 4th, held in memory of Trooper David Brinkerhoff, and encouraged community members to register. She also noted that the lights in the Town Hall display case have been updated. The current display, America 250, presented by Dick and Diane Helmbrecht.

Supervisor Keding reported on the following:

Meeting Schedule Reminder: With the summer schedule, there will be no meeting on August 5th, the next Town board meeting will be August 19th.
July 4th Fireworks: The Supervisor acknowledged that he, like several board members, was away for the event, but praised the planning work done in coordination with Deputy Miller and the Town's Emergency Manager and commended the outcome based on widely positive public feedback.

Mobile DMV Unit: Announced that a mobile DMV unit operated by the Erie County Clerk's office will be present at Town Hall on September 11th,

in the court room. Residents will be able to conduct license renewals, vehicle registrations, and other DMV-related transactions on-site.

Playground Redesign Initiative: The Town will be launching a public outreach effort inviting community input—particularly from children—on the redesign of the playground behind Town Hall. A design contest format is being considered. The Supervisor noted that early proposals suggest the project could cost in excess of \$500,000 due to regulatory requirements for play surfaces and equipment. Details will be posted on town social media and the website.

WIA Grant Application: This will be the eighth time for the grant application and trying to pull taxpayer dollars back to the Town.

Encouraged residents to submit letters of support for the water grant application via the town website, noting that support from Congressional, State, and County representatives is anticipated.

All Electric Buildings Act: A federal appeals court has upheld New York State's All Electric Buildings Act, which will require Code Enforcement Officers, as agents of New York State, to enforce fossil fuel restrictions. He urged residents not to direct frustration at code enforcement staff.

Piggybacking Authority Extended: The legal authority for municipalities to piggyback on State and County bids has been extended through June 2027, following a court ruling that had initially placed it in question.

Data Center Moratorium: The Supervisor expressed support for Governor Hochul's executive order placing a moratorium on data centers in New York State, citing concerns about heat generation and water consumption.

Nuclear Energy Guidance: NYSEERDA is developing nuclear energy guidance, which may become a relevant consideration for the Town Board in the future.

ARPA Closeout: The Town has received federal treasury approval to close out its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) report.

LOSAP Funding Progress: The Supervisor reported that the Length of Service Award Point (LOSAP) program for firefighters and first responders has improved from 46 percent funded to 49 percent funded.

The total liability stands at \$5,700,000, with unfunded liabilities now reduced to \$2,900,000. This progress has been achieved through the allocation of excess sales tax revenue alongside regular contributions.

Water District Phase 1 is 99.45 percent complete, with two remaining residential connections outstanding. Phase 2 planning is pending New York State DEC approval of the design plan, which involves significant geotechnical and environmental review components.

Regarding the Patchin Boot Drive Fundraiser; General Municipal Law states that prior to engaging in any fundraising activities, a fire company must provide written notice to the municipality stating that the fire company plans to conduct a fundraising activity. If it is not approved by the Town board, the firefighter and the company, if they are injured, disabled, or killed while participation in a fundraising activity that is not

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approved, the volunteer fire benefits law will not bestow benefits upon the firefighter, spouse, or children.

Paving of Boston State Road is substantially complete. Striping has not yet been scheduled, working to obtain a timeline. He noted that at least nine residents have contacted his office regarding lift issues at driveways and in front of Town Hall. He encouraged residents to also contact the Erie County Highway Department directly; constituent voices carry significant weight with the County.

A motion was made by Supervisor Keding and was seconded by Councilman Penders to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Supervisor Keding	Yes	Councilwoman Martin	Yes
Councilman Penders	Yes	Councilwoman Selby	Yes
Councilman Stephan	Yes		

five (5) Yes

Carried

Open Meetings Law, Public Officers Law, Article 7, §106. Minutes.

Minutes shall be taken at all open meetings of a public body which shall consist of a record or summary of all motions, proposals, resolutions and any other matter formally voted upon and the vote thereon.

These minutes are an unofficial copy unless the original signature of the Town Clerk is affixed below. The original official paper minutes are stored in the Town's vault.

SANDRA L. QUINLAN, BOSTON TOWN CLERK