

Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

March 11, 2026

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This monthly meeting began at 6:30 PM and lasted 92 minutes at Town Hall. In addition to the five Town Board members and Town Clerk, 28 other people attended the meeting.

The meeting featured public discussions of policies for local energy storage and residency for highway department leadership. The Board also is preparing a work session to present Golf Clubhouse plans.

Resolutions:

1. **Local Law #1 of 2026: Changing Requirements for Deputy Highway Superintendent** — (5-0 vote)
 - After a public hearing with a number of residents expressing different views, the Board approved the law that provides: *“the person appointed to and holding the office of Deputy Superintendent of Highways in 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 a county adjoining Fulton County.”* Discussion noted that anyone running for the elected office of Highway Superintendent must be a resident and elector of the Town of Caroga in keeping with New York State Public Officers Law § 3 and Town Law § 23.
2. **Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and Solar Farm Policies** — (5-0 vote)
 - The Board discussed local policies for battery energy storage systems (BESS) and solar farms. Johnstown Supervisor Christina VanValkenburgh and Northampton Supervisor James Groff described experiences in their towns. They shared examples with the Town Board of a temporary moratorium, local solar law, and community planning process. The Caroga Town Board passed a resolution in favor of continuing to move forward with public discussions.
<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Energy-Storage-Program>
https://townofjohnstown.org/government/town_codes.php
3. **Speed Limit Signs** — (5-0 votes)
 - Approved purchase not to exceed \$11,200 total for three traffic control signs showing speed.
4. **Other Town Business** —
 - Approved Mr. Fancher to attend the Adirondack Planning Forum May 6 & 7 in Saranac Lake (5-0 vote)
 - Disapproved disruptive intrusions from the audience and limited comments to designated times (4-1)
 - Approved bills and meeting minutes for 02/11/2026 (5-0 vote)

Announcements:

- ❖ The next monthly Town Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 6:30 PM.
- ❖ Congratulations Caroga! Thank you, Trail Manager Jeremy Manning and the Wheelerville Trails team.
 - Caroga has been awarded the 2026 Chamber of Commerce Barbara Spraker Tourism Award.
 - Caroga will be featured as Trail Town model of success on May 7, 2026 at the APA Adirondack Planning Forum Session titled: *Community Based Recreation — Lessons from Trail Towns*.
 - NYS awarded \$125,000 for the Smart Growth *Wheelerville Trails: Maintaining Accessibility Project*.

<https://dec.ny.gov/news/press-releases/2026/3/dec-announces-more-than-32-million-in-smart-growth-grant-awards-to-communities-in-the-adirondack-park>