

## *Supervisor's Report, April 12, 2017*

### **Correspondence of Note:**

- Received March 15 letter from Ed Marx, TC Commissioner of Planning, acknowledging review of proposed Moratorium on Site Plan or Subdivision Review and determination of no negative intercommunity or county-wide impacts.
- Request for bids for mowing Caroline Town Hall grounds and cemeteries posted on 30 March; deadline is 21 April.
- Caroline Clean-up: 24-29 April, 6 am - 4 pm M-TH; 6 am - 12 pm F, Sat.
- March Code Enforcement Report: 4 building permits
- Received letter from Senator Seward on March 13 acknowledging receipt of Resolution 66-2017 recognizing leadership by local governments in sharing services.
- Received 3 letters of support for the proposed Moratorium on Site Plan and Subdivision Review
- Received 8 letters about the proposal to extend the South Hill Rec Trail: 6 supportive, one opposed, and one with concerns about the proposed trail meeting.

### **Supervisor Notes:**

- Caroline Assessment Review Board date set for Thursday, May 11, 3-6 pm at the Town Hall. I will attend a training on May 4 with Len Pogorzala at the Assessment Office to learn more about the assessment process.
- Worked with Code Officer and Soil & Water on permitting process for PPM Solar Project.
- Watershed Committee:
  - Submitted MS4 Report for 2017 to Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District
  - Reviewed updated Caroline Stormwater Management Plan with Watershed Committee; presented for approval by the board
  - Watershed Committee is drafting a mission statement for the town website
  - Submitted 2nd Quarter Report for Buffalo Road Creek II Stream Stabilization Project for submission to DHSES/FEMA.
- Energy Independent Caroline:
  - Recommends the following four Clean Energy Communities High-impact Actions of
    - 1) Solarize campaign (done - need documentation of town involvement/endorsement and list of completed projects),
    - 2) Benchmarking (our Benchmarking Resolution was accepted by NYSERDA and so this action is complete - Becky is now entering our 2016 energy data for town buildings),
    - 3) Uniform Solar Permit (working with Code Officer on review of this), and
    - 4) Energy Building Code Training (in progress with Code Officer and Assistant to Supervisor).
  - Historic Town Hall energy improvements: develop design proposal for work. Becky has identified a possible source of grant monies.
  - Cornell engineering students are conducting a study of micro-hydro potential of Six Mile Creek
- Worked on proposals for negotiations with Highway Bargaining Unit and held first negotiation meeting on Tuesday, April 4th. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4th. Deputy Supervisor Barber and I worked up data on the Town's annual expenditures for wages and health care over the past 18 years to show that health insurance costs for current PPO plan are escalating well above the metal-level plans of the Affordable Care Act, as well as wage growth, both for Caroline and nationally.

- Rick Morgan met with me to let me know that water access is crucial for fire fighters and that there is a need to improve access. He has identified properties where improved driveway structure is needed for access to water sources by fire trucks. He inquired about facilitation by the Town.
- Submitted 2016 injury report for Caroline to Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Propose date of Sunday, April 23rd, 3-5 pm at the Brooktondale Community Center for a community meeting about the South Hill Recreation Way Trail Extension Proposal. This will be an opportunity for people to share their thoughts about this proposal with the Caroline Town Board. This meeting was offered at the 22 February Caroline Town Board meeting and at the urging of an attendee, Danby was included. Anyone interested in learning about the proposal and/or sharing their perspective is welcome to attend. The proposal includes involvement of four towns: Caroline, Danby, Dryden, and Ithaca.
- Submitted 2016 Tompkins County Climate Protection Initiative (TCCPI) Annual Report for Caroline: summary of sustainability actions by the Town.
- Clm. Weiser and I attended Shared Services meeting held by TC Administrator Joe Mareane for update on Governor Cuomo's shared services plan and brainstorming with other Supervisors/Mayors. The shared services mandate has been substantially changed to remove deadlines and punitive measures.