

Caroline Town Board Minutes, February 6, 2008

The Public Hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on February 6, 2008 at the Town Hall was called to order by Supervisor Don Barber at 7:04 p.m.

Present:

Don Barber, Town Supervisor
Dominic Frongillo, Councilman
Linda Adams, Councilwoman
Toby McDonald, Councilman
Pete Hoyt, Councilman

Recording

Secretary: Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk

Public Hearing on Proposed Illicit Discharge Local Law

Mr. Barber read the proposed Local Law to Prohibit Illicit Discharge, Activities, and Connections to the Separate Storm Sewer System.

No public comments were offered.

The public hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

The regular meeting commenced.

Privilege of the Floor

Susan Barr, 368 Brooktondale Rd: (chair, Planning Board) Planning Board has will hold “stakeholder” and “landowner” meetings for the Spring, and has created goals for the Comprehensive Plan (see attached). She personally thinks that if nothing is done to guide change, change will come anyway and residents will have no control over it. Change might come that will not be welcome (fireworks testing facility, tire retread facility). If someone wants to put in a 200,000 sf mall, and town asks to see the plan, that’s a form of zoning. There’s inflexible zoning and flexible zoning, which gives the town and residents room for negotiation. Could regulate new building of business development, and leave out personal property. After meetings with residents of different areas in the town, they’ll incorporate feedback into some form, then go back to the community. Trying to build consensus.

Mr. Hoyt question: any place in the plan that defines “way of life?” Answer: continuing the rural, residential, small business mix. Minimal legislation possible. People want land values to stay consistent. Don Barber: plan does not talk about protecting “way of life.”

Mr. Hoyt: Are meetings public or by invitation only. Discussion: public, but these are focus meetings of small groups to target different pockets in town and organizations. The mission of these small groups is to go out in town and disseminate the info they’ve heard. Mr. Barber points out that although it’s a meeting for a small group Planning Board has invited, others can attend and listen. This way, there will be more informed people to go out to the public. Invite-only gives the assumption that anyone else is precluded.

Bert Cooley, 6 Besemer Road: Thinks it would be in the best interest of the town to establish a formal IT procedure. Should have an IT committee and he is willing to serve.

Molly Adams, 488 Valley Road: wrote to the postal service during the 30-day comment period. Gave board copy (see February correspondence). Encourages town board to continue to pursue the possibility of housing Post Office. Also turned in a voucher for the health department to get a septic permit. Discussion of whether it’s premature to apply for a permit.

Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports

Dominic Frongillo

Mr. Frongillo’s report is attached.

Public information committee: not existing yet. Mr. Hoyt will talk to Tompkins Weekly as a possible place to post information.

Pete Hoyt

Did some building maintenance. Met with town youth group. Attended all-hazards meeting. Will ask Scott Doyle/Beth Harrington to make sure we're current on what Board needs to do to receive FEMA money on applications and forms.

Toby McDonald

Annex committee has met twice; meeting first and third Mondays of each month. Made lots of progress; weighed possibility of building new building vs. doing renovations to Midnight Sun. One of biggest issues is structure of committee: nobody knows who's on it and who's not: thinks it needs to be a tighter format. Would like a resolution to formally name committee members.

Linda Adams

As of Feb. 14, Board will be able to hold a public hearing on the local illicit discharge law. She'll check with Guy Krogh.

NYSEG agreed to give the Town easement with two big requirements (see February correspondence) for Coddington trail. They want to be absolved of any liabilities and issues with neighbors. Natural trails committee wants to talk to neighboring townships before contacting landowners to get similar resolutions from them. Liability: will give copy to Bailey Agency; probably won't add much to it. Board agrees that it's okay for the trails group to talk to the other townships.

Camp McCormick: attended citizen's advisory board meeting.

Barrile II: John Negly is contacting TG Miller to schedule the survey work; must have survey for Plan of Work document. Barber and Hoyt agree that this is not going to progress in 2008 since the survey is not done yet; we would need to have construction documents by now.

Agenda Items

- Adoption of Local Law for Income Limits for Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Persons
- 284 Agreement for 2008 Highway work plan
- Authorize purchase of one ton Pick-up
- Appoint delegates and alternates to Recreation Partnership and Tompkins County Council of Governments
- Approve contract with Speedsville Volunteer Fire Company for Caroline Fire Protection District Service
- Resolution in Support of City of Ithaca using Six Mile Creek Water Source
- Setting public hearing of Illicit Discharge Local Law
- Contract with Tompkins County for Planning Services
- Contract with Tompkins County for Library Funding
- Resolution Approving Community Contribution Agreement Services
- Establish Town Hall Annex Committee and their charge
- Create Secretary to the Highway Sup't Civil Service position
- Amending Resolution 1-22 of 2008, Seasonal Limited Use Highways
- Association of Towns Resolutions

Adjourn

On a motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk