

Caroline Town Board Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2023

The Town Board Meeting was held hybrid beginning at 7:03 p.m. and was hosted by Town Supervisor Mark Witmer

Attendance:

Supervisor Mark Witmer
Councilmember Cal Snow
Councilmember Tim Murray
Councilmember Kate Kelley-Mackenzie

Recording Secretary:

Jessie Townsend, Town Clerk

Public Attendance: 5 in-person, 2 via zoom

Supr. Witmer opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Discussion with DEC Rep., Jean Foley

NYS DEC Representative, Jean Foley was invited to join the discussion to advise the regulations of perennial and intermittent streams. Streams are classified, regulations differ from classifications. Those can be found on their website. Protects A,B or CT (trout). Regulates to the top of the bank or the first break in slope. Town is looking to add riparian buffers and is interested in what State already oversees. Jean said that they do not regulate riparian buffers.

Discussion on Draft Zoning Law

Motion 1: (page 67, 5.3.G.2) for the first bullet point: revise as, "Activities part of a Farm Operation as defined by New York State and that are within an Agricultural District."

By: Witmer – 2nd: Snow PASSED

Motion 2: Last time we added 3e: Gravel surfaces may not be made impervious. I propose that we make this a recommendation as an added sentence to 3d as follows: Parking or parking lots, except in connection with Activities part of a Farm Operation. It is recommended that lots and driveways be pervious.

By: Witmer – 2nd: Murray – PASSED

The Board would like to take more time to consider the buffer widths as perpendicular distances regardless of slope or habitat (100) ft for perennial streams, except 75 ft in hamlets; 50 ft for intermittent streams.

The Board reviewed the following Schedule of Uses (page 41- 45) Table 1, and made the following changes:

Motion 3: Revise Uses for Farm Brewery, Farm Winery, Farm Cidery or Farm Distillery in each District as follows: X Hamlets of Besemer, W. Slaterville, Center Brooktondale; SUP Hamlets of Slaterville Springs, Caroline Center, Caroline, Speedsville, and Brooktondale

By: Murray – 2nd: Kelley-Mackenzie – PASSED (Snow: opposed)

Motion 4: Examine Schedule of Uses for Cannabis Dispensary and Cannabis Lounge: SUP in Ag/Rural and Hamlet of Slaterville Springs; X in Hamlets of Besemer, W. Slaterville, Caroline Center, Caroline, Speedsville, Brooktondale, Center Brooktondale; P in Focused Commercial.

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By: Murray - 2nd: Snow – PASSED

Motion 5: Revise Uses for Brewery, Winery, Cidery or Distillery not part of a Farm Operation in each District as follows: X Hamlets of Besemer, W. Slaterville, Center Brooktondale; SUP Hamlets of Slaterville Springs, Caroline Center, Caroline, Speedsville, and Brooktondale

By: Witmer - 2nd: Murray – PASSED

Motion 6: Event Facility changed from SUP to P in Focused Commercial.

By: Murray – 2nd: Witmer – PASSED

Motion 7: Daycare changed from SUP to SPR in Ag/Rural.

By: Witmer - 2nd: Snow – PASSED

Motion 8: Commercial Recreation Facility Outdoor: change all to SUP

By: Witmer - 2nd: Witmer - PASSED

Motion 9: Convenience Store: X in Besemer and W. Slaterville

By: Murray - 2nd: Kelley-Mackenzie - PASSED

Motion 10: Funeral Home: X Besemer, W. Slaterville and Center Brooktondale

By: Murray - 2nd: Witmer – PASSED

Motion 11: Fuel -Gasoline Station X in Brooktondale and Center Brooktondale

By: Kelley-Mackenzie - 2nd: Murray - PASSED

Motion 12: Health/Medical Clinic/Laboratory: X Besemer and W Slaterville

By TM 2nd MW – PASSED

Motion 12: Industrial Use, Light: X in Besemer, W Slaterville and Brooktondale

By: TM 2nd MW - TABLED

The Board is set to meet next Wednesday for the Business Meeting. They will finish discussing the Uses and then will proceed to discuss and review Table 2 – Schedule of Area and Dimensions.

A Motion to adjourn was called by Supr. Witmer and seconded by Clm. Snow and was carried unanimously at 9:06 PM

----Meeting Adjourned----

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessie Townsend