

Supervisor's Report

September 11, 2019

Correspondence of Note

Received request from Senior Living Help (<https://www.seniorlivinghelp.org/assisted-living/new-york/>) to post link on Caroline Town website.

Supervisor's Notes

Construction of the Historic Town Hall geothermal system is complete. Electrical connection and commissioning will follow upgrade of electrical service on October 18 by Pleasant Valley. I propose to proceed with additional improvements to the Historic Town Hall. Next step: clean up, vapor barriers, and insulation improvements to the basement/crawl space. Propose to immediately establish a committee to develop an rfp for painting/siding the building.

Completion of the bioretention feature is planned for early October. Seeking proposals for excavation and construction of the bioretention project. As noted, we also need attention to landscaping the geothermal loop field, perhaps rock removal, followed by seeding. Do we want to consider possible "beautification?" A community garden has been suggested, for example. Following completion of the bioretention area, we will move forward to contract for parking lot paving and a new sidewalk.

Brighten Up Caroline campaign is ramping up for October door-to-door outreach to provide LED bulbs and resources for home energy improvements. Door-to-door outreach is planned for the weekends of October 4/5 and October 26/27.

CCE intern Osamu Tsuda has asked if Caroline would be interested in conducting a Climate Vulnerability Assessment. CCE and the Water Resources Institute would conduct the research and develop presentations. We would be asked to hold several public meetings to solicit input from the public. Kristen Hychka of our Watershed Committee works at WRI.

Lee Haeefe reported that Round III buildout of Haeefe fiber-optic will be completed this fall. Contributions from the Park Foundation and Tompkins County procured by Don Barber to support rural broadband in Caroline were committed by the town board in 2017 in order to extend Haeefe's Round III buildout.

NYSEG has provided Caroline a license agreement for the Town's consideration for use of a portion of the DL&W rail bed in Caroline as a recreational trail. (post-meeting note: I had previously reported that we were awaiting this. It is now under review. Prior to board action, we will be holding an Information Session on the proposed trail extension, TBA)

Attended Economic Development Collaborative held by Martha Armstrong of TCAD. Presentation on Food Business Incubator Program (FoodBIP) and Tourism Survey by Tompkins County Planning Dept. Martha Robertson let the group know about the current NYSEG rate case. Connected with someone working on business incubation for hemp products and have passed along local contacts. HeatSmart Tompkins has contracted with TCAD to promote heat pumps for the commercial sector. In response to my mention of community desire for an integrated approach to cell buildout in the county, Tom Knipe noted planning for an informational event on 5G buildout.

Annual fire extinguisher tests scheduled and overseen by Greg Harrington on 9/10/19.

Budget requests were sent last month. Tentative budget work is underway.