



The Town of
New Hartford

Town Hall Highlights



August 5, 2026 Board Meeting Highlights

*From the office of James Messa,
New Hartford Town Supervisor*

As summer comes to a close, there is a great deal happening at Town Hall as we plan for the remainder of 2026 and the year ahead.

2027 Town Budget Process is Underway.

Preliminary meetings have been held with department heads and our comptrollers from **The Bonadio Group** to review departmental needs and gather budget information. Additional meetings will continue as we work toward developing a responsible spending plan that carefully considers Town operations, expenses and opportunities for savings.

Benefits Brokerage Services.

We have also completed our review of the Town’s employee benefits brokerage services. Following presentations from four firms and a review of their services, the Town Board selected **Adirondack Financial Services as the Town’s benefits broker**. This will allow us to consolidate health, dental and vision benefits under one broker and streamline administration for the Town.

Stormwater Initiatives.

Stormwater management and infrastructure remain major priorities. The Town Board recently authorized moving forward with the 2nd retention pond in the **Roman Rd/Twyndom** area, not to exceed \$347,006. The project is funded through the Town’s 2025 Bond Anticipation Note (BAN), supplemented by County funding. By utilizing the County bid and supplementing the work with Town resources, we will look for opportunities to reduce the final project cost.

The Board also authorized a 24-inch drainage crossing on **Oneida Street in Chadwicks**, including related sidewalk and asphalt repairs, concrete outlet structures and grates, at a cost not to exceed \$23,660. Funding available through the Town’s Downtown Chadwicks BAN is being utilized for this work. Preliminary discussions are also underway regarding potential future work in the **Mallory Road** area.

Grant Opportunities.

We continue to actively pursue grant opportunities to help fund Town priorities. Working with MRB Group, recent efforts have included grant opportunities for our **Police Dept.** and a new vacuum truck for the **Highway Dept.** The MS4 grant application for the vacuum truck was submitted July 30. The Board authorized the purchase at a cost not to exceed \$378,342, with the Town’s 25% match. Any grant reimbursement received will be returned to the Highway Fund. This specialized equipment is an important tool for maintaining our stormwater and drainage infrastructure.

Senior Services.

I am also excited about a new opportunity for our senior community. The Town Board has approved an agreement with the **Presbyterian Home** allowing us to use its Activity Room for senior activities, with meals also available through the facility. We see this as an opportunity to expand programming and provide another welcoming place for our seniors to gather.

We are seeking volunteers! If you have time, ideas or talents to share and would like to become involved with our senior programming, we would love to hear from you.

There is much more ahead, and I look forward to keeping you updated as we continue moving New Hartford forward.

James J. Messa
New Hartford Town Supervisor



Highway Department News

*Submitted by: Richard Sherman,
Highway Superintendent*

As summer comes to an end, I want to thank the many residents who made the brush pick-up process run more smoothly by properly placing their brush at the curb. It has been a busy summer and our brush piles have been overwhelming at times. We appreciate your patience throughout the season.

LAST BRUSH PICKUP FOR 2026

Ward 1: Sept 21 Ward 3: Sept 28
Ward 2: Sept 16 Ward 4: Sept 23

Please plan to get your brush to the curb for the set dates. We will not pick up any brush after these dates, unless we have storm event that requires pick ups. The crew will be working on other projects.

TAG ITEMS- please purchase your tags by September 4 for a TUESDAY September 8 pickup. Please note September 7 is a holiday so pick up will be on Tuesday September 8. This also applies to trash drop off at the Highway Garage. The last drop off at the Highway garage will be Monday, Sept 28.

CURBSIDE TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE:

WARD 1, Oct 5 -Oct 9: Place at curb no earlier than 10/4 and no later than 6:30 AM on 10/6

WARD 2, Oct 12 - Oct 16: Place at curb no earlier than 10/11 and no later than 6:30 AM on 10/13

WARD 3, Oct 19 - Oct 23: Place at curb no earlier than 10/18 and no later than 6:30 AM on 10/20

WARD 4, Oct 26 - Oct 30: Place at curb no earlier than 10/25 and no later than 6:30 AM on 10/27

Leaf Collection

As fall arrives, leaf collection will begin the first week of October and continue through the first snowfall. So, please get your leaves to the curb early. Please do not place leaves in plastic bags or containers such as plastic garbage cans. Our four leaf trucks will be out working to pick up the leaves. There will be one truck in each Ward.



PLEASE DO NOT MIX LEAVES WITH ANY OTHER ARTICLES. No sticks, stones, pumpkins or green waste. Just leaves. Mixed debris will cause damage to the machine’s impeller fan causing it to go down during our busiest season. **Mixed loads will not be picked up.**

Construction work continues with concrete joint repairs to **Oneida Street in Chadwicks**. Cross-over drainage pipe improvements are being done in this area. After that is complete, paving will start. The work needed for sidewalks will go out to bid. Work continues on the **Roman Road Detention Pond** project. **Oneida Street and Chapman Road** work continues, with new light signal poles being installed. Please use caution when traveling through this area. We appreciate your patience while we get through these projects.

The Highway crew is finishing the bridge work at Sherrill Brook Park. New footers have been poured and the new bridge should be installed by late September.

Our mechanics are working on getting our snow equipment ready for the upcoming season.

Any questions, please call me at: 315-534-2998 or e-mail at: rsherman@townofnewhartfordny.gov.



Hunting Licenses Now Available

Submitted by: Michele Moran

Hunting licenses, trapping licenses, and Deer Management Permits (DMPs) for the 2026-2027 license year are now available through the Town Clerk's Office.

Licenses may be obtained in one of two ways:

- Online through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) licensing system: <https://decals.east.licensing.app/>
- In person at the Town Clerk's Office, where staff are available to assist residents as a DEC issuing agent.

Please note that all licenses are now printed on 8.5" x 11" paper. A \$1 printing fee will be charged at the Clerk's Office in addition to any applicable licensing fees.

The NYS DEC has also implemented several changes to deer hunting regulations for the 2026-2027 season. Hunters are encouraged to renew their licenses and review the updated regulations by visiting: <https://decals.east.licensing.app/>

For questions or assistance, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE

Town Board Meeting	09/02	6:00pm
Planning Board Meeting	09/16	5:30pm
ZBA Meeting	09/21	6:00pm
Stormwater Committee Meeting	09/09	6:00pm

Schedule subject to change.
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