

# Caroga News Flash

## Town Board Meeting Highlights

### October 9, 2024 Monthly Meeting

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This monthly meeting began at 6:30 PM and lasted 75 minutes, including Executive Session. Council Member Barb DeLuca was not present. No zoom was available. 14 residents attended.

Supervisor Palcovic emphasized reports from Fulton County Tourism that 2024 has been a “**banner year**” for tourism. Caroga Arts, Wheelerville Trails, & other Town of Caroga attractions have been featured in that new momentum with our local economy and festival experiences.

He also briefly noted a request for a resolution of support for the proposed **Upstate Ice Plex**. No resolution was made. (See page 2 for info from UIP’s website: <https://UpstateIcePlex.org.>)

#### Resolutions:

1. **New Golf Clubhouse + Town Hall Redesign Process for 11/15/2020 Fire Recovery —**
  - With a 4-0 vote, the Board approved a new \$25,000.00 contract with CT Male Associates.
  - On 9/18/2024, Mr. Sturgess gave estimated design costs as \$100,000.00 to \$130,000.00.
  - This starts a new engineering process for a site/water plan and custom-building redesign.  
**1801 STATE HIGHWAY 10 SITE**
  - The 1.7-acre sloped lot borders Irving Pond Road and the Creek into Canada Lake Inlet.
  - This is the site of the highway garage, green storage shed, prior gas spill, and parking lot.  
**GOLF CLUBHOUSE & TOWN HALL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING**
  - The multi-purpose concept includes a Golf Clubhouse plus lower-level “future” Town Hall.
  - On 4/3/2024, Council Members Rick Sturgess, Matt Cooper, and Jack Glenn rejected an alternate proposal for a 2,880 sq-ft (48’ x 60’) pre-designed Adirondack-style Clubhouse.
2. **2025 Contract for Golf Cart Storage at the Old Fire House —** Discussed proposed contract to increase the Town’s lease cost from \$1,150.00 to \$1,250.00 per month and to change the *Town of Caroga Zoning Ordinance Map* to rezone the old fire house currently in the Conservation Zoning District. No details were specified about zoning or a public hearing.
3. **Emergent Town Hall Roof Repairs —** (4-0 vote)  
After reviewing 3 estimates, awarded a \$19,775 roof repair contract to Galway Roofing.
4. **Budget Transfers —** (4-0 vote)

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| From: A1990.4 Contingency      | \$ 90.00     | To: A1930.4 Judgements & Claims | \$ 90.00     |
| From: A1670.41 GC Print & Mail | \$ 500.00    | To: A6410.41 Golf Publicity C/E | \$ 500.00    |
| From: DA9050.8 and DA5110.1    | \$ 40,000.00 | To: DA5130.4 Machinery C/E      | \$ 40,000.00 |
| From: A7180.41 Port a John     | \$ 500.00    | To: A7180.21 Golf Carts         | \$ 500.00    |
5. **Other Business —** (4-0 votes)
  - Approved \$500.00 to buy pumpkins for Trunk or Treat at Sherman’s on 10/26/2024.
  - Approved 9/11/2024 meeting minutes and approved bills as presented for audit

#### Announcements:

- ❖ **The Public Hearing for the 2025 Town of Caroga Budget** will be 11/6/2024 at 6:30 PM.
- ❖ **Thank you** to everyone who donated time and resources to support our community in 2024.
- ❖ **Holiday Tree Lighting** at Sherman’s Park will be Saturday, 11/30/2024 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM.

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

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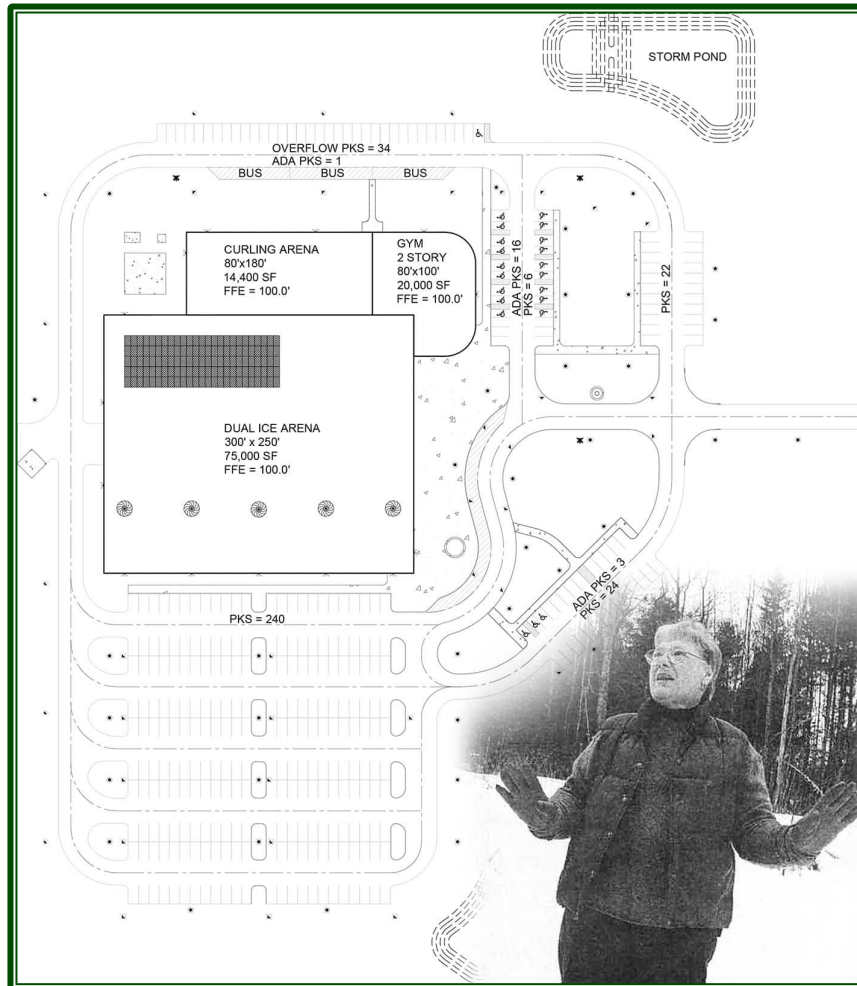
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### Upstate Ice Plex (UIP) near the Rockwood State Forest Route 10A—29 Junction



#### Do you know about the proposed Upstate Ice Plex south of Caroga's Royal Mountain?

Back in 1997, local Caroga resident and retired teacher — Mrs. Mary Cleland — inspired the community vision with Wilderness, Inc. and generously donated land in the Town of Johnstown near Caroga's Timberlane Blueberry Farm and adjacent to New York's Rockwood State Forest.

Former Johnstown Council Member Timothy Rizzo worked with Mrs. Cleland, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and Congress Member Elise Stefanik to prepare the UIP project for US grant funding.

The multi-use sports complex is designed to engage local kids and the regional community. With the Olympic-sized ice rink and adjacent nature trails, proposed activities include ice hockey, figure skating, curling, sled hockey, short track, soccer, lacrosse, fitness, concerts, car shows, craft fairs, conference rooms, classrooms, hiking, nordic skiing, business, and child care.

Nonprofit organizers are working on regional unity statements to move the project forward.

For more information, see <https://UpstateIcePlex.org>.