



Town of Marbletown

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Ulster County Board of Elections
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Dear Ulster County Board of Elections,

On April 21, 2026, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown passed a resolution establishing a Department of Public Works and abolishing the elected office of Town Highway Superintendent.

Enclosed please find the resolution and the language the town would like on the ballot in November 2026.

Thank you,

Heather Moody
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector

Cc: Supervisor Richard Parete



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Proposition for the 2026 ballot in the Town of Marbletown.

‘Shall the Town of Marbletown abolish the elective office of Superintendent of Highways and authorize the Town Board to create a Department of Public Works, to be administered by a Commissioner of Public Works appointed by the Town Board, who shall assume the powers and duties previously vested in the Superintendent of Highways, together with such additional duties as may be assigned by the Town Board?’



TOWN OF MARBLETOWN

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown was convened in a public session of the Town Hall, 1925 Lucas Ave Cottekill, New York on April 7, 2026, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. local time. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rich Parete, and, upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT: Rich Parete, Max Stratton, Lisa Giannico, Tim Hunt and Daisy Foote (via Zoom)

ABSENT:

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Giannico and seconded by Councilman Hunt

**RESOLUTION #54-2026; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW
ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ABOLISHING THE ELECTED
OFFICE OF TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

WHEREAS, a proposed Local Law entitled "A Local Law Establishing a Department of Public Works and Abolishing the Elected Office of Town Highway Superintendent" has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is required to hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown shall hold a public hearing on the proposed Local Law on:

April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Rondout Municipal Center, 1925 Lucas Ave. Cottekill, NY 12419; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at such time and place, all people interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish and post a notice of said public hearing in accordance with law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Giannico	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Stratton	Voting <u>Aye</u>

Resolution #54-2026 was there upon adopted.

Heather Moody, Town Clerk

Dated: April 7, 2026



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A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown was convened in public session at the Town Hall, 1925 Lucas Ave Cottekill, New York on April 21, 2026, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. local time. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Richard Parete, and, upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT: Rich Parete, Max Stratton, Lisa Giannico, Tim Hunt and Daisy Foote

ABSENT:

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Giannico and seconded by Councilman Stratton

RESOLUTION #56-2026: ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ABOLISHING THE ELECTED OFFICE OF TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, SUBJECT TO MANDATORY REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown has duly introduced and considered a proposed Local Law entitled:

"A Local Law Establishing a Department of Public Works and Abolishing the Elected Office of Town Highway Superintendent"; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has conducted a public hearing on said proposed Local Law on April 14, 2026, in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Home Rule Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Town to modernize and improve the efficiency, coordination, and accountability of public works operations by establishing a Department of Public Works under the direction of an appointed Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §23, a local law which abolishes an elective office is subject to a **mandatory referendum**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown hereby adopts the proposed Local Law entitled:

"A Local Law Establishing a Department of Public Works and Abolishing the Elected Office of Town Highway Superintendent"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such Local Law shall be **subject to a mandatory referendum** to be submitted to the qualified electors of the Town of Marbletown at the **General Election to be held on November 3, 2026**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of the Local Law and all required documentation to the Ulster County Board of Elections for placement on the ballot,

and to take all actions necessary to comply with applicable provisions of the Election Law and Municipal Home Rule Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to file the adopted Local Law with the New York State Department of State following approval by the voters, in accordance with law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Parete	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Foote	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Giannico	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Hunt	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Stratton	Voting <u>Aye</u>

Resolution #56-2026 was there upon adopted.

Heather Moody, Town Clerk

Dated: April 21, 2026

LOCAL LAW NO. OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ABOLISHING THE ELECTED OFFICE OF TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Section 1. Legislative Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to towns under the New York State Constitution, the Municipal Home Rule Law, and the Town Law of the State of New York, including the authority to restructure town government and administrative offices.

Section 2. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this Local Law is to improve the efficiency and coordination of town operations by establishing a Department of Public Works responsible for highway maintenance and related services, under the supervision of an appointed Director of Public Works.

Section 3. Abolition of Elected Office

The elective office of Town Highway Superintendent of the Town of Marbletown is hereby abolished, effective at the expiration of the term of the current Highway Superintendent.

Section 4. Creation of Department of Public Works

There is hereby established a **Department of Public Works (DPW)** for the Town of Marbletown.

The Department shall be responsible for the administration, supervision, and operation of:

- town highways and bridges
- snow and ice removal
- drainage systems
- highway equipment and facilities
- other public works functions assigned by the Town Board.

Section 5. Director of Public Works

The Department of Public Works shall be headed by a **Director of Public Works**, who shall be appointed by the Town Board.

The Director shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Board unless otherwise specified by resolution or local policy.

Section 6. Qualifications

The Director of Public Works shall possess education, training, and experience in public works management, engineering, highway maintenance, construction, or related fields as determined by the Town Board.

Section 7. Powers and Duties

The Director of Public Works shall have responsibility for the supervision and administration of the Town's public works operations, including those duties formerly assigned to the Town Highway Superintendent under applicable provisions of state law, subject to the authority of the Town Board.

Section 8. Employees

All employees of the Highway Department shall become employees of the Department of Public Works and shall retain their existing rights and benefits under applicable law, collective bargaining agreements, and civil service rules.

Section 9. Mandatory Referendum

This Local Law shall be subject to a mandatory referendum pursuant to Section 23 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 10. Effective Date

If approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at a general or special election, this Local Law shall take effect December 31, 2026, at 11:59PM.

Section 11. Severability

If any provision of this Local Law shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect the remainder thereof.

Section 12. Filing

This Local Law shall be filed with the New York State Department of State in accordance with law