

Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

February 11, 2026

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This monthly meeting began at 6:30 PM and lasted 95 minutes at Town Hall. In addition to the five Town Board members, Town Clerk, and Highway Superintendent, seven other local residents attended the meeting.

The meeting began with a presentation by **Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC)** Chair Chris Foss.

- The CPC had held monthly meetings since August 2024 and completed a *Community Survey and Summary Report* in September 2025 (see CPC website <https://carogacomprehensiveplan.wordpress.com/>).
- With Board approval, the CPC also collaborated to apply in July 2025 CFA Round 15 for a grant from the NYS Department of State Environmental Protection Fund Smart Growth Community Planning Program.
- The project was funded as *Town of Caroga Comprehensive Plan* (CFA #151664, \$130,500.00).
- On 2/13/2026, DOS Project Manager (PM), Cassandra Leopold, will host a Project Initiation Meeting.
- Chris Foss shared with the Board a 2-page *Planning Process Task Table* (see 1/25/2026 CPC Minutes).
- He also gave each Town Board member a printed copy of the Town's draft *DOS Contract* and draft *Consultant Request for Proposals* (RFP). Board members agreed to review the drafts and to share any input they have about the documents. DOS revisions will also be shared with the Town Board via email.
- Looking ahead, the draft Contract & draft RFP will be edited and finalized before being released publicly.
- Consultants will have a month to submit proposals. With DOS PM input, the CPC will review consultants' proposals and make a recommendation to the Town Board — who will give final approval — to hire a planning consultant firm to work with the community on the Caroga Comprehensive Planning Process.
- During the current meeting the Town Board began a process to expand and refine CPC membership.

Resolutions:

1. **2026 Oath of Undertaking of Municipal Officers** — (5-0 vote) Accepted the oath (see page 2).
2. **March 11, 2026 7:15 PM Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2026** — (5-0 vote)
 - The law aims to change deputy highway superintendent residency requirements (see page 3).
3. **Highway Department** — (5-0 vote)
 - Approved Caroga's 2026 Highway Law § 284 Expenditures for Repair of Highways. This includes a NYS waiver request for South Shore Road, East Caroga Lake, so 2026 roadwork plan depends on that waiver approval.
4. **Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC)** — (5-0 votes)
 - For broader outreach, the Town will seek additional CPC members with particular skills and backgrounds.
 - To liaison with the Planning Board (PB), the Town Board debated appointing a CPC member to the PB versus appointing a PB member to the CPC, opting to start by appointing PB Alternate Arthur Wadsworth to the CPC.
 - Authorized Supervisor Glenn to give official approval for the Town's DOS Grant Work Plan (WP) Contract and consultant bid Request for Proposals (RFP). The Board also asked to be included on emails for input.
 - Approved setting up the official CPC email "comprehensiveplan@caroga.town."
5. **Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)** — (4-0 vote, with Council Member Greta Frasier abstaining)
 - Appointed Jeff McGillis to the ZBA with term ending December 31, 2029.
6. **Nick Stoner Municipal Golf Course** — (5-0 vote)
 - Approved 2026 Golf Rates (see Town website <https://caroga.town/nick-stoner-municipal-golf-course/>).
 - The Board did not publicly discuss Stephen Jennings' Letter of Interest for the Golf Pro Shop Manager position.
 - Council Members Sturgess and Cooper continue to meet with C.T. Male to plan the **Golf Clubhouse** project. They currently await an estimate for a start-to-finish projected cost to deliver the entire project.

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7. Other Town Business — (5-0 votes)

- Noted Town Board Liaisons: Highway Department—Matt Cooper; Golf Course—Rick Sturgess; Lakes Management—Jack Glenn; Tourism—Greta Frasier; Planning Board—Kim Walker.
- Workplace Violence Prevention Designated Contacts: Supervisor Glenn and Deputy Sturgess.
- Approved low bid 36-month lease of 2026 Toyota Tacoma SR5 (\$422.77/month + \$2,422.77).
- Approved 2026 contract renewal with St. Mary’s Hospital Employee Assistance Program.
- Accepted the audited books of the Town Justice, and approved \$40 Conference Training for Clerk Gilbert.
- Approved bills and meeting minutes for 01/14/2026.

Announcements:

- ❖ The next monthly Town Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM.
- ❖ Get ready for **music in the heart of Caroga** (see <https://carogaarts.org/events/>). For students 17 and under, Sherman’s general admission is free. Adult ticket sales start March 1 for the Memorial Day Weekend concert **Scenes: A Billy Joel Experience** (Saturday, May 23) and late summer **Nashville Day** concerts (Saturday, August 29). The August 29 concert is included as part of the Season Passes, which will be available for sale starting April 16.

2026 Official Undertaking of Municipal Officers

Issued at the February 11, 2026 regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board:

WHEREAS, **John Glenn** of the Town of Caroga, County of Fulton, New York has been elected to the Office of Supervisor of the Town of Caroga, and

WHEREAS, **Linda Gilbert** of the Town of Caroga, County of Fulton, New York has been elected to the Office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector, and

WHEREAS, **Kimberly Walker** of the Town of Caroga. County of Fulton, New York has been elected to the Office of Council Member of the Town of Caroga, and

WHEREAS, **Greta Frasier** of the Town of Caroga. County of Fulton, New York has been elected to the Office of Council Member of the Town of Caroga, and

WHEREAS, **Roy Stock** of the Town of Caroga. County of Fulton, New York has been elected to the Office of Highway Superintendent of the Town of Caroga,

NOW THEREFORE, we as respective officers above, do hereby undertake with the Town of Caroga that we will faithfully perform and discharge the duties of our office, and will promptly account for and pay over all moneys or property received as a Town Officer in accordance with the law: and

This undertaking of the Town Supervisor is further conditioned upon that he will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property. Including any special district funds, belonging to the Town coming into his hands as such Supervisor; and

The Town does and shall maintain insurance coverage, presently with NBT- Mang Insurance Agency. LLC in the sum of \$250,000.00 for the Supervisor, in the sum of \$ 400,000.00 for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, \$250,000.00 for the Highway Superintendent, and \$250,000.00 for all other employees.

Dated: February 11, 2026. Town of Caroga and to be signed by the above mentioned:

Supervisor Glenn

Town Clerk/Collector Gilbert

Council Member Walker

Council Member Frasier

Highway Superintendent Stock

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PUBLIC HEARING: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 7:15 PM

Proposed LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026 ESTABLISHING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPOINTED OFFICE OF DEPUTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE TOWN OF CAROGA

Section 1 – Legislative Intent and Purpose

By adoption of this Local Law, it is the intent and purpose of the Town Board of the Town of Caroga to supersede Public Officers Law § 3 and Town Law § 23 to provide that the person appointed to and holding the office of Deputy Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Caroga need not be a resident or elector of the Town of Caroga, provided that such person is a resident of the County of Fulton, New York or of a county adjoining Fulton County.

Section 2 – Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10(1)(ii)(a)(1), which grants to local governments authority to enact local laws pertaining to the qualifications of local officers.

Section 3 – Residency Requirement for the Appointed Office of Deputy Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Caroga

The person appointed to and holding the office of Deputy Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Caroga need not be a resident or elector of the Town of Caroga, provided that such person is a resident of the County of Fulton, New York or of a county adjoining Fulton County.

Section 4 - Supersession

This local law shall supersede the residency requirements set forth in Public Officers Law § 3 and Town Law § 23 in regard to their application to the appointed office of Deputy Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Caroga.

Section 5 - Inconsistency

All other local laws and ordinances of the Town of Caroga that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Local Law are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall only be to the extent of such inconsistency, and in all other respects this Local Law shall be in addition to such other local laws and ordinances pertaining to the subject matter encompassed by this Local Law.

Section 6 - Savings Clause

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section, or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section, or part directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 7 – Effective Date

This local law shall take effect upon the filing with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York.