

## **PUBLIC HEARING AND TOWN BOARD BUSINESS MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 7:00 pm**

The March 20, 2024, Public Hearing Town Board Business Meeting will be held at the Caroline Town Hall by Zoom videoconference. Members of the public may attend in-person or by Zoom. 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](mailto:clerk@townofcaroline.org)), or by mail (PO 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=MlJXbzJWZVZQa2VBaHF3NklKUGxLQT09>

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**

A Public Hearing to hear comments on the proposed Town of Caroline Zoning Law ([www.townofcaroline.org](http://www.townofcaroline.org)). Commenters should sign in at the Town Hall or raise their Zoom Hand if attending remotely. We will call on speakers in sequence of sign-up, alternating between in-person and Zoom. Speakers will have 3 minutes. We will alert speakers at 2 min, 30 seconds. Written comments are encouraged and must be received by Wednesday, March 20, 4 pm. Written comments can be submitted by email ([clerk@townofcaroline.org](mailto:clerk@townofcaroline.org)), to the drop box at the Town Hall, or by mail (P.O. Box 136, Slaterville Springs, NY 14881).

### **BUSINESS MEETING 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.*

#### ***Review Board Interviews***

***Reports:*** Supervisor, Town Clerk, Code Officer, Committee Updates

#### ***Business:***

Discussion of zoning law

Resolution to Adopt a Town of Caroline Zoning Law\*

Resolution in Support of Ongoing Clean Energy Education and Outreach Activities by the Town of Caroline and Partners\*\*

Resolution to approve vouchers for payment of town bills

Approval of minutes of March 6, 2024

—————**Adjourn**—————

**\*Resolution \_\_\_\_ of 2024. Resolution to Adopt a Town of Caroline Zoning Law**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Caroline, by resolution, created a Zoning Commission in February 2021 with a charge to examine existing conditions, recommend the boundaries of the zoning districts and appropriate regulations to be enforced therein through a process which encourages and accommodates public input, make a preliminary report, hold public hearings on the preliminary report, and submit a final report to the Town Board, and

**WHEREAS**, the Caroline Town Board appointed a Zoning Commission in March and July 2021 to draft zoning regulations to support the goals of the Town as expressed in the Town's updated Comprehensive Plan, adopted on January 13, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Caroline Town Board engaged with Community Partners & Environmental Associates to assist the Zoning Commission in its work; and

**WHEREAS**, after 51 public meetings and two Public Hearings, the Zoning Commission presented their Final Report to the Town Board on March 27, 2023, and the Town Board accepted their report on April 5, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Caroline Town Board has further reviewed and revised the proposed zoning law with public input over the past year, including Public Hearings on February 14, 2024, and March 20, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Caroline Town Board has reviewed the amended Town of Caroline Zoning Law, in which a hamlet district was changed and several changes were made to the Use Table, with respect to the findings of the prior SEQRA Part 1 and Section F Narrative, and Parts 2 and 3 and Negative Declaration, and none of the changes, individually or cumulatively, whether standing alone or in respect of any effects such changes may or could have upon any prior impact mitigation findings, make any of such prior findings or determinations of no or minor impacts likely to change to be or become in the future moderate or significant impacts, such that a formal supplemental review is not necessary and the existing Negative Declaration is hereby duly continued; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Caroline has referred the proposed zoning law, and later the amended version, to the Tompkins County Planning & Sustainability Department for GML 239 -l, -m, and -n review, for both of which the county determined that the proposed action will have no significant county-wide or inter-community impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Caroline Zoning Law has been reviewed by the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets and other Interested Agencies, and adjacent municipalities have been notified; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Zoning Law has been reviewed by the Town Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, having further considered public input the Caroline Town Board is satisfied that the proposed Town of Caroline Zoning Law will guide development in the Town of Caroline in a manner that promotes the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and protects the interests of residents and their properties; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Caroline Town Board hereby adopts Local Law No. \_\_\_\_ of 2024, the Town of Caroline Zoning Law.

**\*\*Resolution \_\_\_\_ of 2024. A Resolution in Support of Ongoing Clean Energy Education and Outreach Activities by the Town of Caroline and Partners**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Caroline recognizes the value of raising awareness for clean heating and cooling measures in order to lower residents' energy use, transition to renewable energy sources, and lower energy expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, Federal, State, and Local agencies and entities are offering incentive programs to adopt clean energy measures; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Town of Caroline supports a clean energy public engagement campaign to be undertaken by the Town and partners. The Campaign will include, but not be limited to providing information about opportunities and incentives for Clean Heating & Cooling technologies and projects, as well as engaging with local partners such as Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County and municipal partners to implement local sustainability programs. Further be it

**RESOLVED**, this Clean Heating & Cooling Campaign shall commence immediately.