

## **Caroline Town Board Business Meeting of May 10, 2017**

The Town Board Business meeting held on May 10, 2017 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Witmer.

### **Recording**

**Secretary:** Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk

### **Attendance:**

Mark Witmer, Supervisor  
John Fracchia, Councilmember  
Irene Weiser, Councilmember  
Gary Reinbolt, Councilmember  
Calvin Snow, Councilmember

**Also present:** 55 people of the public attended the meeting

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### **Public Hearing**

7:06 Open public hearing-

Bob Spaulding-Moratorium is a bad idea

Pete Hoyt- Against Moratorium. Timing is awful. This is the time of year is when people are building

Becky Phillips-Against the Moratorium- This is the building season

Steve Crispell- Move it to the Fall, and thank you to Cal and the 3 board members.

Tony Tavelli – on the Planning Board when Site Plan Review was put together. Protects us. Doesn't think the moratorium is necessary.

Bill Hilker-Moratorium what has gone out of control

Kim Whetzil- Building moratorium is a bad time of the year. All types of LL for

Barbara Perone- all for people caring for the land,

Town Supervisor- timing the moratorium,

Irene Weiser- Steve Crispell, the potential for building sizeable <22 minutes>

Close the public hearing 7:30 p.m.

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### **Privilege of the Floor**

Kathleen Boyd- Rec hill Vocal an opposition is quite clear

Bill Hilker- open and friendly discussion- an adversarial, there is a lot of family and friends in this town. Town wide friendly Trail will cause a lot of aggravation.

Bob Spaulding- Invitation on FB, People from out of town, who is just The Towns' people have a real vested interest.

Betty Dean- reading a statement from Sandra Keene see attachment

Scott Dean- opposed

Kathryn Goldberg – discussed pros of trail

Sam Trector- for the trail extension

- Heather Burn- is a resident and would like the trail to go forward
- Kristie Snyder- support of the trail. Her husband bikes to Ithaca, would like to have him have a safer.
- Glen Robertson- for the trail. He thinks you can make it happen. Comprise He is a bike rider and commutes
- Crystal Van Gaasbeck -Government over reach
- Becky Phillips- Monetary cost. Against the trail
- Tony Tavelli- Against the trail. Every property owner next to the trail had to sign off with NYSEG
- Darla Vanostrand- I value you my solitude and have empathy
- Steve Crispell- Read a poem, not your property. Think about
- Diane Hamilton- for the trail-
- Barbara Perone- supports the trail, desires the trail only to go to Banks Rd
- Sarah Myers- Brought pictures- opposed to the trail
- Eddie Spaulding- Property rights, privacy rights. Who is going to pay for this? Who is going to maintain? How is going to benefit Brooktondale?
- Ilene Granger- Lived near the rec trail in Ithaca
- Ian Carmichael- Ride on Snyder Hill trail
- Erin Eldamyer- I favor the trail, comprise with the land owners
- Brian Homestead- Life is about change. Sited the 2009 survey. 2016 resident survey Environment
- James Mich- Bikes from Ithaca for the trail
- Serna Delauritis- for the trail
- Johnathon Snow- Against the trail.
- Terese ? - Does not live in Caroline but lives on the rec trail.
- Rich Anderson- A supporter of the trail. It is a mix of the younger and older residence who want trail.
- Bill Case- Where are we going to get the money?
- Joe Scaglione- Against the trail.
- Bryn- For the trail
- Kim Case – Opposed to trail
- Sam Philips- Against the trail-Suggests bicycles drive on the
- Pete Hoyt- Against the trail-
- Marybeth Ink- In support of the trail.
- Ed Cope- The Town Board provide Health and safety for the residents. For the trail.
- Barb Nellinbeck- Support of the trail
- Scott Dean- There is Rec Trail Parks Department that clean the trail
- South Hill trail contact
- Peggy Pearce- We can't afford current infrastructure
- Kim Whetzel- Grand theft on his property from the rec trail. Four incidences of crime.

Carolyn Gray- In full support of trails.

Judy Palmer-Against the Trail Theft on Coddington rd. Bike

Russ Crispell- Against the trail- Cost.

Carl Mulander- Caroline resident- for the trail. Positives outweigh the negatives

Bob Pierce- worked for NYSEG for 37 years. The amount to keep up the trail would be very high. Why are we at this point again?

Dan Klein- Privacy issue, everything can be negotiated.

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## Rural Beautification Grants Committee

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### Reports

**Cindy Whittaker, Highway Superintendent**

**Mark Witmer, Town Supervisor**

#### Correspondence of Note:

- On May 8th Town of Danby held a Public Hearing on "A Local Law to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Related to Solar Energy of the Town of Danby, NY." The draft of this local law is on file.
- Code Officer's April Report: 7 building permits, 23 plan reviews, 62 total inspections.
- Comments received to-date on the South Hill Recreation Way Trail Proposal: 40 in support, 8 in opposition.

#### Supervisor Notes:

- Reminder: Caroline Assessment Review Board date set for Thursday, May 11, 3-6 pm at the Town Hall.
- Cornell Student Sam Coons is completing his Historic Structure Report on the Old Town Hall. We will meet on Monday, 15 May, for update and walk-through. This will inform needed work on Town Hall.
- Mowing contract with Scott & Crispell revised and sent.
- Labella (Alten Ainsley and Dave Walker) will conduct site visit to Highway Barns on Tuesday, May 16, to develop a Feasibility Study proposal. 8 am.
- Watershed Committee:
  - Monthly phone call with Tom Abbati of DHSES for Buffalo Road project update.
  - Watershed Committee visited Ann Harch property on Six Mile Creek at our April meeting to examine the historic dam and potential disintegration and erosion hazards. Will seek information from prior TC Soil & Water assessment.
- Energy Independent Caroline:
  - Work on Solarize and Energy Code Training "high-impact actions" in progress.
  - Historic Town Hall energy improvements
  - Cornell engineering students will report on their micro-hydro study of Six Mile Creek at our May 18 meeting. They also visited Ann Harch property on April 25th.
- Second negotiation meeting with Highway Bargaining Unit was on May 4th. Next meeting is May 25th.

- Attended Greater Tompkins Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Annual Retreat on 10 May at the Tompkins County legislative chambers.
- South Hill Recreation Way Trail Extension: We have heard from many people about the proposed South Hill Recreation Way Trail Extension. At our April 12 town board meeting we heard from 18 people who voiced opposition to the proposed trail and four who expressed support. Among the points raised by opponents were that Tompkins County already has an abundance of trails, ownership of the abandoned rail bed is in question, the trail would be too expensive to build and maintain, and the trail would infringe on the privacy of rural residents. Supporters were in favor of a safe, direct corridor for non-motorized transit between Brooktondale and Ithaca. A petition in support of the trail was presented to the Town Board with 296 signatures - 180 (60%) of those were Caroline residents. We have received about 48 comments about the trail proposal, 40 in support, 8 opposed. We continue to receive input.

**Dan Klein, County Representative**

**Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk**

**Cal Snow, Town Board**

**Gary Reinbolt, Town Board**

**Irene Weiser, Town Board - Went to the bidder's conference in Albany.**

**John Fracchia, Town Board**

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### **Town Business**

Discussion of the Proposed Moratorium on Actions Subject to site Plan or Subdivision. <2:30 hour>

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### **Resolutions**

#### **Resolution 78 of 2017**

##### **Proposed Moratorium on Actions Subject to Site Plan or Subdivision Review**

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Irene Weiser

A resolved, the Caroline Town board hereby changes the Moratorium to July, with Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Adopted** Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Reinbolt: Aye; Weiser: Aye; Snow: Aye

#### **Resolution 79 of 2017**

##### **284 Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Monies**

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Irene Weiser

Resolved, the Caroline Town board hereby

**Adopted** Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Reinbolt: Aye; Weiser: Aye; Snow: Aye

**Resolution 80 of 2017**

**Electric Stations**

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Irene Resolved, the Caroline Town board hereby sign the notice of interest

**Adopted** Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Reinbolt: Aye; Weiser: Aye; Snow: Aye

**Resolution 81 of 2017**

**Fee Proposals**

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Irene Weiser Resolved, the Caroline Town board hereby authorizes to sign the Randall and West notice of interest up \$5000.00

**Adopted** Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Reinbolt: Aye; Weiser: Aye; Snow: Aye

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**Approval of Abstracts**

**Resolution 82 of 2016**

**Streetlight Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Gary Reinbolt to approve payment for the Streetlight Fund voucher number 9 for \$490.96

**Adopted** Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Reinbolt: Aye; Weiser: Aye Snow: Aye

**Resolution 83 of 2016**

**General Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by John Fracchia to approve payment for the General Fund voucher numbers 110 through 109 for \$32,074.02.

**Adopted** Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Reinbolt: Aye; Weiser: Aye Snow: Aye

**Resolution 84 of 2016**  
**Highway Fund Abstract**

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded by Gary Reinbolt to approve payment for the Highway Fund voucher numbers 63 through 78 for \$ 25,520.51.

**Adopted** Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Absent; Reinbolt: Aye; Weiser: Aye Snow: Aye

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**Minutes**

**Resolution 85 of 2017**

**Minutes of the Agenda Meeting held February 7, 2017:**

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded Gary to accept the minutes of the February 7, 2017 Agenda meeting as submitted by Deputy Town Clerk, Becky Jordan.

**Adopted** Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Reinbolt: Aye; Weiser: Aye Snow: Aye

**Resolution 86 of 2017**

**Minutes of the Business held March 7, 2017:**

A motion was made by Mark Witmer and seconded John to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2017 Business meeting as submitted by the Caroline Town Clerk Marilou Harrington-Lawson.

**Adopted** Witmer: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Reinbolt: Aye; Weiser: Aye Snow: Aye

**----Adjourn----**

Adjourned on a motion by Mark Witmer and seconded by John Fracchia at **10:40** p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk