

# ***Caroga News Flash***

## ***Town Board Meeting Highlights***

**July 9, 2025**

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This monthly meeting at Town Hall began at 6:30 PM and lasted 113 minutes, including 23 minutes in executive session. Council Member DeLuca was not present at this meeting. Eighteen residents attended.

Supervisor Palcovic noted updates about several key topics:

- Southern Adirondack Fire District discussions remain ongoing at this time.
- Golf Clubhouse geotechnical analyses and subsurface testing will happen next week.
- Capehorn Bridge has a 5-ton weight limit, necessitating detours for trucks and buses.
- Thanks to Gloversville officials for the intermunicipal cooperation to loan a garbage truck.
- Legislation to change most town elections from odd- to even-numbered years has been challenged legally with Court of Appeals oral arguments schedule for 9/8/2025 (see [https://nytowns.org/common/Uploaded%20files/2025%20updated%20even%20year%20election%20faq%20-%20law%20\(1\).pdf](https://nytowns.org/common/Uploaded%20files/2025%20updated%20even%20year%20election%20faq%20-%20law%20(1).pdf)).

### **Resolutions:**

#### **1. November 4 Voter Referendum Ballot Wording — (4-0 vote)**

- The Board approved: *“Shall the elected position of Town of Caroga Superintendent of Highways be changed to an appointed position, to be appointed by the Town Board at the conclusion of the present Highway Superintendent’s current elected term and thereafter?”*

#### **2. Highway Department — (4-0 votes)**

- Approved Heidelberg Materials NE local road paving contract for \$214,500.00
- Approved repair of Caroga garbage truck emissions system up to \$27,000.00

#### **3. Lakes Management — (4-0 vote)**

- Approved \$3079.80 purchase from Canada Lake Marine for a 21' dock at Kowalski's Point on East Caroga for Lakes Management Diver Assisted Suction Harvester (DASH) boat, pending detailed second quote and budget transfer within aquatic invasive species budget
- Approved AIS budget transfer of \$6,000.00 from A8090.14 Director to A8090.13 Divers

#### **4. Kane Mountain Fire Tower Proclamation — (4-0 vote)**

- Approved resolution recognizing the Kane Mountain Fire Town Centennial (see below)

#### **5. General Business — (5-0 votes)**

- Approved 6/11/2025 and 6/25/2025 meeting minutes and bills as presented for audit

### **Announcements:**

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**PLEASE COMPLETE THE CAROGA COMMUNITY SURVEY BEFORE AUGUST 15.**

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

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- \* **8/14/2025:** Nick Stoner Golf Course Cy Durey Day Centennial Celebration & No Greens Fees
- \* **8/14 to 8/17/2025:** Kane Mt Fire Tower Centennial Celebration (<https://carogamuseum.org>)
- \* **7/18 to 8/17/2025:** Caroga Lake Music Festival (<https://carogaarts.org/events/>)
- \* **8/23 to 8/24/2025:** Fourth Annual Wheelerville Bike Festival (<https://wheelervilletrails.com>)
- \* **8/23/2025 6:00PM:** Bike Festival Party at Vrooman's with live music by Mirk
- \* **8/30/2025 6:00PM:** Labor Day Celebration with Music & Fireworks at Sherman's Park
- \* **Now to Labor Day 11:00AM-6:00PM Daily:** Pine Lake Park Beach Hours

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: <https://TownOfCaroga.com/calendar>

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### **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KANE MOUNTAIN FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT TOWER & STAFF & VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED THERE**

WHEREAS, The Kane Mountain Tower, a 60' Aermotor LS 40 steel tower, was erected in District 10 by New York State in 1925 and began operations in 1926 to help protect the southern Adirondack region against fires. The Conservation Commission declared this was needed because of: "the accessibility of the forests in the vicinity of this station, and the large number of lakes and ponds, there is probably no area of equal size in the Adirondacks that is more used by the public for camping, hunting, and fishing. The existing observation stations were too far away to cover this area, and therefore, the Kane Mountain station was established.": and

WHEREAS dedicated observers and rangers staffed the Tower during its operation from 1926-1988 identifying fires and educating thousands of visitors each year; and

WHEREAS the Kane Tower was officially decommissioned in 1989 and saved from demolition by area volunteers with a rallying cry of "Don't Raise Kane- Save the Fire Tower"; and

WHEREAS the iconic Kane Tower has continued to serve as a major attraction for thousands of young and old visitors to the area each year; and

WHEREAS the Tower and Trails were adopted by the Canada Lakes Conservation Association in 1993 in cooperation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC); and

WHEREAS the 2022 New York State Chapter of the Forest Fire Lookout Association began a volunteer steward program with DEC and Canada Lakes Conservation Association to help educate visitors and promote Leave No Trace Principles; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the tower was added to the National Register of Historical Places; and

WHEREAS the entire community recognizes the importance of the Kane Mountain Tower. NOW THEREFORE be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Caroga in partnership with the Caroga Museum, the DEC, the New York Chapter of the Forest Fire Lookout Association, the Fulton County Visitors Bureau, and the Canada Lakes Conservation Association hereby proclaim August 14-17 as the official Kane Mountain Centennial Celebration in honor of the Kane Mountain Tower and the dedicated observers and rangers and stewards who have worked at the Tower.

This resolution has received the unanimous affirmative vote of the Board of the Town of Caroga, as signed below and such a resolution is hereby approved BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD.

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