

Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

May 8, 2024 Monthly Meeting

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This monthly meeting began at 6:30 PM and lasted 60 minutes, including 5 minutes in executive session for personnel. Residents attended at Town Hall, and 20 families participated via zoom.

Resolutions:

- 1. Public Hearing: Restore NY Grant Application for Project at 2144 State Highway 10 —**
 - Mr. Scott Horton described the grant “purpose of revitalizing urban centers, rural area, disadvantaged communities, and stabilizing neighborhoods.” He aims to refurbish his Shutts’ Garage property “for retail lease, to reduce blight, and to bring life to Town Center.”
 - Eligible applicants include any NYS County, City, Town, or Village. The Town of Caroga is named as applicant. Terms of required 10% matching funds were not discussed publicly.
 - The Town Board accepted Mr. Horton’s \$500.00 donation to cover the Town’s payment to Empire State Development Corporation for the \$500.00 grant application fee (5-0 vote)
 - The Board approved a budget adjustment for Mr. Horton’s donation and the grant payment
From: A2705 Gifts and Donations \$500.00 To: A1010.41 Grant Writing C/E \$500.00
and approved \$500.00 payment to Empire State Development Corp. (5-0 vote)
- 2. Comprehensive Planning Committee —**
 - After receiving letters of interest from Doug Purcell, Dave Cummings, Jeremy Manning, Rachel Simonds, and Anita Long, the Board deferred appointments until the June meeting.
 - Read 3 prior Comprehensive Plans: https://townofcaroga.com/comprehensive_plan/
 - See also https://townofcaroga.com/comprehensive_plan/nypf1980_caroga_process.pdf
- 3. ProcellaCOR Project —**
 - On May 16, the APA approved a permit with conditions. They questioned Caroga’s decision to treat only 3 sites (i.e., postponing the 4th Turtle Bay site). ProcellaCOR treatments at the Campsite, East-West Channel, and West Caroga Mead Creek are planned in early June.
 - For the APA presentation, see https://townofcaroga.com/notes/2024_apa_procillacor.pdf
- 4. Other Business —**
 - Approved fireworks: 7/3/2024 Pine Lake, 7/5/2024 CAC, 7/6/2024 Canada Lake (5-0 vote)
 - Accepted County mowing contract on 7.28 miles county right-of-ways in Caroga (5-0 vote)
 - Approved \$418.99 upgrades for technology equipment and network services (5-0 vote)
 - Approved minutes of 4/10/2024 monthly meeting and 4/24/2024 work session (5-0 votes)
 - Approved bills as presented for audit (5-0 vote)

Announcements:

- ❖ **An Emergency Call Box** is outside the Caroga Fire Station at 3262 State Highway 29A. If you have no power or cell service or need help for any reason, go to the Fire House, open the white box to the right of the front door, and lift the handset to be connected to 911.
- ❖ <https://WheelervilleTrails.com> details bike events, trail conditions, local businesses, merch, and donations. The Third Annual MTB Festival will be August 24 & 25, 2024. Check it out.

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

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May 2024 Grants Funded in the Town of Caroga

The Town of Caroga was awarded a 2024 \$99,700.00 **NYS DEC Smart Growth Grant** to fund Wheelerville Trails Phase 2.

This project will expand existing trails and create new routes accessible for a broader audience, particularly beginner and intermediate level mountain bike riders.

<https://WheelervilleTrails.com>



The Town of Caroga has \$241,739.81 to fund 2024 road paving.

This includes rollover plus a \$114,367.44 grant from the **NYS Consolidated Local Street and Highway Program (CHIPS)**, \$26,394.21 from PaveNY, \$23,391.00 Emergency Recovery, and \$17,533.66 Potholes Grant. Paving is planned on Vrooman Road, North Shore, Everson, Kirchen Grove, Garlock, North Bush, and spots on South Shore East Caroga.

<https://www.dot.ny.gov/programs/chips>



Caroga Arts was awarded a 2024 \$850,000.00 **New York State Council for the Arts (NYSCA) Grant** to support MyHill.

The project involves constructing a year-round artists' lodge as part of the Sherman's Legacy Campaign.

<https://carogaarts.org/campaign/>

