

CAROLINE TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING AND BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 7 pm

The Caroline Town Public Hearing and Board Business Meeting scheduled for December 15, 2021 at 7 pm will be held at the Caroline Town Hall by Zoom videoconference. Members of the public may attend by following the Zoom instructions below. Minutes of the meeting and video recordings will be posted on the [Town of Caroline website](#). Comments may be provided at Privilege of the Floor during the Zoom 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>)

Direct Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86148710458>

Without a Zoom account: <https://zoom.us/join>; enter **Meeting ID: 861 4871 0458**

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AGENDA

Public Hearing on Local Law to opt out of allowing *Cannabis* retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites¹

Business Meeting

Privilege of the Floor: Opportunity for citizens to bring forward matters of concern (3 min.)

Supervisor's Report

Code Officer's Report

Town Clerk's Report

Highway Superintendent's Report

County Representative's Report

Department, Committee, & Liaison Updates

Discussion and Action Topics

- Discussion of Local Law to opt out of *Cannabis* dispensaries and places for consumption
- Discussion on La Berge highway facilities site evaluation report
- Discussion on use of the Town's ARPA funds
- Discussion of Downey Road Seasonal Road discontinuation request
- Resolution on 2022 employee wages²
- Resolution on 2022 employee health insurance coverage with the Town³
- Resolution to appoint Steve Cortright as the Town's acting Code Enforcement Officer⁴
- Transfers
- Resolution to approve vouchers for payment of town bills
- Approval of December 7 Agenda Meeting minutes
- Resolution of appreciation to John Fracchia for his eight years of service to Caroline⁵
- Resolution of appreciation to Irene Weiser for her nine years of service to Caroline⁶

——Adjourn——

¹*A local law to opt out of allowing Cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites as authorized under Cannabis Law Article 4*

Be it enacted by the town board of the Town of Caroline, County of Tompkins as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to opt out of allowing Cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption sites in the Town of Caroline that would otherwise be allowed under Cannabis Law Article 4.

The Caroline Town Board has made this determination in order to enable it to opt-in if/when the board is satisfied that the Town has full information and has put in place any recommended measures to support the Town's vision and goals.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 which expressly authorizes the town board to adopt a local law requesting the Cannabis Control Board to prohibit the establishment of cannabis retail dispensary licenses and/or on-site consumption licenses within the jurisdiction of the town and is subject to a permissive referendum, the procedure of which is governed by Municipal Home Rule Law § 24.

Section 3. Local Opt-Out

The Town Board of the Town of Caroline hereby opts out of allowing Cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption sites from being established and operated within the town's jurisdiction.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Permissive Referendum/Referendum on Petition

This local law is subject to a referendum on petition in accordance with Cannabis Law § 131 and the procedure outlined in Municipal Home Rule Law § 24.

Section 5. Effective date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

²Resolution_____of 2021 to set 2022 Town of Caroline employee wages.

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board hereby increases 2022 employee wage rates by 4%.

³Resolution_____of 2021 to set 2022 employee health insurance terms.

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board hereby provides that employees or officials qualifying for the Town's health insurance plan (Gold Plan) shall be responsible for 16% of the premium. Employees and officials currently covered by the Town's health insurance may continue in 2022 with the Gold Plan with an HRA funded at 100% of the Out-of-pocket Maximum (OOPmax); they may also switch to an HSA funded at 100% of the OOPmax for two years, then 50% OOPmax thereafter. This is a one-time irreversible option that must be made at the start of the year. New employees and officials may elect the Town's health insurance (Gold Plan) with an HSA funded at 100% OOPmax in the first year, then 50% of the OOPmax annually thereafter.

⁴Resolution_____of 2021 to appoint a temporary Code Enforcement Officer.

Whereas, the Town of Danby has agreed to provide the services of their Code Enforcement Officer, Steve Cortright, for temporary building code enforcement in Caroline, compensated for hours worked and mileage; therefore be it

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board hereby appoints Steve Cortright as the Town's acting Code Enforcement Officer.

⁵Resolution_____of 2021. Appreciation to John Fracchia for his service to the town.

Whereas, John Fracchia will be stepping down as Caroline Councilperson at the end of the year after serving two four-year terms; therefore be it

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board hereby extends its heartfelt appreciation to John for his dedicated service to the town of Caroline.

⁶Resolution_____of 2021. Appreciation to Irene Weiser for her service to the town.

Whereas, Irene Weiser stepped down as Caroline Councilperson at the beginning of 2021 after nine years of service; therefore be it

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board hereby extends its heartfelt appreciation to Irene for her dedicated service to the town of Caroline.