

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2009

The Town Board meeting held on February 3, 2009 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Don Barber.

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

Recording Secretary: Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk

Privilege of the Floor

Kate Kelly-MacKenzie: supports the solar panels on the new town building

Steve Nicholson: In support of the solar panel proposal. Caroline has a very good solar resource: himself. Been doing this for 15 years and has kept up with the state of the art and knows all the local installers; has taught a class for 10 years at Green Start on solar energy.

Pete Hoyt: two big questions are 1) cost and what you get with package, and 2) no one can predict the price of electricity in future. Any packages offered by installers we can put on the table? Dominic: we have three to date. There are five local installers; we can request from the other two. Don: before it's an actual bid, we have to give a spec. Steve: all components have to be NYSERDA compliant, so they'll all be comparable and come with guarantees that it's approved by state. Pete: is it more costly to put it in after the construction is done as opposed to working through it now? Steve: not really. Only a matter of convenience.

Powering both buildings. Both should run off the same service entrance. The way it works is that when the system is producing electricity, if we don't use it, the meter runs backwards. Steve: NYSEG is starting to install time-of-use meters so you can see what time is cheaper to use the electricity. These meters have to run both ways. Snow on panels: ½ inch or more of snow, they'll make 0 energy. It's like a black roof. Dust build-up is not a problem in our climate.

Town Business

Presentation from Locey and Cahill

Steve Locey from Locey and Cahill LLC: health insurance (attachment #1)

Department, Committee, & Liaison Reports

Don Barber, Town Supervisor

Report:

1. Next Wed 11th at 7pm at BCC, public meeting for all affected by streambank work at valley road site.
2. Federal stimulus package- number of projects we have thought of. By this weekend, we need to identify projects that are ready to go now or will be ready within two years and prioritize them. Pete suggests town barn. Don: energy efficiency category: photovoltaic and geothermal. Don needs to put a narrative together on where we stand. Dominic suggests asking fire companies.

Linda Adams

Watershed Committee Meeting 9/20: Jon Negley, Soil & Water and Todd Miller, USGS. Engineering recommendation not to exceed 4 ft digging depth in some sections of the current creek bed for Six Mile Creek. A shallow aquifer could be punctured.

Floodway Analysis Meeting 1/30: Were the Six Mile Creek bed raised it could accommodate 100 year floodway statistic. Specific slope and elevation configuration to be determined by next Watershed Committee meeting on Feb. 17, 2009 for public review & input. Stabilization plans clearly show the requirement for removal of the Shockey barn. Linda Adams spoke to Laurie Shockey Feb. 1, 2009 via phone. Laurie is amenable to the

structure's removal providing a different storage building is sited per her wishes before or simultaneously as the exiting barn is taken down. She has not signed any agreement with any contractors yet. Laurie graciously allowed Linda to show the barn to an interested couple. The couple is willing to pursue their interest in the barn. The Watershed Committee's role is to facilitate barn remove no later than mid June 2009. To this end the Committee is trying to identify a new owner of the barn. The Committee is aware of one contractor interested in the project. Contact information is readily available ask Linda. Both Laurie Shockey and any parties interested in the barn have control of the removable & any contractors they wish to engage.

Drilling Waste Water Meeting- Natural Gas, Feb. 11, 2009, 6:30pm, Spencer Town Hall, Linda will attend, all are welcome.

Dominic Frongillo

EIC: working group on solar. Working on geo-thermal for new building. Handed out 150 light bulbs and 80 bags at food pantry. Fixed John Daniels email.

Pete Hoyt

Continues to go to the rec partnership. Will be on the transportation committee next year.

Other Business

Association of towns resolutions

Don votes yea unless directed otherwise by Town Board. Nobody had comments.

Agenda

- Approve Fire Protection District Contract with Brooktondale Fire District
- Open bids for Office Building and establish Plan to proceed to contract
- Authorize Supervisor to sign Contract with Cooperative Extension for Youth Services
- Adoption of Local Law #1 Establishing Income Limits for Property Tax Exemption for Persons with Disabilities
- Resolution to Establishing Income Limits for Property Tax Exemption for Seniors
- Resolution to Appoint Planning Board Member
- Resolution to Appoint 2009 Community Service Award Committee.
- Resolution to Appoint 2009 Energy Committee
- Resolution to Appoint 2009 Watershed's Committee

Adjourn

On a motion by Pete Hoyt and seconded by Dominic Frongillo, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra DeAugustine, Town Clerk