

**TOWN OF HORNBY
PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW #1 &
PUBLIC HEARING ON 2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET &
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HORNBY TOWN BOARD
NOVEMBER 5, 2025**

A public hearing on the 2026 Preliminary Budget and a special meeting of the Hornby Town Board to work on the 2026 budget, and to deal with other town business as was deemed necessary were held on Monday November 5, 2025, at the Hornby Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Justin Eberlin, Councilmembers Steve Reed, Hazel Russell, and John Hale, and Town Clerk Pam Smith. Shannon Eberlin also attended the meeting.

The public hearing on Local Law # 1 – Local Override Law was opened at 6:00pm and the legal notice as published in The Leader was read by Supervisor Eberlin.

The one visitor did not comment on the proposed local law.

MOTION by Hale, seconded by Reed,

To close the public hearing at 6:03pm.

Vote: Eberlin – aye, Reed – aye, Russell – aye, McLaughlin – absent, Hale – aye.

The public hearing on the 2026 Preliminary Budget was opened at 6:04pm and the legal notice as published in The Leader was read by Supervisor Eberlin.

The one visitor did not comment on the proposed budget.

MOTION by Reed, seconded by Russell,

To close the public hearing at 6:10pm.

Vote: Eberlin – aye, Reed – aye, Russell – aye, McLaughlin – absent, Hale – aye.

The special meeting of the town board was opened at 6:11 by Supervisor Eberlin.

Discussion was held on the new kennel law. Hornby has just been informed that their kennel will fail on December 15th. There is no heat, no air conditioning and no urine smell indicator, among other new requirements.

MOTION by Russell, seconded by Hale,

To approve Local Law # 1 of 2026, a local law overriding the tax levy limit.

Vote: Eberlin – aye, Reed – aye, Russell – aye, McLaughlin – absent, Hale – aye.

Discussion was held on the budget. The Town Board expressed dissatisfaction regarding the necessity of raising taxes, however this increase was essential to meet Town expenses, offset higher insurance costs, and unfunded mandates.

The preliminary budget was reviewed one more time, line by line, by the town board.

RESOLUTION by Russell, seconded by Hale,

To make the 2026 Preliminary Budget the Final Budget for 2026.

Vote: Eberlin – aye, Reed – aye, Russell – aye, McLaughlin – absent, Hale – aye.

MOTION by Russell, seconded by Hale,

To adjourn the meeting at 6:22.

Vote: Eberlin – aye, Reed – aye, Russell – aye, McLaughlin – absent, Hale – aye.

Pamela A. Smith
Hornby Town Clerk