

A meeting of the Task Force for the Town of Moreau, Saratoga County, State of New York was held at the Moreau Town Hall, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, NY 12828 on the 11th day of July 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Town of Moreau
Task Force Meeting 2
Thursday, July 11, 2024
Meeting Notes

The meeting started at 6:01pm

Task Force Members Present

Ed Smith
Maureen Jones-Jackson
Darren Tracy
Alan Oppenheim
Lisa Ostrander
Bradley Toohill
Sandy Mahoney
Gerhard Endal
Jesse Fish, ex-officio
John Donohue, ex-officio

Also Present

Josh Westfall Building Planning & Development Coordinator
Katrina Flexon Building Department Clerk

Committee Task: The Town Board enacted a moratorium on zoning districts M1, M1A, and M2 in April. The moratorium on these districts lasts for 9 months, the expiration will be in December 2024. During the moratorium the Town Board intends to update the discussed zoning districts, it is their wish to involve the public in this process. As such they have created a Zoning Task Force Committee to get the public involved. This Committee includes Town residents, businesspeople, and property owners. They will discuss options with the Town Zoning Administrator and produce a proposal to present the Town Board as advisory in the Town Boards decision regarding the zoning districts revision.

Zoning Task Meeting 2 consisted of the following

Introduction & Scope Review
Discussion & Summary of Open House
Discussion of Open House Findings
Town Staff and Task Force Discussion of Zoning Updates
Set Next Meeting Date
Outstanding Concerns & Next Steps

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Introductions

Mr. Westfall opened the meeting with an introduction of Sandy Mahoney and Gerhard Endal to the Task Force who were absent at the kickoff meeting.

Review of Scope

Mr. Westfall clarified the scope of work and timelines, which was updated. He provided a timeline of adoption which show the updated tasks for the committee to execute by due dates based on discussions on April 26, 2024 Town Board workshop. A draft will be written and revised by Town staff for the Task force to read, review and produce feedback for by the next meeting of August 22nd.

Discussion & Summary of Open House

Mr. Westfall begins discussion with the items requested such as the analysis of land use breakdown.

Mr. Westfall covers the general open house meeting with the Task Force Members. He states that feedback on all zoning districts during open house was to gain feedback from the public for a direction the Town should go with the rezoning.

Discussion of Open House Findings

Mr. Westfall explained that the key take-aways of the open house is that the noise regulation was fully supported to be updated. A sport facility use was supported at the open house in the industrial area.

Town Staff and Task Force Discussion of Zoning Updates

Sandy Mahoney voiced concern regarding noise and would like an update to zoning code for this.

Mr. Toohill stated that solar height limitation is important.

Mr. Endal stated there should be buffers in the manufacturing areas.

Mr. Oppenheim suggested we should review what other Towns have already done and take the best parts of their code and copy and paste.

Mr. Westfall suggests all members take a look at **ECODE360** this has most Town code available to look at. He also asked if there were any suggestions for supplementary uses.

Mr. Oppenheim suggested potential new uses for the Industrial Park could be residential, renewable energy and energy storage.

Mrs. Ostrander stated apartments are a problem, there is a 55+ and senior assistance community-based environment needed. There might be a way to get federal funding for this.

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Mr. Westfall suggested to schedule the next Zoning Task Force Meeting Date between August 15 – 22nd. The Board agreed to schedule the meeting for Thursday August 22nd at 6:00pm.

Outstanding Concerns

Mrs. Jones-Jackson stated that they should be careful about placing too many zoning additional and prohibited uses into the Town code.

Mrs. Mahoney stated her concern about the Industrial Park entrance regarding EMS and firetrucks entering the park. She believes there should be a second entrance to the Park.

Mrs. Mahoney stated she would like to see a parallel road to Route 9 to alleviate some of the traffic.

Next Steps

Mr. Westfall stated that by the next meeting the Task Force will have a Draft to review of a proposed new zoning code for the industrial M1, M1A and M2 districts. This will be discussed, and feedback will be given for the Town Board and Planning Board review.

The Draft code will have updated code such as emissions, Stormwater, Noise levels, powerplants for facilities, non-combustibles, egress and safety flexibility, waste hauling, hazardous waste, biohazards etc..

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Meeting Notes Taken By,

Katrina Flexon