

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2016

The Town Board Agenda meeting held on March 1, 2016 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Witmer.

Attendance:

Mark Witmer, Supervisor
John Fracchia, Councilmember
Irene Weiser, Councilmember
Gary Reinbolt, Councilmember - Absent
Cal Snow, Councilmember

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk

Also present: 1 member of the public were present

Mr. Witmer started the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Privilege of the Floor

No members of the public spoke under Privilege of the Floor

Reports

Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent

No Report

Mark Witmer, Town Supervisor

Planning Board, Feb 11 (Chad Novelli, Bruce Murray, Ed Wurtz, Lois Lounsbery): Final review of Comprehensive Plan survey. Preparation for distribution. Survey to go out in March.

Watershed Committee: No meeting.FYI: March 22 meeting, Sharon Anderson and Brad deFrees of Environmental Finance Center will join us to inform about technical and funding assistance to address watershed issues.

Energy Independent Caroline, Feb 22 (Steve Nicholson, Don Barber, Julie Hansen, Dave Ritchie, Ed Wurtz, Pat Dubin, Jonathan Comstock): Steve and Don agreed to co-Chair EIC in 2016. Mark will serve as TB Liaison and Secretary. Discussion of Climate Smart Community goals and 2016 EIC action items:

1. Complete municipal and community GHG inventories
2. Provide assistance to Planning Board in developing sustainability aspects of Comprehensive Plan

Gary Reinbolt, Town Board

Absent

John Fracchia, Town Board

Building and Grounds

- Met with Tim Seely to discuss Town Roof project. We reviewed documents and he is

going to update them.

- Target for launching RFP is mid-March, with distribution available through the Clerk and the Town website.

Emergency Services

- Met with Slaterville Ambulance BOD to discuss the situation and the ambulance. Ambulance currently has a balance on it, which they need to pay off. Hoping to get more than the amount owed in order to offset another project.
- Shared perspective that starting an ambulance may be too heavy a lift for the community. Key concerns expressed were availability of volunteers, particularly someone who can manage the administrative tasks that must occur.
- Suggested that the committee consider smaller options: Getting more people trained in First Aid, trying to organize a group of individuals that might help with non-transportable situations, etc.
- Also suggested working on things pertaining to emergency preparedness: designated shelters, incident command structure, etc.

Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium

- Attended a meeting of the appeals committee to consider a reimbursement by a consortium member.

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- It's live (the website)!

Irene Weiser, Town Board

TCCOG Meeting-There was a discussion about shared purchasing. One subject of some interest was to look into culverts and cutters as bulk purchases for the Highway Department. There were two interesting presentations at this meeting; one on lake source cooling and potassium phosphorus, and the other one on lake source mapping.

MEGA- There was a discussion about inexpensive energy purchase.

Emergency Services Committee Meeting: Rick Dietrich was not at the meeting, but he will probably manage the committee.

Residential Energy Score project- Discussion of Energy efficiency score/rating for your home.

Cal Snow, Town Board

No Report

Town Business

The board talked briefly about the lead in the water problem at Caroline Elementary School and having the water tested at the Town of Caroline buildings and the artesian well in front of the Historic Town Hall. A resolution was passed (below) to have the water tested for various organisms as well as lead, arsenic, and other possible contaminants, etc.

NYSEG wants to install upgraded natural gas lines to some of the Schickel owned rental houses on Boiceville road to replace propane heaters used to heat many of the homes. Some of the homes have already been upgraded to natural gas in previous years. The board discussed using heat pumps as an alternative to natural gas. This would let the heat pumps be used to supply heat and cooling without having to have the pipelines installed and natural gas run to those homes that now use propane. The discussion in favor of the heat pumps verses natural gas was for environmental and cost reasoning.

Resolutions

Resolution 69 of 2016

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and Seconded by John Fracchia

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board hereby gives the Supervisor permission to get the water tested at the Historic Hall, the Annex Building and the Artesian Well that flows continually outside the Historic Town Hall, for E.coli, nitrates, arsenic, lead and any other suggested tests by CSI.

Adopted Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Reinbolt: Absent; Weiser: Aye Snow: Aye

----Adjourn the meeting ----

A motion by Mr. Witmer and seconded by Mr. Fracchia the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk