

Caroline Town Board Agenda Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2021

The Town Board Agenda Meeting was held electronically via Zoom teleconference on March 2, 2021 beginning at 7:01 p.m. hosted by Supervisor Mark Witmer

Attendance:

Supervisor Mark Witmer
Councilmember John Fracchia
Councilmember Tim Murray
Councilmember Cal Snow
Councilmember Katherine Goldberg

Recording Secretary:

Jessica L. Townsend, Town Clerk

Also Present: Highway Superintendent, Bob Spencer and 1 members of the public

Privilege-of-the-Floor

None

Additions or deletions to Agenda

Councilmember Murray - to discuss Task Force recommendations
Supervisor Witmer- to discuss the food survey and Public Hearing process scheduled for next week.
Councilmember Snow – to discuss open meetings and backup generator for Town Hall. air filtration and exhaust fan for historic town hall for when open meetings resume and backup generator for town hall

Discussion of Snow Plow replacement planning

Superintendent Witmer summarized the need to construct a truck rotation schedule. Hwy. Supt. Spencer has asked the Board to consider the purchase of a new plow truck in 2022 and has provided them with details of an installment plan. After a brief discussion, it was unanimously agreed to move forward.

Resolution 77 of 2021 Purchase of Snow Plow Truck in 2022

On a motion made by Councilmember Snow and seconded by Councilmember Murray
Resolved, the Caroline Town Board authorizes a 5-year installment purchase plan for a new snow plow truck for delivery in 2022.

Passed: Witmer: Aye Fracchia: Aye Snow: Aye Murray: Aye Goldberg: Aye

Committee Reports

John Fracchia, Councilmember – Highway Barn - Has reviewed the six RFQ's in connection to the highway barn. They will be narrowing down the companies to interview. Brief discussion on process,

Cal Snow, Councilmember – EIC – In April there will be a light bulb distribution.

Tim Murray, Councilmember – Land Use Task Force – In their Executive Report, in addition to a zoning commission, they also recommended revisions to Site Plan Law guidelines. The law has been drafted and he asked the Board to review and move forward.

Katherine Goldberg, Councilmember – Planning Board - Met last Thursday, and the Solar Siting Law is close to being completed.

Discussion

Zoning Commission - The Board will be discussing which Planning Board members will be assisting on the Commission. It was recommended that the members who worked on the Land-Use Task Force be on the commission because the research and knowledge gained by it. Councilmember Murray also recommended that the Chair of the Zoning Commission be a Planning Board member.

Public Hearing on SunX Waiver – Councilmember Murray requested additional information regarding the economic necessity of the waiver, how much farming acreage it is, and the hardship of the landowner. The Board discussed the necessity of having better clarity on these justifications before voting and the due diligence required since there is a Moratorium Law in place. Further discussion regarding process of the Public Hearing.

Open Meetings - Councilmember Snow recommended investigating an air filtration and exhaust fan system being installed in the Historic Town Hall, making it a safer gathering place for when public meetings open again. The Board discussed the continuation of teleconferencing Town meetings until it is mandated by the State to resume in-person.

Food survey – Supervisor Witmer sent this survey to Board members. This organization is housed in Cooperative Extension. Discussion regarding putting out a town announcement regarding, and it was unanimously agreed to allow it.

Approval of Minutes

A motion made by Supervisor Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Goldberg to approve the Business Minutes of February 10, 2021 as submitted by Town Clerk, Jessica Townsend and was carried unanimously

Agenda items for March 10 Business Meeting

Public Hearing on Waiver application
Interview applicants for the Zoning Commission
JYC presentation
Discussion with Court regarding case load
Safety Plan for Communicable Disease
RFP for Planning Firm to support our Zoning Commission

A motion to adjourn by Mark Witmer and seconded by Councilmember Fracchia and carried unanimously at 8:33 p.m.

---Adjourn the meeting ---

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica L. Townsend, Town Clerk