

Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

June 11, 2025

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This monthly meeting at Town Hall began at 6:30 PM and lasted 2 hours. 30 residents attended.

The Town Board discussed a proposal to hold a public hearing about ending the Fire Contract and instead establishing the Southern Adirondack Fire District for Caroga and part of Bleecker. The Board requested more information to be presented at a work session June 25 at 5:00 PM.

Resolutions:

1. Proposed Local Laws — (5-0 votes)

- The Board advanced proposed Local Law #1-2025 to Abolish the Elective Office of Highway Superintendent (beginning in 2028 and subject to mandatory voter referendum).
- Adopted Local Law #2-2025 Pooper Scooper Dog Law Amendment.

2. Nick Stoner Municipal Golf Course — (5-0 vote)

- The Board approved a \$41,500.00 agreement with C.T. Male Associates for Clubhouse site engineering with \$27,000 for Geotech and \$14,500 for septic (<https://ctmale.com>).
- They also approved \$5,440.00 agreement with DM Romeyn Civil Engineering to design and develop plans to renovate the green pole barn (<https://www.dmrbuildingdesign.com>).

3. Lakes Management — (5-0 votes)

- Approved \$4,399.98 purchase for Lakes Management equipment.
- Approved new initiative for boat inspections and stewardship education By Karl and Caroga Zeimann at Caroga Lake Marina for \$10 per boat from June 14 to August 12.

4. Comprehensive Plan Committee — (5-0 vote)

- Approved Resolution of Support and Consent for the 2025 NYS DOS Smart Growth Community Planning Program Grant Application (see details below).

5. Highway Department — (5-0 votes)

- Approved NYS Highway Law § 284 Form for local road repairs and improvements.
- Approved \$27,000.00 purchase for a new box for highway truck.

6. General Business — (5-0 votes)

- Deferred standard process to appoint alternate to Zoning Board of Appeals open position.
- Approved Majestic Fireworks Displays July 3 at Pine Lake and July 5 at Canada Lake.
- Approved 5/14/2025 and 5/28/2025 meeting minutes and bills as presented for audit.

The Board also heard from Trish Isabella about unaddressed property blight at 1094 NY-10 and from Jim Zeitler about pending request to rezone 1785 NY-10 or risk eviction for Town golf carts.

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Announcements:

YOU ARE INVITED TO DO THE CAROGA COMMUNITY SURVEY BEFORE AUGUST 15.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6YKGPTZ>

- * **7/12/2025 8:00AM—4:00PM:** *Boater Safety Course at Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Department*
- * **7/12/2025 10:00AM—3:00PM:** *Caroga Museum Artisan Fair* (<https://www.carogamuseum.org>)
- * **7/18/2025 to 8/17/2025:** *Caroga Lake Music Festival* (<https://carogaarts.org/events/>)
- * **7/22/2025 6:30PM—7:30PM:** *Caroga Museum Barn Dance & Ice Cream Social*
- * **7/26/2025 8:00AM—2:00PM:** *Caroga Townwide Garage Sale*
- * **7/31/2025 7:00PM:** *100 Years on Top: The Kane Mountain Fire Tower Museum Reception*
- * **8/14 to 8/17/2025:** *Kane Mountain Fire Tower Centennial Celebration*
- * **8/14/2025:** *Nick Stoner Golf Course Cy Durey Day Centennial Celebration & No Greens Fees*
- * **8/23 to 8/24/2025:** *Fourth Annual Wheelerville Bike Festival* (<https://wheelervilletrails.com>)
- * **Verison Wireless Approved** (<https://apa.ny.gov/files/permits/issued/2025/05/P2025-0103-GPermit-Final.pdf>)
- * **The Town of Caroga welcomes Jerry Groom Jr. as NSGC Golf Clubhouse Manager.**

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

<https://TownOfCaroga.com/calendar>

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2025 NYS DOS Smart Growth Community Planning Program **Town of Caroga Resolution of Support and Consent**

Whereas, the Caroga Town Board aims to demonstrate committed local leadership and strong support for Smart Growth Community Planning;

Whereas, on June 12, 2024 the Town Board appointed a Comprehensive Planning Committee to work with the Fulton County Planning Department to prepare an updated Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to NYS Town Law Section 267-a Article 16 Zoning & Planning and Environmental Conservation Law Article 6 State Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act;

Whereas, on April 9, 2025, the Town Board executed the State's Pro-Housing Resolution and the Town Supervisor has actively pursued Pro-Housing Communities certification;

Whereas, for many years, the Town of Caroga has advanced specific steps to support sound infrastructure planning, energy-efficiency projects, a housing rental policy, a smart growth mountain bike trail program, a smart growth lake stewardship program, town center revitalization, age-friendly youth and senior programs, and other initiatives;

Whereas, the Town is committed to basing the updated Comprehensive Plan on a robust, inclusive and creative public engagement process to empower residents and stakeholders in the planning process and to ensure that a full range of perspectives are represented in the plan;

Whereas, the Town of Caroga envisions its enduring Adirondack wild character, epic outdoor recreation, and central hamlet revitalization as essential to its vibrant community experience, natural environment, built environment, and economic opportunities;

Whereas, the Town of Caroga aims to refine priorities for targeted goals and to show readiness to deliver projects, informed by Smart Growth principles and related best practice standards to achieve comprehensive and sustainable impacts that are community-focused, environmentally-sound, financially-viable, energy-efficient, and action-oriented;

Whereas, the Town of Caroga has demonstrable local need and indicators of economic distress, justifying the essential value of discretionary grant funding;

Whereas, the Town Board aims to contribute and has provided local budgetary support for comprehensive planning and engineering planning consultations and seeks to comply with discretionary state funding requirements to advance priority projects and programs;

Whereas, the Town of Caroga is ready to move forward;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caroga Town Board supports and consents to submitting a 2025 Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Grant through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application. If awarded, the State will cover 90-percent of costs, with 10-percent coming from the Town for planning and engineering consultations and services.

**Passed unanimously on June 11, 2025 by the Caroga Town Board
Supervisor Ralph Palcovic and Council Members Barb Deluca,
Jack Glenn, Matt Cooper, and Rick Sturgess**