

CAROLINE TOWN BOARD BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 7:00 pm

The May 11, 2022 Caroline 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. Masks are strongly advised. Minutes and video recordings will be posted on the [Town of Caroline web-site](#). 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/7142580644>

Meeting ID: 714 258 0644

One tap mobile: +19292056099,,7142580644#

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

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AGENDA

Privilege of the Floor* 7:00

Reports:

Supervisor's Report

Town Clerk's Report

Highway Superintendent's Report

Code Officer's Report

County Representative's Report

Age-friendly Communities Report

Department, Committee, & Liaison Updates

Discussion and Action Topics:

Discussion of highway barn planning 7:45

Resolution to contract with Steve Gibian to develop plan for water management at Historic Town Hall grounds at \$80/hr, up to 40 hours¹ 7:55

Discussion of strategies to procure an excavator to enable highway department stormwater management work 8:05

Resolution to approve the 2023-27 funding agreement with the Recreational Partnership² 8:20

Resolution to create a citizen Roadway Safety Committee³ 8:25

Resolution supporting Assembly Bill A9535 and companion bill A8520 to enable Tompkins County to offer property tax exemptions for properties with conservation easements⁴ 8:30

Discussion of Tompkins County providing lead role in assigning new addresses 8:40

Approval of minutes of May 4, 2022 8:50

Resolution to approve vouchers for payment of town bills 8:55

——Adjourn——

***Privilege of the Floor Policy at Caroline Town Board Meetings**

- Privilege-of-the-Floor is offered at the beginning of town meetings as an opportunity for individuals to provide input to the town board. Speakers have up to three minutes, subject to modification depending upon time constraints of a particular meeting. Each resident is provided one speaking opportunity per meeting; written input is also welcome.
- Comments should be directed to the town board. The Supervisor or Councilpersons may answer questions brought forward or defer to allow for further research and thought.
- Personnel matters should be directed to the appropriate Supervisor or Department Head.
- Respectful discourse is required.

¹Resolution ____ of 2022. Resolution to contract with Steve Gibian to develop recommendations for management of roof runoff from the Historic Town Hall

Whereas, water can undermine the integrity of rock foundations and building exteriors; and
 Whereas, Steve Gibian is an architect with experience in historic preservation; and
 Whereas, Mr. Gibian has made a preliminary evaluation of the Historic Town Hall and developed an understanding of the building's condition and situation; therefore be it
 Resolved, the Caroline Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to negotiate a contact with Mr. Gibian to develop recommendations for managing roof runoff at the Historic Town Hall at \$80/hr, not to exceed 40 hours of work.

²Resolution ____ of 2022. Approval of 2023-27 Intermunicipal Funding Agreement with the Tompkins County Recreational Partnership

Whereas, the Recreational Partnership of Tompkins County provides for jointly planning, financing, providing, and coordinating shared recreational services that supplement and complement those offered by localities; and
 Whereas, the Recreational Partnership is partially funded by contributions by member municipalities based on the previous year's assessed value of its taxable properties in the Ithaca School District and the Town's share of program participation averaged over the past three years; and
 Whereas, the Caroline Town Board recognizes the value of providing recreational opportunities for youth; therefore be it
 Resolved, the Caroline Town Board hereby hereby approves the 2023-27 Intermunicipal Recreational Partnership Agreement

³Resolution ____ of 2022. Formation of a Town of Caroline Roadway Safety Committee

Whereas, residents have regularly expressed concerns about local traffic speed and pedestrian safety; and
 Whereas, the Caroline Town Board recognizes the Town's commitment to promoting walkable, safe travel corridors as expressed in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan; therefore be it
 Resolved, the Caroline Town Board hereby establishes a Roadway Safety Committee whose members shall be appointed by the Town Board to one-year terms at the Town's Organizational Meeting; and further be it Resolved, the Caroline Town Board hereby solicits applications for membership on this committee (name, phone, email, statement of interest in serving on this committee) by email to clerk@townofcaroline.org or by the Volunteer Application Form under Documents on the town website.

⁴Resolution ____ of 2022. Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill A9535 and companion bill A8520 to enable Tompkins County to offer property tax exemptions for properties providing conservation easements

Whereas, the Town of Caroline's Comprehensive Plan expresses a strong community vision of maintaining and bolstering the rural character of the Town; and

Whereas, providing financial incentives to landowners to conserve natural lands, including for agricultural use, is identified as a recommended action in the Comprehensive Plan; therefore be it

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board strongly supports Assembly Bill A9535 and Senate Bill A8520 to enable Tompkins County to offer property tax exemptions for lands enacting conservation easements; and further be it

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to write a letter of support of these bills to Assemblymember Anna Kelles and Senator Peter Oberacker.