

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
COLDENHAM FIRE DISTRICT
COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK**

NOTICE OF RESOLUTION 2026-3

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A PUBLIC EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO NYS
GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 103(4) FOR THE IMMEDIATE ACQUISITION OF
TEMPORARY APPARATUS STORAGE FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Coldenham Fire District is responsible for providing critical fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services to the inhabitants and property within the Fire District; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2026, an unforeseen structure fire occurred at the fire station located at 511 Coldenham Road, Walden, NY 12586 resulting in the sudden and total loss of use of the apparatus bays; and

WHEREAS, leaving emergency vehicles exposed to weather elements, future freezing temperatures, unsecured conditions, and inability to house them ready for immediate dispatch, severely compromises the operational readiness of fire apparatus and directly threatens the life, health, safety, and property of the inhabitants of the Fire District; and

WHEREAS, the time required to follow formal competitive bidding procedures under NYS General Municipal Law § 103 would necessitate a delay that is detrimental to public safety and makes standard advertising for bids unworkable under these urgent circumstances; and

WHEREAS, NYS General Municipal Law § 103(4) provides an exception from competitive bidding requirements in the case of a public emergency arising out of an unforeseen occurrence or condition affecting public property where immediate action is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby formally determines and declares that a public emergency exists arising from the unforeseen loss of apparatus storage facilities which affects public safety and property; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby authorizes the immediate procurement, rental, lease, or erection of temporary apparatus storage facilities and related emergency site work and utility connections, bypassing formal competitive bidding as permitted by NYS General Municipal Law § 103(4); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners is authorized to execute any emergency contracts, purchase orders, or rental agreements necessary to secure said temporary facilities expeditiously; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Commissioner Joe Keenan moved, Commissioner Dan Abbatiello ¹¹⁰seconded, and the Board of Fire Commissioners voted as follows:

Commissioner Wayne Jacobowitz: - Absent

Commissioner Daleann Cruver: - yes

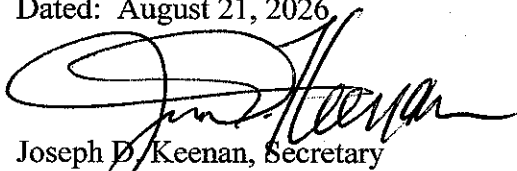
Commissioner Daniel Abbatiello: - yes

Commissioner Frederick Stipak: - Absent

Commissioner Joseph Keenan: - yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted and approved by 60 % percent of the total voting power of such Board of Fire Commissioners.

Dated: August 21, 2026.



Joseph D. Keenan, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners
Coldenham Fire District