

**Town of Caroline**  
**Town Board Agenda Meeting Minutes**  
**April 3, 2007**

The agenda meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on April 3, 2007 at the Town Hall was called to order by Supervisor Don Barber at 7:02 p.m.

**Present:** Don Barber, Supervisor  
Ed Cope, Councilman  
Tim Seely, Councilman  
Dominic Frongillo, Councilman  
Nelly Farnum, Councilwoman

**Recording Secretary:** Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk

### **Monthly Reports**

#### **Nelly Farnum**

- Emergency Preparedness Committee met 3/22 at BCC. 21 people attended. Main activity was to review step by step what happened with the fire in Varna on 3/4 -- a major fire in an area with no hydrants. Representatives from the fire companies were there who were part of the fire response fielded questions. Principal from Caroline school gave an endorsement to the first responders. On 3/8, Don, Beth Harrington, Greg Harrington, Cindy and Nelly went over NIMS checklist. Found holes; Nelly to revise. Now committee is working on flyer on floods and revising the emergency plan.
- Larkin Land: Guy said that an individual cannot donate land to a town in perpetuity with the condition it never be changed. But if donated as a park land, town laws are very strong in protecting parks and rec land in perpetuity. Kathleen Quinlan and others from her Trails and Natural Areas Work Group (formed from comprehensive plan) are meeting with Nelly on the 4/18 about proceeding.
- Meeting 4/14 with Pat Brhel and Barb about library funding in the future.
- Thomas Rd crossing: Nelly participated in a crossing.
- Attended meeting at the MacCormick Center as Town liaison.
- 4/24 will go to Cayuga Medical Center meeting as town rep.
- Emergency radio tower obstruction law. Guy doesn't know of any laws on books yet. Enforcement issue: code enforcement officer. The way it is written up comes close to being a law.
- Revision of community service award. Don: This is a policy we would adopt into a resolution.

#### **Tim Seely**

- Comments from Guy on contract with architect. Just received. Will review.
- Fire alarm system in this building. Don: Greg Harrington would know how it works as far as alerting emergency agencies. Pleasant Vally installed it and would also have records.
- Work session for noise. Asked everyone to look at the comments to the template provided by Guy, Don, and Tim before session.

#### **Dominic Frongillo**

##### Energy Independent Caroline

- EIC will host discussions for residents about issues with energy. Contact Elan Shapiro at 275-0249 or [elansla@ecovillate.ithaca.ny.us](mailto:elansla@ecovillate.ithaca.ny.us)
- Business plan for starting a community-owned windpower enterprise has advanced to the second round in competition. Only 30 teams nationwide made it this far; all 30 get detailed feedback. The 3 finalists get \$1000 in grant money and to also choose from a basket of prizes.
- Journal article featuring Energy Independent Caroline. Don saw a blog mentioning the Journal article.
- EIC will publish energy tips in The Old Mill starting April

##### Watershed Committee

- Host public info session on May 15 at 7 p.m. Needs to be published in Journal

- Don and possibly Craig Schutt will meet with Community Science Institute to discuss how to facilitate communication between municipal partners and volunteer stream monitoring program.
- Stormwater law: the committee reiterated that 50 ft is appropriate for the town.
- Dominic drafted letter of intent to interested agencies.
- Caroline will host training for highway personnel and volunteers on 4/16 at 8:30 am – 1:30 pm at BFD for state-mandated Illicit Discharge Law.
- Barry Goodrich will meet with Tim and Cindy about ensuring the town barns are in compliance with MS4 requirements of minimum measure 6.
- Committee recommends Barrile Phase II as the name of the stream project between 79 bridge and Creamery Rd, just downstream of Barrile Stream Restoration Project. Meeting soon between town, TC S&W, TG Miller, IRS to discuss IRS date needs. Should invite Scott Gibson of City of Ithaca.
- Barrile Phase I: Committee and TC S&W will host a tree planting day on 5/21 at site. Volunteers needed. Contact Barry Goodrich at 539-7252.
- Shared Services: officials from Newfield, Ulysses, and Caroline will meet on 4/4 to continue drafting responsibilities of shared stormwater officer. Caroline has offered to be host municipality.

#### Rec Partnership Board

- Rec Partnership released registration numbers for 2006. Total registrations from Caroline was 208; total unduplicated registrations was 137. 4/19, Rec Partnership board will discuss role of potential coordinator position

#### Website

- Minutes from recent months are now posted.

#### Ed Cope

- Planning board will meet Thursday. Will outline junk proposal. Public meetings April 19 at Town Hall; April 25 at BCC 7 pm. Dominic thought the law was moving fast. Tim and Don pointed out the law would be a stepped process; even if law passed, it would take a couple years or so to actually take effect. Nelly pointed out that it was the number one concern of citizens when they were asked for input for plan. Also, part of plan is to assist people who would be affected.
- Town now has a contract with a consultant

#### Don Barber

- Somehow when Scott Whittaker was appointed working foreman, county personnel did away with Scott's heavy equipment operator position. Town needs to reinstate the position by resolution.
- Meeting with SPCA: talked to the SPCA about enforcing dog ordinance. Met with Guy and director of SPCA. One suggestion: delete one word from dog law: "private" property – and the resulting problem dealing with the pack of dogs issue. SPCA ready now to deal with barking issue, made this commitment.
- Speedsville light does not qualify for public safety since there's no record or measure of accidents. However, it's the only pole on that street without a light. Don will look into it.

### Agenda Topics

Community Service Award resolution, Review atty's coments on architect's contract, introduce driveway and culvert policy, Resolution to recreate heavy equipment operator position, Introduce communication tower law

### Adjourn

On a motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk