

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

Supervisor Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Fisher
Councilman Middleton
Councilman Suprenant
Councilwoman Collier
Councilwoman Mullen

OTHERS PRESENT: William Nikas, Brian Brockway, Nasrene Haj, Frank Burkhart, Kyle Cozzens, and Deputy Town Clerk, Elizabeth O’Leary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to approve the minutes of the last Town Board meeting held on October 23, 2023. **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the following reports: Town Clerk Monthly, Town Justice, Building Inspector, Highway, Supervisor, Dog Control Officer & Assessor as submitted **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to approve Abstract 11 in the amount of \$23,845.12 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT 11

GENERAL A:	12,501.71
GENERAL B:	142.00
HIGHWAY:	4,091.17
MUNICIPAL:	2,774.56
SPECIAL LIGHTING:	2,908.23
SPECIAL WATER:	1,337.90
SPECIAL WATER 2:	<u>89.55</u>
TOTAL: \$	23.845.12

CORRESPONDANCE: Councilman Fisher shared a flyer regarding an update regarding the proposed Saratoga Biochar building in the Moreau Industrial Park. The update is Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 6-8 pm at the Moreau Community Center. See Attached.

OTHER BUSINESS: Brian Brockway reported that he heard from Hour Electric. The new telephone pole has arrived to be installed on upper Broadway across from Fort Hudson to replace the one that was hit last year. Hour Electric will put it up by the end of the week. They will also wire in the photo eye.

He also reported that the new truck should be ready in about 2 weeks. It needs to have the plow, sander and lights installed.

He also discussed the new garbage truck. It has been ordered and hopefully all the details will come together. He said he has been checking various places for a rental in the interim and hopefully one will become available.

The Town trucks are all ready for winter. The sanders have been put on and the plows will be put on once we get snow. He also reported that we will still be picking up brush and leaves until the first plowable snowstorm.

Councilman Suprenant reported that the budget is all set and will be voted on at the next Town Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Suprenant to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm. **ALL AYES.**

ELIZABETH O'LEARY, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

DATED: November 13, 2023
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Please join us on Thursday, November 16th from 6 to 8 pm at the Moreau Community Center for an update on how we can work together to finally

Stop Saratoga Biochar from building in the Moreau Industrial Park

Sponsored by:

Clean Air Action Network of Glens Falls (CAAN), Not Moreau, and Hands Off the Hudson

Come find out what is happening with the efforts to prevent this facility from ever being constructed and what we can still do to achieve this goal.

Update on CAAN's appeal of its Article 78 lawsuit against the Moreau Town Planning Board.

Status report on Saratoga Biochar's applications to the NYS DEC for solid waste and air permits

The pollution threat and public health implication of Saratoga Biochar, gleaned from Saratoga Biochar's technical submissions to DEC

What actions can the town of Moreau take to stop the project

Other strategies in the works, such as organizing to prevent any tax breaks being given to the company

What you will be called on to do if DEC issues draft permits to Saratoga Biochar.

A Call to Action for residents of Moreau and surrounding towns, especially those classified as "disadvantaged communities" by DEC, such as Hudson Falls.

SPEAKERS

Pace University law professor/PELC director Todd Ommen and law student Sam Pine, Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic (PELC). PELC provides pro bono representation for not-for-profit environmental groups, typically in litigating violations of statutes or regulations by polluters or responsible agencies.

Michael Youhana is a Senior Associate Attorney with Earthjustice's Northeast Regional Program. Earthjustice is a national environmental organization with an office in New York. The Northeast Regional Program provides pro bono legal representation for communities throughout New York State, advocating for a just energy system transition and the regulation of pollution.

Toxics expert Denise Trabbic-Pointer is a chemical engineer with a BS and MS in Hazardous Materials Management and a long career as an Environmental Health Sciences professional. She retired in January 2019 after 42 years with DuPont and a spin-off company, Axalta Coating Systems. Since May 2019, she has served as the Toxics & Remediation Specialist with the Sierra Club – Michigan Chapter, working nationally as a technical resource for communities impacted by releases of toxics to air, water and soil.

Philip Gitlen, Esq. has more than 40 years experience in the field of environmental law, including as a former General Counsel at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. He is currently Senior Counsel at Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP in Albany, NY.

Gina LeClair is the founder of Not Moreau, the homegrown Moreau group which has tirelessly organized and advocated against this proposed sewage sludge biochar plant.