

## **Caroline Town Board Agenda Meeting of June 5, 2012: Minutes**

The Town Board Agenda meeting held at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Don Barber.

### **Attendance:**

Don Barber, Supervisor  
Dominic Frongillo, Absent  
Linda Adams, Councilmember  
Aaron Snow, Councilmember  
Irene Weiser, Councilmember

### **Recording**

**Secretary:** Christine Wilbur, Deputy Town Clerk

**Also present:** 4 members of the public

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### **Supervisor Barber led the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag**

**Privilege of the Floor:** No one

### **Reports:**

#### **Don Barber, Supervisor:**

- For Board information - Rachel Brown and Susan Barr want to be Notary Publics – \$448 total to be paid for by the Town - out of the court budget. Mr. Barber, Ms. Adams, and Ms. Weiser agree and recommend – as it is a valuable town service. Mr. Snow had some questions and concerns and he will speak with the Court Clerk - mostly to do with the fact there are already three other Notaries- the Town Clerk, the Deputy Town Clerk as well as Judge Phoenix.
- Subdivision Review Committee is still one member short, as well as a need for an alternate. There is a current project to be reviewed, so there should be a full contingent. Ms. Weiser will put an announcement on the website.
- Mr. Barber received an e-mail request from the Town of Ulysses asking for the Board’s support to be an Amicus Curiae in actions involving Municipal Home Rule as it relates to regulating natural gas drilling as a land use. The Board originally looked at it in February and now the Town of Ulysses is asking the Town to sign on. Mr. Barber would like to consider this resolution next week.
- Board members discussed issues that still need to be addressed regarding the proposed local law ban on gas drilling. Debate continued regarding requirements for a “carve out” and to get more specific information on the term “other impacts”. Ms. Adams asked if time spent on this topic is futile. Ms. Weiser and Mr. Barber both concurred that if they were presented with compelling evidence, they would consider a change of opinion; however, that has not been the case thus far. If someone has a proposal, they are willing to listen and consider. Mr. Barber suggested to hold another working session later in June – to talk specifically about carve-outs and other sections of the law; however, the Board will not present carve-out suggestions, but will entertain information provided. The Town Attorney will be invited be a part of the process.

#### **Aaron Snow, Town Board:**

- Recreation Partnership –will meet at the end of the month; the Board voted to continue on with partnership – they would like us to send the agreement to County Youth Bureau.
- Youth Commission –met a couple weeks ago and Penny is going to be doing TCAT bus routes with the kids to learn the bus system; still doing school lunch bunch – all going well. They are looking for a work

site for Matt Barrett – for youth employment during the summer. The Youth Employment Service (through the Ithaca Youth Bureau) is looking for employers in the Town of Caroline - if Board members have any ideas, please let Mr. Snow know. Mr. Snow indicated the employees are covered by insurance through the Ithaca Youth Bureau. It was suggested to put information on the Town website.

- Highway Report: Mr. Snow reported that Ms. Whittaker said that battery cables and a battery are missing from gravel pit; also, there was an issue with dust oil on Level Green Rd. – a resident was very upset and approached the Highway Superintendent, the Town Supervisor and the Town Attorney, but has not made an official complaint.

**Dominic Frongillo, Town Board:** Absent

**Irene Weiser, Town Board:**

- Ms. Weiser reported she will be absent for the next meeting;
- Watershed Committee – transferred records from Ms. Adams – Ms. Weiser is taking over as liaison; MS4 report was submitted; the Six Mile Creek Banks Rd. project - need to sign easements – Barry will work on and provide maps and provide flags so residents to see exactly where the easements are – helps people focus on what exactly needs to be done and have input; looked at log jam behind elementary school – put together a plan to deal with debris and take out wood – Barry looking at contractors;
- Aquifer Protection Committee – first meeting tomorrow night (first Wed. at 7 PM) - this first meeting will start at 7:30 PM – Todd Miller will join and talk about current issues – will work until end of the year when he retires;
- CIT Committee – met last month and began to formulate direction to move in - one is Gary Reinholt working with County on broadband committee – will be the liaison to that committee; identified a need to learn more about record management, electronic and paper records and learn about needs of the Clerk in this area. Shelving has been installed in the records room in the Clerk’s office and lighting will be upgraded. The Town Clerk will be attending tomorrow’s meeting to be interviewed as an end user – to talk about electronic communication – to maintain electronic records. Gary Reinholt will work on Time Warner Cable Franchise contract for the next 15 years – he will be the liaison. Mr. Barber described 2 issues – Time Warner has been asking for and receiving property tax relief – not mandatory – will be a point of negotiation; and the other is to be more amenable to expand the system – lower density – we won’t get unless the City joins in as the larger user; the Board needs to look at the franchise fee (tax collected by Time Warner for the Town from subscribers) – we need to tell them what that will be – maybe a year from now.
- TANG Group met this month on pipelines – how regulated in towns – we won’t have much control if there is drilling;
- TCCOG met this month – talked with them about IT policies and e-mail management – a topic of interest to many towns – forwarding IT policies that some have; exploring needs; met today with Dept. of State Auditors regarding IT expenditures-wants to encourage collaboration with County with software – ie security, etc. and IT services. Ms. Adams reported that we received a very favorable audit - that we are doing fairly well for a small town!
- Doug Keefe – Speedsville Fire Chief – concerns about cell phone service – article in the Tompkins Weekly – it is critical for fire departments – personal safety – not just personal convenience. Calls to Verizon to encourage them to do something about it do not work as they say they do not get complaints. Chief Keefe has started an on-line petition through the Speedsville Fire Dept. website and all are encouraged to sign on. Ms. Weiser will work with the CIT committee to get more ideas to assist with this issue.
- Emergency Preparedness Committee – Ms. Harrington and Ms. Weiser participated in all day training for Public Information Officers – Ms. Harrington will do advanced training for record keeping (for emergencies); Ms. Weiser continues to attend monthly meetings for the County Emergency-Wide Response plan. Working groups will begin in the fall for various projects for a local plan.
- Mr. Barber reported the library approached the CIT Committee to seek approval to put a banner on the Town Hall Annex facing Midline Rd. – to advertise the fact that they are in the building and hopefully to increase patronage. Mr. Barber recommends approval of this request and there will be a resolution presented at the meeting next week

**Linda Adams, Town Board:**

- Subdivision Review Committee meets as needed; one gap – Schickle project – storm water costs for inspection and oversight – exceeded permit fees – can the committee re-convene to take this issue up or make sure it's on their agenda when a permit comes through – Ms. Adams would like their input on a possible resolution that these fees are passed on to the developers, and if not paid could there be a mechanism to attach the fees to a tax bill. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the process and fees for the application process and inspections. Project approvals should stipulate inspections and have a fee schedule. The Town Board has the authority to amend the subdivision law and process – does not need a resolution.

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**Approval of Minutes**

**Resolution 107 of 2012: Minutes of Question & Answer meeting held on April 25, 2012 in Speedsville:**

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Weiser to accept the minutes as submitted by the Deputy Clerk.

**Adopted:** Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Absent Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

**Resolution 108 of 2012: Minutes of Agenda Meeting held May 1, 2012:**

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Ms. Weiser to accept the minutes as submitted by the Deputy Clerk.

**Adopted:** Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Absent; Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

**Resolution 109 of 2012 Minutes of Business Meeting held May 8, 2012:**

A motion was made by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Snow to accept the minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk.

**Adopted:** Barber: Aye; Frongillo: Absent; Adams: Aye; Snow: Aye; Weiser: Aye

Hearing no other business, Mr. Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Snow. The meeting concluded at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Wilbur, Deputy Town Clerk