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CLIFTON PARK SUPERVISOR PHIL BARRETT SELECTED CHAIR OF SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN 2024

BALLSTON SPA, NY – Town of Clifton Park Supervisor Philip C. Barrett was selected Tuesday to chair the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors in 2024. Barrett received an overwhelming majority of votes from his colleagues on the 23-member Board of Supervisors at the board's annual organization meeting.

"I am honored and thankful to my colleagues for selecting me to chair the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors," Barrett said. "The Board has moved forward in a positive and unified manner in recent years, allowing us to successfully accept the challenge of completing large scale initiatives that will shape the future of Saratoga County for decades into the future. The next couple of years will further illustrate our commitment to producing results for Saratoga County residents and instilling an unmatched record of achievement where we manage success, not decline."

Phil Barrett is currently serving in his 13th term as Clifton Park Town/County Supervisor. During his time in office, Supervisor Barrett has successfully worked to secure private sector investment to redevelop Clifton Park's Town Center, permanently preserved 1700 acres of property which were added to the parks and recreation system, built 17 miles of new trails, lowered taxes, saved the taxpayers more than \$1.5 million through operational reforms at the Town's formerly ailing ice arena, initiated a Full Day Summer Camp, instituted a model Ethics Law and many other important initiatives.

Supervisor Barrett served as the Chairman of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors in 2007 and currently serves on the board of the Saratoga County Water Authority. Supervisor Barrett also has experience as a military officer and a career in the private sector where he last served as a VP for Key Bank.

Surrogate Court Judge Jonathan Schopf administered the oath of office for Chairman Barrett during Wednesday's meeting. County Clerk Hayner also swore in six new county supervisors and 17 returning supervisors for 2024.

During the meeting, Saratoga Springs Supervisor Mathew Veitch was selected as Vice Chairman of the Board and will Chair the County's Law & Finance Committee. He was sworn in as Vice Chair by Surrogate Court Judge Jonathan Schopf. Committee assignments were also distributed to the members of the Board by Chairman Barrett.

Saratoga County Board of Supervisors regular Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY; they are open to the public and livestreamed at www.saratogacountyny.gov.

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