

A Public hearing by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on February 28, 2019 in the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York for the purpose of hearing from all interested about the draft Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Moreau.

The Supervisor called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Town Board Members Present

John Hogan	Councilman
Alan VanTassel	Councilman
Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Kyle Noonan	Councilman
Theodore T. Kusnierz, Jr.	Supervisor

Town Board Members Absent

None

Also present: Tammy Daley, Deputy Town Clerk; James Martin, Zoning Board Administrator; Karla Buettner, Attorney for the Town; Reed Antis, Planning Board Member and Town Resident; Vincent Sporrer, Town Resident; Dave Rogge, Mobile Home Park owner and Town Resident; Sherry Rivers, Town Resident.

The following Notice of Public Hearing appeared as a legal ad in the legal ad section of the Post Star Newspaper on February 17, 2019:

TOWN OF MOREAU NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Moreau will hold a public hearing at the Municipal Complex located at 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York 12828 on February 28, 2019 at 6:30PM. At such time all interested persons are invited to participate.

Copies of the Comprehensive Plan will be available for public review at the office of the Town Clerk and at the Crandall Public Library, 251 Glen Street, Glens Falls, New York 12801. An electronic copy of the Comprehensive Plan can be viewed at the Town's website townofmoreau.org.

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Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk

The Supervisor opened the public hearing on the Town of Moreau draft Comprehensive Plan at 6:30 p.m. by welcoming everyone to the public hearing. He stated he would like to give a brief overview on how they arrived to where they are this evening. He stated the previous Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Moreau was adopted in 2008. The LA Group was involved in helping the Town put that together. In 2015 the LA Group was asked to update the 2008 plan. They also helped with the one we are looking at this

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evening. The 2008 plan was 38 pages, the plan we are commenting on this evening is 134 pages. He also said this tells you the level of detail that has been put into this Comprehensive Plan. In 2015 there was a focus group with various members of the community, and various members of the Town Board. They used this group to focus on land issues that are facing our community. The draft plan also asked the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals to put their thoughts and comments on it. The final draft was finished in 2018.

Jim Martin, the Town of Moreau's Zoning Administrator helped to put the draft Comprehensive Plan together. He gave a brief review of the plan. He started off by saying a thank you to the Planning and Zoning Board members. He stated they are Town residents and know what is going on in the community. They were a big help through the whole process of the plan. He believes this plan is focused, well scaled and achievable. It will result in positive improvements in the community. It should be what the residents want to see. You will see a task force working with Saratoga County agency's that already exist, like Prosperity Partnership, and the Saratoga Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Martin also stated on the housing side of the plan maybe see some slowing of the multi-family housing. Also preserving the single family homes. He stated where properties need a growth pattern, it needs to be done in a smart manner, by utilizing existing buildings and parcels. They need to be diligent with the vacant properties also. Mr. Martin also stated in the plan was protecting and enhancing the agriculture land. On the recreation side there are vast recreation sources in the community on the Municipal level with the Moreau Recreation Park, and the Moreau State Park. The plan is also looking into ways to connect pathways and trails that already exist. The Planning and Zoning Boards are looking forward to reviewing the current codes and maybe changing some things to better meet the Town's needs in the community.

Town resident Vincent Sporrer, who resides at 163 Fort Edward Road stated with the increased density in the Town it has changed the character of the community, especially with all the multi-family housing that has been built, and has been approved to be built. He stated if he wanted people close to him he would move to the Village. He also stated that Route 197 is very busy now and so is Route 9. He believes this will be an issue, especially when Route 9 starts developing more. He also stated he likes walking trails, but doesn't think there should be picnic tables and gazebos on all the trails.

Reed Antis who resides at 11 Paris Road stated he has been on the Planning Board for about 6 years, he has watched the growth in the Town. He believes the new sewer going down Route 9 deserves a different type of zoning and a different type of direction than other C1's in the Town. He stated he is looking forward to changes in the zoning.

Mr. Martin wanted to clarify on what it meant by infill. He stated it is not meant to provide higher density. The infill in this context is to utilize unused buildings and to take advantage where there are vacant lots.

Supervisor Kusnierz stated the Town Board will evaluate everything that was said tonight before they get to the final stage of the document.

Councilwoman LeClair stated when she first looked at the plan, she asked Jim why there was so much historical information in it. She stated Mr. Martin said that the Town was growing, there are a lot of new families and people that didn't grow up here. It's important to let people know who we are and where we come from. When businesses are looking at us we can say this is Moreau.

Public Hearing closed at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Daley

Deputy Town Clerk