

Town of Caroline Community Workshop  
“Making Caroline a More Livable Community”  
November 13th, 2018  
Recommended Actions

**Collaborating/Creating Ideas**

- Community Events (Town Board could sponsor or find groups to sponsor events):
  - Clothes Swap
  - Music Festival/Competition
  - Music Series (like “Music in the Hollow.” Build a gazebo, coordinate with a foundation for labor and money. Some concern about competing/interfering with Brookton’s Market)
  - Hike and bike events (Like a “Bike all roads in Caroline” challenge)
  - 5k run
  - Birding
  - Workshops for wellness/fitness
- Public spaces
  - Create a map of places where public events could happen (rotate events through different regions of the community)
  - Create a directory (online?) of contact information for the different places
  - Extend South Hill recreation trail
- Public/Community Services
  - Directory of local businesses (farmers, plumbers, ....)
  - Help raise awareness of give-and-take closet at BCC

**Communications Ideas**

- Cell and Broadband service are still big issues. Town Board should address the relevant companies to:
  - Add cell towers—service is still too spotty in Caroline
  - Extend cable coverage—Spectrum is moving too slowly
  - Upgrade equipment (Spectrum is “full” in some areas but there are still houses not connected, Frontier DSL too slow in many areas, Frontier has bandwidth issues and slows down weekday evenings)
- Town Board could consult other rural communities. what solutions have they come up with? Are there ways to coordinate to improve cell and broadband service?
- Explore if Caroline could become an ISP (similar to rural electric coops of old)?
- Add a Caroline Community web area off the town’s webpage for publicizing community news and events OR enable the creation of a separate Caroline Community webpage
- Create an on-line business/professional directory for Caroline (and set up someone to maintain it)
- Provide free public WiFi at Town Hall and BCC (and Fire Stations?)

- To help reach younger folks, hire a summer intern (high school or college) to create Caroline Twitter/Facebook/Instagram
- Publicize Town Listserv, Brooktondale Newsletter
- Improve health and safety communication

### **Caring Ideas**

- Senior-friendly
  - Health Link NY Trainings—Have a Town Board member attend
  - A Town Board member could be a liaison to senior groups, attend meetings of Caroline Seniors, Caroline Seniors Inc (Fountain Manor), possibly church groups/leaders. Liaison could help make connections between these groups.
  - Have constituent groups (Caroline Seniors, Caroline Seniors Inc (Fountain Manor), possibly church groups/leaders) perform needs assessments for the elderly in Caroline.
- Youth-friendly
  - A Town Board member or somebody could be found to connect constituent groups (4H, Scouts, ...)
  - Make connections at elementary school
- Agriculture
  - Provide ideas for incentives to help landowners implement processes to lower CO<sub>2</sub>
- Emergency/Health Services
  - Set up local (part-time) health/wellness clinics; perhaps this could be a mobile clinic? Research existing models; apply for state grants.
  - Slaterville EMT or ambulance—need training and funding for local services. Is there any tax credit that could help with funding?
  - Improve cell service
  - Better coordination of road closures with the need to have emergency access—it was bad that Coddington and Rt. 79 had simultaneous construction this year.
- Roads
  - More speed enforcement on secondary roads
  - Invite new sheriff to a town meeting
  - Increase visibility of patrols on local roads
  - Put up “shaming” speed sign (displays speed you are going)