

Caroline Town Board Minutes, April 1, 2008

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Caroline held on April 1, 2008 at the Town Hall was called to order by Supervisor Don Barber at 7:04 p.m.

Present:

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

Recording

Secretary: Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk

Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law Regulating Illicit Discharge to Storm Water Systems

Mr. Barber opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Comments: Bert Cooley asked what an MS4 is. Mr. Barber: It is a municipal separate storm system. We are an MS4 municipality, which is a federal rule which has to do with population. Since we don't have a treatment system, we don't have an MS4 permit. Highway department has been trained to know what to look for regarding illicit discharge, and will report if they notice anything suspicious.

Mr. Barber closed the public hearing at 6:16 p.m.

Resolution 4-1 of 2008

Lead Agency for SEQR review of Illicit Discharge Local Law

By Don Barber; Seconded by Linda Adams

RESOLVED, the Town of Caroline's Notice of Intent to become Lead Agency for SEQR review of the Illicit Discharge Local Law has received responses agreeing with Town of Caroline's desire to become Lead Agency, and the time to respond has elapsed; be it further

RESOLVED, the Town of Caroline will be the Lead Agency for the Illicit Discharge Local Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town of Caroline, as the Lead Agency, finds the EAF for the Illicit Discharge Local Law to be complete and final.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Public Hearing on the EAF to the Illicit Discharge Local Law

Mr. Barber opened the public hearing at 6:17 p.m.

Comments: Mr. Barber pointed out that we found some negative impacts and some positive impacts, but negative for the most part.

Mr. Barber closed the public hearing at 6:21 p.m.

Resolution 4-2

Local Law No. 2 of 2008, Regulating Illicit Discharge to Stormwater Systems

By Don Barber; Seconded by Toby McDonald

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board adopts Local Law No. 2 of 2008 Regulating Illicit Discharge to Stormwater Systems.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Resolution 4-3

EAF

By Don Barber; Seconded by Frongillo

WHEREAS, the Town Board needs to conduct a SEQRA review to examine the environmental impacts of the proposed Illicit Discharge Local Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board classified the action as an Unlisted Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.2(ak), proposed to be the Lead Agency for environmental review, identified all Involved or Interested Agencies, and duly caused a Notice of Intent to be delivered to each of the same; and

WHEREAS, the responses of each Involved or Interested Agency were duly considered; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was duly noticed and held at the Caroline Town Hall, 2670 Slaterville Road, Slaterville Springs, New York, being in the Town of Caroline, on the 1st day of April, 2008, at 7:15 p.m., whereat the SEQRA review of the environmental impacts of the proposed Illicit Discharge Local Law were duly considered, and all persons interested in the subject thereof were duly heard; and

WHEREAS, the environmental impacts identified were the excavation to remediate sites, and the temporary nature of such disturbances, the re-seeding of grasses where required, and the installations being the subject of permitting processes all mitigate such impacts and make them non-significant; and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation upon this matter and a review and analysis of each and all potential environmental impacts, and the Lead Agency having made a negative declaration of environmental impact; accordingly, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Caroline be and hereby is declared to be the Lead Agency; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that this declaration is made in accord with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York and the New York SEQRA Act, and the Regulations promulgated there under, and accordingly, the Town Board of the Town of Caroline, based upon (i) its thorough review of the Long EAF, and any and all other documents prepared and submitted with respect to this proposed action and its environmental review, and the hearing held hereupon, and all testimony and evidence presented thereat, if any, and the comments of Involved and Interested Agencies, if any, (ii) its thorough review of the potential relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, including, but not limited to, the criteria identified in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c), and (iii) its completion of the Long EAF, including the findings noted thereon (which findings are incorporated herein as if set forth at length), hereby makes a negative determination of environmental significance ("Negative Declaration") in accordance with SEQRA for the above referenced proposed action; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Caroline is hereby authorized and directed to complete and sign, as required, the determination of significance, confirming the foregoing Negative Declaration, which fully completed and signed Short EAF and determination of significance shall be incorporated by reference in this Resolution; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk deliver and/or file a copy of this Resolution with the following persons and agencies:

1. The Town Clerk of the Town of Caroline
2. The Town Supervisor of the Town of Caroline
3. All Involved and Interested Agencies
4. Any person requesting a copy;

and further, that this Resolution be posted and published in accord with law, including delivery of a copy of this Resolution to the Environmental Notice Bulletin, 625 Broadway, Room 538, Albany, New York 12233-1750 in accord with 6 NYCRR 617.12. SEQRA: Unlisted Action.

Passed Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Aye; Adams: Aye; McDonald: Aye; Hoyt: Aye

Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports

Dominic

Planning Board Held one of its public meetings on March 27 and the other is scheduled for April 2. Discussion was lively. Suggestions for next meeting included focusing the meeting on the six options.

Website Committee Ready to train Town officers on the new website.

Recreation Partnership Board Released highlights and participant numbers from 2007. Total of 125 participants from Caroline, and Caroline families received \$1,727 in scholarships and 8 discount pool and rink passes.

Energy Independent Caroline On April 19 volunteers with "Lighten Up Caroline" will distribute 1,400 energy-saving lightbulbs. To date, over 800 cloth bags have been sewn for the project, which will include energy conservation information and surveys. Cornell Cooperative Extension has offered an additional \$600 to provide a free lightbulb to every volunteer.

EIC applied for a \$1,000 grant from the Youth in Philanthropy Program for a small renewable energy project at Caroline Elementary School.

Public Information Committee Met for the first time. Discussed and will look into the following ideas: (a) a mailing to town residents listing options for accessing information on Town government, (b) what types of information the town should publicize and where, (c) a "new resident welcome packet," (d) sending the Old Mill newsletter to every resident, (e) a periodic ad in the Tompkins County Weekly. Each member of the committee took on task for next meeting, scheduled for April 17 at 6pm at Brooktondale's Old Fire Hall.

Information Technology The Information Technology committee needs 1-3 more members.

Beautification Cornell Cooperative Extension has \$3,800 available for projects in Caroline. Dan Klein discussed these ideas with community members: (1) Town Hall annex landscaping, (2) Sign on the corner of Brooktondale and 79, and (3) Trees along Rt 79 between Slaterville and West Slaterville. There is a meeting April 7 at 7pm at the Brooktondale Community Center to discuss these ideas. (Another meeting at 6:30pm at Caroline School will be on building a new playground).

Mr. Hoyt

No Parking signs: Talked to Mr. Whittimore at the County Highway Department to find out what his intention was when he requested signs. Drove to point areas with Tody McDonald to examine the issue firsthand. Drafted a resolution for April 8 meeting.

Lawn mowing Mr. Hoyt will ask Lucente Landscaping if they're willing to renew contract again this year.

Mr. McDonald

Annex committee Progress update at April 8 meeting will be 12 minutes, with comments afterwards. Asbestos survey came back clean. Opened well; it needs to be properly abandoned by a state certified person: filled with concrete and sealed. It's in the middle of the lot and a well needs to be further away from the septic. Septic is 1000 gal concrete tank; one lateral comes out, goes 50 ft and stops. Tank may or may not be in the right spot, depending on the siting of the building. Discussed demolition by the highway crew, and hauling by third party. Some people have asked for salvage rights. Question for Bailey about these people getting hurt. Ms. Adams will inquire.

Going to install a water meter in the basement of Town Hall to get numbers of gallons of usage in this building. Also looking at how to tie in with the Park and Ride.

Ms. Adams

Watershed committee mtg April 9th at Six Mile Creek winery. Will not be holding meeting with town residents until May.

TC COG Some grant money available to be given to compensate farms for not developing their land. Health benefits consortium web site is Tompkins-co.org

Dog control Groton has gone with the Homer entity; Ulysses has worked out a different deal since they are so far away

Aquifer Needs drafts back so others can see them.

Mr. Barber

Town Board needs to adopt Personnel Policy; did not complete this work last year.

Agenda Items

- Resolution appointing members to Information Technology Committee
- Resolution to support TC Council of Governments Health Benefits Consortium
- Personnel Manual
- Resolution for parking restrictions on Coddington Road and at corner of Caroline Depot and White Church Roads
- Annex committee progress report

Adjourn

On a motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk