

## October Notes from the Supervisor

It's budget time-of-year and we're now reviewing the Tentative Budget. There are no big changes. We will be adjusting the budget as we continue to consider our needs for town services, and get better numbers on 2017 expenditures and 2018 projections. I presented the Tentative Budget at our October 3rd Agenda Meeting and we held Budget Work Sessions on October 11th and 23rd. We will likely schedule one more Budget Work Session (TBA). With any changes approved by the town board, the Tentative Budget will become the Preliminary Budget, which I will present in an Information Session at our November 8th Agenda Meeting. We will then hold the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget at our November 15 Business Meeting. The board will then be enabled to vote to adopt the Preliminary Budget as the town's 2018 budget.

As I wrote last month, following three public meetings, we are now working on review and revision of our Subdivision and Site Plan Review Local Laws to ensure that we maximize opportunities for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and encourage water conservation for larger developments that would fall under the purview of these two local laws. We plan to have draft revisions ready for introduction at our November Town Board Agenda Meeting. A Public Information Session will follow, as well as a Public Hearing prior to a vote by the town board, expected in December.

On September 5th NYSERDA officially designated Caroline as a Clean Energy Community with our completion of four High-impact Action Items. With that accomplishment, we became eligible for \$100,000 in grant funds from New York State. We are now brainstorming on a proposal for initiatives that will 1) reduce greenhouse gas emissions, 2) have secondary sustainability effects, 3) spur economic development, 4) be accomplished within a 3-year time frame, and 5) can be replicated in other towns. Our deadline for submission of our proposal is December 5th!