

# ***Caroga News Flash***

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

### **February 14, 2024 Monthly Meeting**

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This monthly meeting began at 6:30 PM and lasted 80 minutes with 30+ citizens at Town Hall and 24 participants on zoom. (Technical problems disrupted the zoom connection.)

#### **The meeting featured a 30-minute public hearing and Town Board discussion of the proposed Local Law 2024 #1: Short-Term Residential Rental Law of the Town of Caroga.**

- Committee Chair and Board Member Barb DeLuca expressed gratitude for community input.
- Supervisor Ralph Palcovic noted support for Caroga’s tourism economy while maintaining standards of public safety and protecting residential neighborhoods for working families.
- Changes are being made to align better with the intent and purpose of the proposed law.
  - All “short-term residential rentals” meeting the law’s definitions require annual permits.
  - Permits will be revokable and non-transferrable. Permit posting will be mandatory.
  - All guests must be informed about invasive species prevention and boat washing.
  - In Section 10, each requirement will have a specific reference (e.g., to relevant section of NYS Building Code, DOS / DEC / DOH Codes, *Town of Caroga Zoning Ordinance*).
  - The revision will include a severability clause to protect separate parts of the law.
  - Work is also underway on the permit application and a “good neighbor” welcome letter.
  - The revised proposed local law will be posted for public review on the town website.
  - Another hearing will be held before final adoption of the Short-Term Rental Local Law.
- Note that Fulton County Solid Waste Management Law #260-42 disallows Transfer Station use and residential garbage pickup for commercial entities — including Short-Term Rentals. For Fulton County Department of Solid Waste commercial garbage permits, call 518-736-5504.

#### **Resolutions:** (5-0 votes)

1. Appointed Caroga Tourism members: Angela Germany (until 12/32/2030), Jeff Raiano (until 12/31/2029), and Jennalynn Knecht (until 12/31/2027)
2. Authorized \$300.00 agreement with Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board
3. Approved 2024 contract with the James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society
4. Accepted the audit review of Town Justice books conducted 01/29/2024
5. Designated 2024 contacts for Workplace Violence Prevention Policy & Incident Reporting
6. Approved 01/04/2024 and 01/10/2024 meeting minutes
7. Approved bills as presented for audit

#### **Announcements:**

- ❖ Caroga received prenotification of pending award for the \$100,000.00 Caroga Boat Wash and Stewards Grant. Thank you and congratulations to Marcus Harazin for leading this effort.
- ❖ Thank you and congratulations to Court Clerk Tammie Subik who was recognized by the NYS Association of Magistrates Court Clerks Association for her 30 years of service.
- ❖ Transfer Station will be closed Monday 02/20/2024 and open 02/20/2024 8:00 AM – noon.

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