

**Business of the Village Board  
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: Booth River Park Easements

Date: 7/14/2025

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee Brunette

BILL #94-2025

DATE SUBMITTED: 7/10/2025

EXHIBITS: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Village Attorney

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Village Administration

EXPENDITURE  
REQUIRED: \$0

AMOUNT  
BUDGETED: \$0

APPROPRIATION  
REQUIRED: \$0

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Resolution authorizing the Village of Saranac Lake to Secure Easements for Boothe River Park Project

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

MOVED BY: White      SECONDED BY: Scollin

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS

no

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE RYAN

yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

yes

TRUSTEE WHITE

yes

A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Saranac Lake to  
Secure Easements for the Boothe River Park Project

WHEREAS, the Tom Boothe Whitewater Park project—now referred to as *Boothe River Park*—was identified by the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Local Project Committee as a priority community project and was awarded \$410,616 in state funding; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees previously adopted a resolution to accept sponsorship of this project, recognizing its alignment with the Village's broader recreation and placemaking goals; and

WHEREAS, in order to fulfill its role as project sponsor and facilitate the use of DRI grant funds, the Village must obtain legal easements for site access and construction, consistent with the requirements of New York State and all project partners; and

WHEREAS, the Village has identified budget line 001-1940-0400 (Purchase Land / Right-of-Way) with available funds that may be used to cover costs associated with purchasing, legal services, title work, surveying, and recording of such easements; and

WHEREAS, the Village's use of these funds for project-related access easements does not constitute construction of the water feature itself, and is instead a necessary legal and administrative step to fulfill grant obligations and uphold the Village's fiduciary responsibilities as project sponsor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the use the remaining balance of the unused funds as of the close of FY 2025, and FY 2026 as necessary, from the budget line 001-1940-0400 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to secure the necessary easements for the Boothe River Park project, including payment for legal, surveying, title, or filing fees as required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Manager is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to complete and record said easements in compliance with applicable state and local laws.