Caroga News Flash

Town Board Meeting Highlights

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This special work session about the proposal to create a Fire District began at 6:00 PM and lasted 80 minutes at Town Hall. The meeting was led by Supervisor Jack Glenn. Council Members Rick Sturgess, Matt Cooper, and Greta Cronin were present, along with Town Clerk Linda Gilbert, Golf Superintendent Steve Stedman, Trail Manager Jeremy Manning, and 10 members of the public.

The Board focused primarily on the proposed transition from the existing fire protection district to a new fire district, along with progress on the grant-funded trail project to connect with downtown businesses.

Resolutions:

1. **Fire District Hearings at Town Hall: November 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM** — (4-0 votes)
   - The Board scheduled a Public Hearing on dissolution of the existing Fire Protection District.
   - They also scheduled a hearing on creating the new Southern Adirondack Fire District covering the entire Town of Caroga (with revised language regarding transfer of funds to the new Fire District.)
   - The Board authorized notices, publications, and filings for the Fire District as required by state law.
   - If the Town Board approves the creation of the new Southern Adirondack Fire District, then the transition is expected to occur after required approval from the New York State Comptroller.
   - Board members discussed transferring fire equipment, vehicles and appropriate reserve funds to the new district once it is legally established and has the necessary financial accounts.
   - The new district will continue providing fire protection without interruption during the transition.

2. **NY Parks Recreational Trail Program (RTP) Grant Contract** — (3-1 vote)
   - Authorized continuing construction of the multi-use trail along the Nick Stoner Municipal Golf Course near Hole 3, with direct oversight and collaboration by the Golf Superintendent.
   - Supervisor Glenn will also keep pursuing the possibility of relocating the route through a request to amend the Adirondack Forest Preserve Shaker Mountain Wild Forest Unit Management Plan.
   - The Board emphasized that the trail should support recreation, tourism, and economic activity in the community while minimizing impacts on golf operations.
   - Future trail management and operating procures — including possible tree buffers, wayfinding signage, and temporary closures — will be addressed proactively as the project progresses.

3. **Golf Clubhouse + Town Hall Grant Update**
   - The proposed NY BRICKS grant application was found to be not currently eligible and competitive because the NY-10 1801 project parcel does not meet the grant's required socioeconomic criteria.
   - The Town plans to continue looking for other funding opportunities and may revisit the grant in a future funding round if eligibility criteria change.
   - The $1.345 million CFA grant proposal has advanced to the state technical review stage, with selected award announcements expected near the end of the 2026.

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