

SENECA TOWN BOARD

Financial Workshop #2 | March 9th, 2026

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The Financial Workshop #2 of the Town of Seneca was held on March 9th, 2026, at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall, 3675 Flint Rd., Stanley, NY 14561.

Supervisor Grammar led the Pledge of Allegiance, then Roll Call was completed so that all in attendance were acquainted.

This meeting was largely focused on discussing a portion of the Comprehensive Plan.

“The Town of Seneca should ensure that there is developable land in and around the hamlet areas to accommodate development while minimizing encroachment of development in Ag Areas.”

The major question was what this means to us and is 5 & 20 a part of this. Supervisor Grammar has gotten questions about running sewer along the entire 5 & 20 corridor. Supervisor Grammar wanted to open this topic up for discussion with the board.

Councilman Mosher remembers a time when they contemplated running sewer from the Landfill to Geneva and Geneva said they wouldn't take it, adding that the cost is crazy with little to no demand. Supervisor Grammar agreed that the demand isn't there; however, the County is very pro-housing. If we were to express interest in sewer, the County would push demand to us for housing. The County has recognized that the Town of Seneca leans more toward being Ag-Friendly and not housing friendly and they have respected that.

One area that was heavily discussed was the field in between the Friendly Dealership and the Harley Dealership. It's about 45 acres there and it's already plumbed; however, the big problem in a lot of places is that there's no power to put more homes in. Supervisor Grammar stated that if we did have capacity for sewer and electric and opened that area up-housing would be pushed there harder than business would. Her gut tells her it would be housing going in. Her main question to the board is if we would like to see housing come in or keep the Agricultural and Rural focus on.

Councilman Malyj stated that if someone wants to move here, he would like to make it (at least) possible.

Councilman Mosher questioned the long-term viability of the Sewer District if the 5 & 20 corridor was not turned into housing. At this time, it wouldn't be able to survive. Adding that housing would ensure the viability of that system.

Supervisor Grammar and Board Members briefly discussed that there are a lot of grants available for expanding sewer-specifically on the environmental side. The major benefit to sewer is the protection of the lakes. These grants are a small dent in a project of this size. Supervisor Grammar also had good point in saying that if the Farm Owners on 5 & 20 aren't willing to sell their land for any reason, then would the sewer be worth the cost.

The bottom line on the sewer discussion: extending the sewer through the entire town is very unrealistic; however, the idea of expanding it a little bit is more approachable.

While housing and sewer were the main topic of tonight's meeting, some other topics discussed were availability of recreational space and green energy and what might happen when the landfill closes with the ideas in the Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor Grammar and Bookkeeper Wright spoke with the Highway and Water Departments and gathered a "wants, needs, and dreams" list from them and requested that they write *everything* on that as well as form a bit of a long-term plan.

There were some discussions about other Town's possibly hooking into our water (noting that nothing set in stone and just an idea at this time).

The next financial meeting was scheduled for April 14th, 2026, at 5:00 pm [and eventually was postponed to a later date, to be decided on at the Regular Meeting on April 21st].

Supervisor Grammar gave out some tasks for each board member to take on for the Town. Her approach would be to divide and conquer various areas in the Town. All the Board Members agreed to that and thought it was a great idea.

With nothing left to be discussed, the workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm by a motion made by Supervisor Grammar that was seconded by Councilwoman Moon. All were in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Haley S. Eagley
Town Clerk