

TOWN BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, October 19, 2023, 7:00 pm

The October 19, 2023, Caroline Town Board Business Meeting will be held at the Caroline Town Hall. Members of the public may attend in-person or by Zoom. Masks are strongly advised. Minutes and video recordings will be posted on the [Town of Caroline website](#). Comments may be provided at Privilege of the Floor during the meeting, by email (clerk@townofcaroline.org), or by mail (P.O. Box 136, Slaterville Springs, NY 14881).

INSTRUCTIONS TO ATTEND THE ZOOM MEETING (<https://zoom.us>)

You do not need to have a Zoom account to join. Options 2 and 3 are easiest without an account. You may need the Meeting ID for any of these methods.

Direct: <https://zoom.us/j/7142580644?pwd=MIJXbzJWZVZQa2VBaHF3NklKUGxLQT09>

Meeting ID: 714 258 0644

Passcode: xd3U0n

One tap mobile: +19292056099,,7142580644#

Phone dial-in: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

by phone press *6 to mute/unmute, *9 to raise hand

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing to hear comments on [Battery Energy Storage Systems Siting Local Law](#) (Local Laws page, under Documents tab). 7:00

AGENDA

Privilege of the Floor: Opportunity for citizens to bring forward matters of concern.

Please be prepared to make one statement not to exceed 3 minutes in length. Please sign up in advance on the sign-in sheet at the meeting hall or by raising your Zoom hand before the salute to the flag to be registered by the Clerk.

Guests: 7:30

- Public safety conversation with Sheriff Derek Osborne
- Broadband Feasibility Study update with Ryan Garrison of Hunt Engineering

Reports: Supervisor's Report, Town Clerk's Report, Code Officer's Report, Committee Updates

Business: 8:15

- Resolution to adopt a [Battery Energy Storage Systems Siting Law](#) for the Town of Caroline¹
- Resolution to adopt [NYSERDA Battery Energy Storage Systems Checklist](#)²
- Resolution to adopt [Tier Battery Energy Storage Systems Permit Application](#)³
- Resolution to approve the 2023 and Future Amendments to the [Municipal Cooperative Agreement](#) for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (GTCMHIC)⁴
- Resolution to request a speed limit study for Coddington Road⁵
- Resolution to approve Change Order with Community Partners and Environmental Associates to revise the Town's Subdivision Review Law⁶
- Transfers

- Resolution to approve vouchers for payment of town bills
- Approval of minutes of September 6, 20, and October 4.

—————Adjourn—————

9:00

¹Resolution ___ of 2023. Adoption of the Town of Caroline Battery Energy Storage Systems Siting Law.

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board hereby adopts Local Law ___ of 2023, The Town of Caroline Battery Energy Storage Systems Siting Law.

²Resolution ___ of 2023. Adoption of NYSERDA battery energy storage systems checklist

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board hereby adopts NYSERDA’s battery energy storage systems checklist.

³Resolution ___ of 2023. Adoption of Battery Energy Storage Systems Siting Permit Application for the Town of Caroline

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board hereby adopts the attached PERMIT APPLICATION for battery energy storage systems.

⁴Resolution ___ of 2023. Approval of the 2023 and Future Amendments to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (GTCMHIC)

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroline, as a member of the Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (GTCMHIC), must approve any changes to the GTCMHIC Municipal Cooperative Agreement (MCA) by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the GTCMHIC must amend the MCA annually when any new members are approved at the Annual Board of Directors meeting; and

WHEREAS, from time-to-time other changes are made to the MCA as necessary and when changes are made, they are reported at the Annual Meeting with membership approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, until rescinded by resolution, our current presiding elected official is approved to sign, without further action, any GTCMHIC MCA updates that have been advanced at the GTCMHIC Board of Directors meetings and approved by the Department of Financial Services; and further be it

RESOLVED, the GTCMHIC is directed to keep this resolution on file to accompany any current presiding elected official’s signatures to amended MCA changes.

2023 Municipal Cooperative Agreement Signature

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date adopted by the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Board of Directors and subsequently adopted by the Municipal Corporation named below.

Municipal Corporation

Printed Name of Chief Elected Official

Title

Signature

Date

⁵Resolution ___ of 2023. Request for speed limit study for Coddington Road.

WHEREAS, the Town has received numerous complaints over the years about the speed of automobile and truck traffic on Coddington Road; and

WHEREAS, a petition has recently been submitted with 96 signatures asking for speed limit reduction on Coddington Road in the Town of Caroline; and

WHEREAS, this rural road is bordered with residences with families, their pets, and livestock and is used by pedestrians and bicyclists; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board hereby requests a speed limit study to reduce the speed limit to 45 mph on Coddington Road in the Town of Caroline; and further be it

RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution certified by the Town Clerk shall be sent to the Tompkins County Highway Department.

⁶Resolution ___ of 2023. Approval of Change Order with Community Partners & Environmental Associates for update of the Town's Subdivision Review Law.

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroline is developing a zoning law with assistance from CP & EA; and

WHEREAS, the draft zoning law includes provisions for major subdivision developments; and

WHEREAS, the Town's existing Subdivision Review Law needs updating to be coordinated with the draft zoning law; and

WHEREAS, CP & EA has provided a cost proposal totaling \$9360; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board hereby approves this Change Order to the existing contract with Community Partners & Environmental Associates.