

January Notes from the Town Supervisor

On January 3 we held our Organizational Meeting to set the table for the Town's operation in 2017. Among the more mundane resolutions codifying things like town positions, wages, procurement policies, and such, we are lucky that we were able to reappoint three representatives for the Town: Karyn Scott to the Recreational Partnership and Joint Youth Commission, Barry Goodrich to the Stormwater Coalition, and Steve Nicholson to the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council.

This gives me an opportunity to let you know that we have vacancies for a representative on both the Recreational Partnership and Joint Youth Commission. Please let us know if you are interested representing Caroline for to promote recreational and other development opportunities for our youth.

The Planning Board is currently updating Caroline's 2006 Comprehensive Plan. Please let us know if you're interested in helping out, or even joining the Planning Board. We are looking for new members for the board.

With the new town hall roof completed we closed out the Town Hall Roof Reserve Fund and established a new Town Hall Improvements Reserve Fund for two projects. The first will be getting the exterior of the old town hall painted. The second is really two complementary projects: to make sure the building is well sealed and insulated and then to install a new air heating/cooling system. The existing gas boiler is ancient, oversized, and on its last legs. We will be investigating air-sourced and ground-source (geothermal) heat pumps for conditioning the town hall space. Heat pumps would dramatically reduce energy use and also provide air-conditioning in summer, an especially important benefit for the historical documents (and historians!).

The first quarterly report for the second phase of the Buffalo Road Creek Stream Stabilization Project was submitted. The final engineering plans are being developed and we are planning to initiate the project in mid-May.

Christian: Please post announcement of the following February meeting changes/additions. If you can set it apart to highlight it, that would be great. Thanks.

SPECIAL EVENT! Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton will hold a town hall meeting at the Caroline Town Hall on February 15, **7-9 pm**.

The February Caroline Town Business Meeting will be postponed by one week to Wednesday, February 22, **6:30-8:30 pm**.