

Caroline Town of Caroline, June 3, 2008

The regular meeting of the Caroline Town Board held on June 3, 2008 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Dominic Frongillo at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Dominic Frongillo, Councilman
Toby McDonald, Councilman
Pete Hoyt, Councilman

Recording

Secretary: Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk

Privilege

Sarah Myers, Caroline Depot Road. In opposition to proposed Coddington trail. Her parents own the original depot; still has concrete markers in lawn for the original depot. Attended neighborhood meeting last week at the old fire hall; plans to attend the one this evening. Mr. McDonald : how close does the trail come to your house? Ms. Myers: 30 feet. Mr. Frongillo: There's a committee working on this initiative; my recommendation is to write to the committee. Ms. Myers said she already did and also sent copy to NYSEG. Has had info on the [Ithaca] south hill trail regarding thefts, smoking pot, etc. Mr. McDonald urged her to have any concerned neighbors also write letters to town board and Natural Areas and Trails committee.

Robin Tilton, Coddington Road. Work for attorneys in the area. Understands that people who own land have concerns. Her concern is that this will impede on many people's lives. People hunt there, ride ATVs, shoot bow and arrow. She'd like her children to ride bikes on this trail, but not willing to interrupt neighbor's way of life to do that. If people who live there don't want it, shouldn't shove it down their throats. Has a petition with over 100 names. People are feeling threatened. Mr. McDonald: we were told that this is an investigation. NYSEG owns the land and was very adamant at the start of this investigation that for the trail to go forward, they would need the support of landowners who are adjacent to the trail. If that is not forthcoming, and if the trails committee can't sell the idea to the landowners, it will not happen. It's the committee's obligation, if they want to get the town board to go along. If there is mass opposition, it won't go forward. This is a very ongoing and long process.

Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports

Mr. Frongillo

Energy Independent Caroline: 180 surveys back; over 10% response. Putting together an analysis of data.

Mr. Hoyt

Info on Brooktondale Fire District resolution. Commissioners from Brooktondale want to go forward with the boundary alteration for the BFD and formalized it by resolution. Other two departments might be leery of it. He invited the other two departments to Town Board meeting next week since Brooktondale will be present. Mr. Barber has suggested board send letter to all affected landowners. Caroline Fire Protection district would become smaller, and Brooktondale Fire District would become bigger. Caroline Fire Protection District has town board as their commissioners, and is the taxable entity. So the land in question is currently taxed by Town of Caroline, but is served by Brooktondale fire company. A person who lives in that area wants to serve as a commissioner on the Brooktondale Fire Protection District, but doesn't live in that district. Not sure that's the only reason they want to change the lines.

Mr. McDonald

Phone committee: All phones in town with exception of highway are on new Pioneer plan. Bill for the month was \$44.

Highway report: will pave part of Level Green Rd with low-emission asphalt. Several benefits: utilizes 45% less fuel in production than asphalt, gives off less fumes (healthier for highway department employees).

Annex committee: wants to change name from Town Hall Annex to Town Hall Office Building. Just about ready to put a set of specs together. Don came to meeting to express concerns over some aspects; seemed to leave pleased that many were addressed at the meeting. Mr. Barber suggested we invite Christian Nielson from LEAD to meeting to see if this can be a LEAD-certified project. General feeling on committee is to keep moving ahead, and if someone on the committee wants to pursue certification, they can do so. Probably be ready with a full proposal to the town board in July.

Agenda Items

Brooktondale Fire District Commissioners discuss request for fire dist expansion

Resolution to approve LIDAR

Resolution for access with NYSEG

Resolution Authorizing Contract with SEMO for Valley Road Stream Bank Stabilization Project

Adjourn

On a motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk