

PUBLIC HEARING ON CAROLINE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION LOCAL LAW AND TOWN BOARD AGENDA MEETING

Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 7:00 pm

The June 4, 2025, Public Hearing and Town Board Agenda Meeting will be held at the Caroline Town Hall by Zoom videoconference. Members of the public may attend in-person or by Zoom. Minutes and video recordings will be posted on the [Town of Caroline website](#). Comments may be provided at Privilege of the Floor during the meeting, by email (clerk@townofcaroline.org), or by mail (P.O. Box 136, Slaterville Springs, NY 14881).

INSTRUCTIONS TO ATTEND THE ZOOM MEETING (<https://zoom.us>)

You do not need to have a Zoom account to join. Options 2 and 3 are easiest without an account. You may need the Meeting ID for any of these methods.

Direct: <https://zoom.us/j/7142580644?pwd=MIJXbzJWZVZQa2VBaHF3NkIKUGxLQT09>

Meeting ID: 714 258 0644; Passcode: xd3U0n

One tap mobile: +19292056099,,7142580644#; Phone dial-in: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
by phone press *6 to mute/unmute, *9 to raise hand

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing on a local law for Flood Damage Prevention ([HERE](#)) will be held on June 4, 2025, at 7 pm at the Caroline Town Hall and by Zoom teleconference. Comments can be emailed to the Town Clerk (clerk@townofcaroline.org) or mailed (P.O. Box 136, 2670 Slaterville Rd, Slaterville Springs, NY 14881) and must be received by 12 pm on the day of the hearing. The proposed Local Law is on the town's website (www.townofcaroline.org; see May 21, 2025, Agenda on Minutes Page, Documents tab).

ZOOM MEETING:

Direct: <https://zoom.us/j/7142580644?pwd=MIJXbzJWZVZQa2VBaHF3NkIKUGxLQT09>

Meeting ID: 714 258 0644

Passcode: xd3U0n

One tap mobile: +19292056099,,7142580644#

Phone dial-in: +1 929 205 6099

*Privilege of the Floor: Opportunity for citizens to bring forward matters of concern.
Please be prepared to make one statement not to exceed 3 minutes in length. Please sign up in advance on the sign-in sheet at the meeting hall or by raising your Zoom hand before the salute to the flag to be registered by the Clerk.*

Town Board Agenda Meeting

Reports: Committee Reports

Business:

- Resolution to adopt the Caroline Flood Damage Prevention Law ([HERE](#))
- Resolution to adopt the Tompkins County “Safe Streets for All Plan” ([HERE](#))
- Approval of minutes of May 21, 2025, Town Board Meeting ([HERE](#))
- Items for June 18 Business Meeting

—————**Adjourn**—————

Resolution ____ of 2025. Commitment to Vision Zero (roadway deaths) Philosophy and Adoption of Tompkins County SS4A Joint Safety Action Plan

WHEREAS, the life and health of all persons living and traveling within the Town of Caroline are our utmost priority, and no one should die or be seriously injured while traveling on our town streets; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is the concept that traffic deaths and serious injuries on our roadways are unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a holistic strategy aimed at eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries suffered by all road users while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily to move cars efficiently, and Vision Zero supports a paradigm shift by designing streets and transportation systems to move all people safely, including people of all ages and abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, scooter riders, and motorcyclists, as well as drivers and passengers of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero recognizes that people will sometimes make mistakes, so the road system and related policies should be designed to ensure that those inevitable mistakes do not result in severe injuries or fatalities; therefore, transportation planners and engineers and policymakers are expected to improve the roadway environment, policies, and other related systems to lessen the severity of crashes; and

WHEREAS, Nearly half of all fatal crashes occur on rural roads, even though only 19% of the U.S. population lives in rural areas.

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroline's transportation infrastructure serves an increasing number of vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, speed is recognized as a major determining factor of survival in a crash; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Caroline is working and will work toward reducing vehicle speeds because the likelihood of a pedestrian surviving a crash is 10 percent if hit by a vehicle moving 40 mph; and

WHEREAS, children, older adults, people of color, people with disabilities, people who are unhoused, and people with low income face a significantly disproportionate risk of traffic injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, making streets safer for all people using all modes of transportation will encourage people to travel on foot, by bicycle, and by public transit, which supports a healthier, more active lifestyle and reduces environmental pollution; and

WHEREAS, successful Vision Zero programs are a result of all stakeholders, including government at all levels, industry, non-profit/advocacy, researchers, and the general public, collaborating to preventing fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board adopts the goal of eliminating traffic deaths and a 50% reduction in serious injuries by 2040 and endorses Vision Zero as a comprehensive and holistic approach to achieving this goal; and further be it

RESOLVED, the Caroline Town Board adopts the Tompkins County SS4A Joint Safety Action Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A (HERE), as a comprehensive and holistic approach to achieving Vision Zero and further be it

RESOLVED, The Town of Caroline Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Resolution, effective immediately, by the Town Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Board of the Town of Caroline, State of New York, on June __, 2025, by the following vote: [_____].