

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Caroga

Minutes of the regular monthly Caroga Town Board meeting held on Wednesday September 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Caroga Municipal Building 1840 State Highway 10 Caroga Lake NY . Deputy Supervisor Sturchio called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll was called with the following results. The salute to the flag followed.

Deputy Supervisor Sturchio – Here  
Council Member Glenn – Here  
Council Member Morris – Here  
Council Member Manning – Here

Other Department heads in attendance were Steve Jennings – Golf Professional, Greens keeper and Manager of the Nick Stoner Municipal Golf Course, Steve Putman – Highway Superintendent, and Don Travis – Building Maintenance.

Council Member Morris made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the August minutes. Council Member Manning seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Council Member Morris made a motion to waive the reading of the August 10, 2016 town board meeting. Council Member Manning seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Tor Shekerjian gave a history of the Weed Harvesting Program. It was begun by 4 concerned individuals in 1979 due to the condition of the lake. There was an overgrowth of weeds and the state campground was dumping raw sewage into the lake. The group met with DEC and had the campsite sewer pipe shut down. At a subsequent meeting with Senator Hugh Farley they obtained funding to purchase the original weed harvester. It has subsequently been paid for through grants and town funding. Currently there is an 8 person committee from both lakes. They work with the harvesting coordinator. They produce and deliver educational outreach programs and materials. Copies of a flyer distributed in late July were given to the board.

Dave Egert the Weed Harvesting Coordinator for this year had a small presentation he hopes everyone would find educational. He noted in the beginning of the season they had a few obstacles – untested equipment, untrained staff, no APA permit from 2014, the worst thing going for them was the weak winter. This allowed the milfoil to grow all winter long. It never went into a dormant state. There was a one minute video of what the divers experience while underwater harvesting Eurasian Milfoil. He noted the 4 ft. of muck on the bottom of the lake which he equated to quicksand. The silt engulfs the divers as they work. He noted the divers must be weighted. Sometimes the divers have to come up to get their bearings and relocate to another area due to visibility. Mr. Egert stated milfoil can easily break into 20 or more segments. It sprouts minuscule roots along the shaft of the milfoil before it is fully grown. It will float to the top then sink to the bottom and find an area to root. Something he wants to

adopt and go forward with is working with wind- harvesting from a point directionally so that any pieces of milfoil are less likely to root. The trailer is the most accurate way to measure the success of the milfoil program. Measuring by bushel basket is left open to interpretation. Knowing there is 200 cubic feet in the trailer and the number of times it goes to the dump will tell you exactly and accurately how many weeds you have. He stated it takes an average of one hour to take the trailer to the dump to get the weeds out. The divers state it takes 20 – 30% of their time. That costs roughly \$70 an hour for that service as divers not down on the bottom.

Something happened that was pretty remarkable this summer. One of the divers found a fungus at the end of July growing on some milfoil. It was killing the milfoil. The APA the Fresh Water Institute in Lake George, DEC, and the University of Minnesota were notified. Leigh Walrath is a freshwater analysis with the APA and he has been studying this fungus. Mr. Walrath did come to the lake and collected some samples which were delivered to Paul Smiths University. He hopes a grad student can work on this as a research project.

Mr. Egert noted at this time there are 16 lakes in the Adirondacks that are using a permit from the APA to harvest - 14 are using the barrier method. We are using the DASH method which stands for Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting. “The permit we have is a year-long permit.” This opens up the season. Mr. Walrath suggested giving corridors through the heavy patches of milfoil until such time the harvester can get there to remove it – this is essentially by the campground.

Mr. Egert recapped 2016 – Phase 1 - a new harvester, which provides a safe working environment for the divers, which they did not have before, was built. There are marine lights which allow for overnight anchorage. This saves time every night from having to relocate it. There is a rapid prime system now. At one time it took 8 hours to prime it. The harvester easily goes under the bridge now to West Caroga Lake. Mr. Egert stated the weed bed over there was essentially nonexistent. He thinks they did two dives there wasn’t a lot for them to do over there. The divers now have filtered air.

Phase 2 – Mr. Egert stated they should have 200 foot of particle booms out around where the divers are working so that as they disturb the bed of milfoil it will be collected. They can then at the end of the day go out and collect it with their nets. He did not realize how important it was to get the little pieces. He stated 10 to 12 buoys would also be a help. They could be placed by the big beds keeping boaters out. This would give them the luxury of starting at the north end and working down. He would like a dump trailer but it is expensive. What he could do is construct a sliding shelf on the bottom of the current trailer. It would save 40 minutes. He suggested buying some vests as buoyancy compensators.

Mr. Egert stated here is a big one that would really help is that if we were all on the same page about what the goal was for the program. He would like to propose that we change the incentive program for the divers, not paying them any more money but just changing the way they get compensated as in 30% of their income is derived from the number of times they take the trailer to the dump. It is easy to keep track of and monitor what weeds are in the trailer and that the trailer is full then you would have divers and tenders who would be gun hoe to get as many

weeds as they can get. He is not saying they didn't do a good job this year... it would take the crack the whip attitude away if you paid them a little differently – and it would not cost the town any more. They are using cinder blocks for anchors. He has anchor wenchers on the new harvester. Lastly he would like to redesign the discharge system to reduce the turbulence. The other lake that uses a DASH system uses 50 lb. onion bags to collect the weeds. Currently they pick the weeds out of a pit. He did not know how much it would cost.

Marcus Harazin noted the importance of having the boats being put in at the campsite are washed at the boat washing station across from town hall. He noted the signs are misleading and they hope will be changed next year so people don't think it is an inspection point for trailers.

Carolyn Suffern of N. Shore Rd. stated she has weeds in front of her home.

It was asked why are the divers – the specialists, taking the weeds to the dump? An unrelated person could make the run with the trailer. He suggested paying someone \$12 per hour but wondered how they would be classified as full time/part time. It was stated that the weeds go to the dump once a week.

Council Member Morris noted the divers can only be under water for so much time. They have to have rest periods. It is a certain amount of hours per week. Mr. Selmsen wondered how many personnel the other lake using the DASH system had on their team. He did not know. He did speak to Leigh from the APA today to ask how much other municipalities spend on their programs. He stated that Upper Saranac Lake spent 1.5 million for a three year program. It is now over. That was to reduce the milfoil down to a manageable level. Now they are spending \$100,000.00 a year – it is a big lake and has more tax dollars. It is not unusual to spend \$40,000 – \$60,000 per year Mr. Egert stated.

Council Member Glenn has heard a concern in another meeting quantifying the amount of weeds coming out of the lake. He liked the idea of the onion bag as you could count the bags. Mr. Egert countered with his idea for the trailer and the 200 cubic feet as an accurate measure. He stated they removed 55% more than last year noting the only person who would know this was the diver that also worked for the town the last 3 years. The diver stated to him they only used to do a trailer every other week. A resident noted the program started two weeks late this year. Mr. Egert noted these divers are tired it is not an easy job. Having 4 divers for 20 hours a week would be better. Mr. Egert asked the board for their help in finding divers. He looked for divers on Craig's list.

Deputy Supervisor Sturchio noted from information he researched from the diver master at the Sheriff's Dept. the divers should be under for 45 minutes then rest for 15 minutes up top. Mr. Ebert stated he asked the wrong question. He quoted paddy's rules – dives less than 35 ft. do not require any rest period. Council Member Glenn (MD) noted if they are diving less than one atmosphere then there is no decompression. The weeds grow in 15 feet. The expenditures for the year were reviewed per the monthly report. Deputy Supervisor Sturchio stated a lot of this is being covered by the grant that we got through NYS. "So we are getting a lot of this money back."

Mr. Capparella asked if the team was making headway. Mr. Egert noted it was a tough year. If you go out on the lake now you would still see a lot of weeds. Mr. Egert stated there would have been significant results if they had this boat last year. If we have a large snowfall this year you will see some real improvements next year. It was asked if the barrier system was used would it be more effective. It was tried in East Caroga Lake and it was not successful Council Member Glenn stated. It is labor intensive and the weeds have to be cut down first before the mat is placed. Mr. Egert welcomed phone calls.

Deputy Supervisor Sturchio asked for any public comment. Hearing none department reports were given.

**Assessor** – Deputy Supervisor Sturchio noted Mrs. Parker is retiring in December. The Town clerk sent out over 60 letters to Assessors in 5 counties with only 4 responses that they were not interested in the position. He will try to reach out to the county for some help.

**BTI** – No report

**Clerk** – Mrs. Gilbert submitted here monthly report to the board.

**Code Enforcement & Sanitation.** – Deputy Supervisor Sturchio stated Mr. Duesler was unable to attend. His report shows 22 Building and 2 Sanitation permits were issued for the period between August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31, 2016. The year to date revenues from permits total \$8.789.10.

**Blight** – Deputy Supervisor Sturchio noted the need to have a work session to discuss the Junk Law. Council Member Glenn would like to reinstate the committee. He asked the clerk for the signup sheet she had prepared. Council Member Glenn read the definition of Blight - “Economic Blight – the visible and physical decline of property neighborhood cities or towns due to the combination of economic downturn residential business leaving the area and the cost of maintaining the quality of older structures. These factors tend to feed upon themselves with each one contributing to the increase of the others. A date of Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm was set for a town board work session. Anyone interested in being on the blight committee was asked to sign up and give their contact information. Council Member Morris noted this will take more than one work session.

**Dog Control** – Deputy Supervisor Sturchio noted there was a dog biting down on the avenues and the dog was seized. A summons was issued to the owner. Legal representation for the town will have to prosecute this offence on Monday. The information was sent to Girvin & Ferlazzo.

**Golf Course** – Mr. Jennings spoke to Council Member Morris about some changes to the course. He would like all the board members to come over to the course. On Monday two board members will visit. He thinks the hill on #7 in front of the green from the fairway is unmanaged to maintain. He would like to level it off from the fairway on a gentler slope. Many people don’t like this hole. On the #4 green the old green in front of the new green needs to be propped up and connected. The old green was abandoned due to a huge rock ledge. He could not get a cup cutter in there. The sod would need to be stripped off and connect it. The ladies need a new Tee on #8, #10 and #12. That would entail stripping what is on there now and resurfacing,

leveling and re-sodding. He would use Bluegrass Sod from Saratoga Sod for \$0.23 a sq. ft. He would rent a bulldozer for 4 – 5 days to do the work on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole. He would like to get the work done so it is ready for next spring. Council Member Glenn asked for a price for the renovations.

Jon Cromer recently used a drone to fly over the Nick Stoner Golf Course. He narrated a 17 minute video of the golf course. He would like to offer a DVD or thumb drive copy for sale at the golf course. He is about to start our own YouTube channel and our own Facebook page for the golf course. He would need the board's approval to sell these at the course.

Mr. Cromer would like to produce a video of the town. He flew over Sherman's during the day and then at sunset and did some narration. He gave this to the board along with three proposals for a project to do a four season recreation video. Next he feels the town should do their own Olympics. He has connections with Iron Man, and USA Water Ski. Those types of events would draw people to Caroga. He thought people should be allowed to upload their videos to our YouTube channel. Have a contest "everyone likes this social media thing." He stated there is a need for our own Chamber of Commerce or marketing director.

**Highway** – Mr. Putman reported they are getting ready for the winter. They put down asphalt on School House Road. The trailer is not here yet. He has been borrowing one that about 6 other towns are using. He was contacted by Milton Cat about trading in our loader. The time is up on it. The board examined a proposal from them. They are looking to trade us for a new machine for \$6,909.45. The company said if we trade it every few years they would give us a good deal. A member of the public asked if Mr. Putman had checked with any other companies. He stated he has checked with a bunch of them previously but they would not give us a deal on another brand of equipment. Mr. Putman stated we don't have to do this but it would keep us going in the right direction. He will offer them \$2,500.00 and our machine. Our machine is paid in full. Council Member Manning asked if we could do this deal in 3 years. Mr. Putman stated we would not get the same deal. He will look into CHIPS funding to see how soon South Shore Roads on East and West Caroga can be milled out. Mr. Putman noted several roads in town only have a one inch binder on them and the stumps and rocks are coming through. A resident asked how many hours the machine has on it. They are good for 15,000 hours. He thought the town should hang on to it. Mr. Putman did not want to have antiquated equipment again.

**RESOLUTION #2016-104 to have the Highway Supervisor to move forward with negotiations with Milton Cat** was offered by Deputy Supervisor Sturchio at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday September 14, 2016 at the municipal building. **WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent, Steve Putman was contacted by Milton Cat about the 2014 Caterpillar 930K Loader, and **WHEREAS**, the town has owned the loader for 3 years, and **WHEREAS**, Milton Cat discussed at the time of the sale the regular trading in the machine at a minimal cost to the town and did recently offer the town a deal to trade in the loader and to pay them \$6909.45 for a new one, now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to have Mr. Putman Highway Superintendent to contact Milton Cat for their best offer to trade in the front end loader. Council Member Morris seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes, Sturchio, Glenn, Morris, Manning

Mr. Putman had an engineer look at the Nick Stock Bridge and the North Bush Bridge which has been yellow flagged. Nick Stock is considered a culvert so that is a plus for us. It will save us in rebuilding it. The Nick Stock Bridge had 3 inches of crusher run on it and they could not see the top. When R & B and Andy Bell met with Mr. Putman they talked about patching the hole on the rail with structure steel plate it and just use it. Mr. Putman decided to peel back the top and he is glad he did, - it was totaled. He will see what we have to do to fix it. Deputy Supervisor Sturchio has seen the bridge/culvert he is discussing. Chunks  $\frac{1}{2}$  the size of the boardroom table are coming off with shovels. He is amazed the plow truck did not go through it. He will see about using CHIPS money to repair it.

Deputy Supervisor Sturchio asked Mr. Putman about the NYS DOT Transportation Alternatives Program. Mr. Putman has not been given a lot of details but knows it is for bike and walking paths. He noted the short deadline. Council Member Glenn wanted him to follow up on this. Mr. Putman thought it was a multi-year program.

***Lake Steward Program*** – Mr. Durkee is out of town so Marcus Harazin gave the report. He was instrumental in getting funding to open and staff the boat washing station and also pay for some of the other costs associated with costs for the invasive species program. He gave an update of the programs. There were 965 boats inspected through Labor Day at the West Lake Boat Launch and 175 at the boat wash station. The traffic at the boat wash station has been increasing slowly. They are not inspecting boat or trailer registrations.

Boaters have been very cooperative in the inspection process. There have been no findings of invasive species. A shoreline survey by volunteers has been completed and no invasives were identified on Canada Lake.

CLCA volunteer's stewards completed their work on Labor Day. Lake Stewards will continue to inspect at West Lake on weekends only through September. The boat wash station will be closed down on September 30. The final report for the season will be provided at the October 12, meeting. They will file the necessary reports with the state and continue to work with the board. The master grant through DEC will have to be signed off on.

***Municipal Building*** - Mr. Travis reported that Culligan came to change the ultra violet light and filters this week. The nitrates test was also done on August 9, 2015 by CAN of 27 Kent Street Suite 102 Ballston Spa NY 12020.

The proposals for the replacement of the ramp for the clinic will be examined at the next meeting.

Mr. Travis reported that there is a ventilation shaft in the records room created from a closet. The floor and ceiling were removed to draw moisture out of the basement. The vent is on the roof. The door is duct taped to seal it. He has seen critters in the room and it is dehumidified 24/7. He thinks the door should be sealed up with block. Hiring a contractor was suggested.

***Youth*** – No report

***Sherman's Advisory Committee*** - Kent Kirsch noted at the last meeting he talked about a proposal from Cushman & Wakefield to market the Sherman's property. They have come forth with a contract to market it. The board received a copy of the contract. He thought there were several things to be addressed in it. The town attorney should look at it. The town has to determine the price on the property. Cushman & Wakefield/Pyramid Brokerage Co. did suggested one. Secondly the town attorney should look at the language around fees as it relates to leases. Mr. Kirsch noted the arts collective and Madilone Development shall be excluded from the terms of the agreement since the committee is already in discussion with them.

Mr. Kirsch noted last month he talked about how he went through the property and inventoried the equipment. Jim Law from Mohawk Cabinets who is an expert on this type of equipment, has now, last week gone through and tagged everything with a number so it can be matched up with an inventory list. He will send the board the list. Mr. Kirsch would like to have him come to next month's meeting and talk about what is in there and he thinks can be done with it. He thinks people are interested in hearing that – let him know.

**Supervisors Report** –Deputy Supervisor Sturchio noted Jim Selmser has information on the proposed updated Zoning from the APA. Mr. Selmser noted they received back a communication from the APA on some other issues – some are similar to what they have looked at before. He thinks additional people critiqued everything and came back with some recommendations unfortunately it means we are not as far finished as the Planning Board thought they were. There will be an additional 2 – 3 meetings. Mr. Selmser spoke to Jim Mraz from County Planning. He stated you would have thought after the two previous reviews they would have addressed most of their concerns. Mr. Selmser thought it was disheartening to spend so much time and in some cases go back and readdress things they had looked at before. The email has attachments of the proposed zoning map. The APA has made several changes to the 150 pages, some punctuation and minor details – moving things around. Additional work is needed. The Planning Board passed it up to the Town board – the Planning Board will take action on it if the Town board so desires. The board would have to give them that direction. Several members of the board responded yes.

**Old Business:** Mr. Manning gave an update on a plan for proposed mountain bike trails. He explained that he is looking into trying to put in some trails on town owned land. Mountain biking is a real important resource a town can offer residents and potential visitors. There is a 150 acre parcel behind the fire house as a possible start location for trails to be used by the public and hopefully attract people to the area. Council Member Manning is meeting with Steven Ovitt who designed trails for Queensbury and North Creek next week. Mr. Manning has ridden some of his trails and they are amazing. Council Member Manning obtained some maps from the county to see if it is feasible.

A resident asked how it worked liability wise. Council Member Manning noted since you are taking an action that you know is inherently risky that is on your own. It is the same way it works at ski resorts. It was asked if the trails would be limited to the one parcel or would it be linked to snowmobile trails. Council Member Manning stated he would have to see what DEC would allow. He knows that in the APA it is difficult to put in new trails on state land. Knowing

that, he is looking into the large parcels that abut to the town parcel. Council Member Manning returned from Colorado yesterday where he had ridden on private lands. People there recognize that it is beneficial to give easements over the land to put trails in and know they can close it when they want but in the meantime permission is given to ride an area. There is a club in Johnstown who is looking to do put trails down in Peck Hill State Forest. Maybe years down the road the two could be connected as well as with other towns in the area. To address parking he has looked at the spot on 10/29A where the old salt/sand pile used to be just before that there is town owned land that could be used. Council Member Manning noted the parcel obtained by the town in 1963 can only be used for recreation. The property does have to be evaluated for trails first. In VT trails are being developed in remote areas bringing thousands of people to ride the trails. It is done by a combination of state lands and private. The snowmobile club has landowner permission forms and insurance through the NYS Snowmobile Association. There are already existing clubs who would help do whatever they can to build and maintain trails in Caroga for as long as they can for free.

Council Members Glenn & Morris stated they were concerned about the liability issue. Council Member Manning has contacted Mike Smrtic – an Attorney and he has said it is next to impossible in NYS to sue someone for something they are doing healthy knowing they are doing something risky. Council Member Morris asked how much money this would involve. Initially \$1,700.00 Council Member Manning replied. At the same time the mountain biking club has indicated they would help with the cost. His goal is to spend no money. He personally spent \$30 for maps at the county. A concern about waivers was raised. He will ask about that at his meeting next Tuesday. Anyone interested in Mountain Biking can google Gurney Lanes Trails in Queensbury NY to see a pro-cam trail ride.

Council Member Manning thanked Mr. Putman for his help on the Nine Corner Lake cleanup. A bunch of rock climbers came up and cleaned up a large area up there. They took out sleeping bags, tents, bottles cans. He gave a couple hours of his time over the weekend to help out. Mrs. Holliday asked why DEC does not patrol the area on the weekends from Memorial Day to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They don't have enough staff it was stated.

**New Business** – The board has looked into a surveillance system at Sherman's. The board did contact Enhanced Computer Services, Inc. who gave a tentative proposal of \$2,000.00 to \$2,500 for a system. If the board moves forward it will be done behind the scenes.

Board of Assessment Review member John Livingston's term is up. He would like to be reappointed to the five year term.

**RESOLUTION #2016-105 to Reappoint Board of Assessment Review Member** was offered by Deputy Supervisor Sturchio at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday September 14, 2016 at the municipal building. **WHEREAS**, Deputy Supervisor Sturchio noted the seat of John Livingston on the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) expires on 9/30/2016 , and **WHEREAS**, John Livingston of 8502 Elmer Hill Road Rome NY 13440 who is a summer resident of the Town of Caroga has served for the past five years is interested in serving another term, Now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does

hereby move to re-appoint John Livingston to serve a 5 year term on the BAR Board of Assessment Review and whose term shall run until September 30, 2021. Council Member Glenn seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes, Sturchio, Glenn, Morris, Manning

Kyle Price is from the Caroga Lake Music Festival and the Caroga Arts Collective. He spends his summers here with his grandmother. Five years ago he brought several friends to Caroga and they performed string instrument concerts. They started with 3 performances the first year and this year did 24 concerts. There were 53 artists from all over the world this year that stayed with his grandmother and other residents in town. Many donate their time and travel to be here with some reimbursement for their travel. He appreciates all the help the community has given. All of the concerts are free. The 2017 season is being planned. He wanted to present an idea for a series at Sherman's consisting of 4 – 6 concerts called the Sherman's Revival Series. It would be outdoors. They would bring in portable restrooms. They would accept donations with 50% of the donations going back to the town and could be used for the property and its livelihood. Mr. Price stated that this series of concerts would bring attention to the property which would be a step in the direction to work with the town and the community which will eventually lead to the solution of Sherman's. The group would help clean/set-up the space for the concerts and tear-down/clean following the concert. The timeliness of the organization for these events must happen as soon as possible in order to book artists and plan event logistics.

Deputy Supervisor Sturchio stated his main concern is insurance. Mr. Price noted his board will work with the town to make the events happen.

Council Member Morris noted the RFP process is ongoing until the end of the year. Someone may take it off our hands so it is difficult for the town to commit with this possibility of happening. She thinks it is a great idea as long as liability issues are taken care of. She is not sure it would be fair to commit to something. Mr. Price would like to know in the next month or so. Council Member Manning noted at this point there are no applicants. He thought the board could say that this event is scheduled to happen as he could not imagine someone would have something up and running by next summer. He thought it would take the board 2 -3 months to review anything submitted. He did not think there would be a decision before May or June anyway.

Mr. Ruby thought someone may welcome this event and it could be beneficial to the property.

The board noted that they would be meeting with their insurance agent soon. He will be able to tell them if there is coverage for this already. Mr. Selmsen asked how things worked for the town park across the street. The Clerk responded that no policy has ever been set up. Council Member Morris wanted to absolutely address this. It was noted that the town has an umbrella policy. It was suggested that the group could purchase their own policy for the day of the event. The board will talk to their broker. One of the up and coming groups who they want to perform is Third Story. They have ties to Canada Lake along with other various artists with different genres also. It was asked if legally the town can accept a donation. The bookkeeper will be asked.

He would like to organize this in a month or so. The concerts would be on a Saturday evening beginning in the daylight but not mid-day.

Amy Cannizzo has asked for permission for 6 artists to go on the Sherman's property to create artwork on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 they would donate a work of art to the town. The board asked that a waiver be signed by everyone on the property.

Deputy Supervisor Sturchio and Council Member Morris will meet with about 60 kids at the Sherman's property on Monday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. They are from the PTECH school program. They are doing a project about Sherman's. The school will be asked to provide an insurance rider. Bathroom facilities will be available at town hall.

**RESOLUTION #2016-106 to allow 6 – 8 artists to visit the Sherman's Property** was offered by Deputy Supervisor Sturchio at the regular monthly meeting of the Caroga Town Board held on Wednesday September 14, 2016 at the municipal building. **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Amy Cannizzo – property owner in the Town of Caroga has contacted the board about her daughter and 7 or 8 friends visiting the Sherman's Property for the purpose of creating works of art, and **WHEREAS** the artists would donate something back to the town for the opportunity to be on the property, and **WHEREAS**, the board will request a waiver be signed by each person who goes on the property on Sunday September 18, 2016. Now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to allow the artists to be on the property. Council Member Morris seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes, Sturchio, Glenn, Morris, Manning

A meeting with the town insurance agent Bill VanGorder will be set up at the work session on Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm.

**Correspondence:** available upon request.

NYS DOT Transportation Alternatives Program

Nick Stoner Trailers meeting schedule - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month @ Town Hall 7 pm  
(submitted Insurance papers)

Municipal Law Seminar 9/27 Clifton Park latest labor & employment, environment case law put on by attorneys.

8/22 Abdella Law Offices 8/22 re: Septic System  
Worker's Compensation Ins. due January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017  
Board of Elections estimated Chargeback for 2017

Deputy Supervisor Sturchio announced the Nick Stoner Trailers are meeting on the third Thursday of the month at town hall at 7 pm. Only club members can attend, but anyone is welcome to join.

Deputy Supervisor Sturchio asked if the public had any questions or comments.

Mr. Centi asked the board to look into getting ceiling fans as the room temperature is very warm.

It was asked if Cushman & Wakefield has come up with a price for the Sherman's Property. They have but the board cannot discuss it in an open meeting yet as it is a real estate deal.

A resident suggested putting all the vacant town owned land up for sale. This would generate money for the downtown.

At 8:52 pm Deputy Supervisor Sturchio made a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss pending litigation. Council Member Glenn seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

At 9:40 pm Deputy Supervisor Sturchio made a motion to exit from the executive session. Council Member Glenn seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion. There were no decisions or resolution made as a result of the executive session.

Deputy Supervisor Sturchio made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 13 & 21, Aug 9, 10, & 17 meetings and to pay the bills as presented for audit with one change to general fund abstract # 312 for Dave Egert which should include an additional \$66.00. Council Member Morris seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

At 9:43 pm Council Member Glenn made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Manning. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Gilbert, RMC, CMC  
Town Clerk

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