

A public hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on December 22, 2021 in the Town of Moreau Municipal building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York, for the purpose of hearing public comment on Local Law 8 of 2021 – which if passed would allow the Town to opt out of permitting cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption.

The public hearing was held in person as well as broadcast via Zoom.

The Supervisor called the public hearing to order at 5:45 p.m.

**Town Board Members Present**

John Hogan	Councilmember
Kyle Noonan	Councilmember
Alan VanTassel	Councilmember
Theodore T. Kusnierz, Jr.	Supervisor

**Town Board Members Absent**

John Donohue, Jr.	Councilmember
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**Also present:** Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk; Karla Buettner, Attorney for the Town; Others: Reece Rudolph and Colin Signor

The Supervisor explained, that by State law, the Town will have to decide whether to take no action or to opt out as required by the statutory language handed down by the State of New York. He stated that there would be a special meeting immediately following the public hearing. He stated that the proposed Local Law if adopted, would allow the Town to opt out of permitting cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites in the Town of Moreau as authorized under the Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act, Article 4 Section 1. The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk to read the public hearing notice into the record.

The following notice appeared as a legal ad in the Post Star newspaper on December 17, 2021.

**TOWN OF MOREAU  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on December 22, 2021 at 5:45 p.m. at the Town Municipal Complex, located at 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York for the purpose of considering the adoption of Local Law No. 8 of 2021. If adopted, Local Law No. 8 of 2021 would add a local law opting out of permitting cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites in the Town of Moreau as authorized under the Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Law Article 4 Section 1. Written comments on Local Law No. 8 of 2021 can be submitted to the Town Clerk up and through the time of the public hearing. A copy of proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2021 can be obtained at the Moreau Town Municipal Complex and on the Town's website.

Leeann M. McCabe

Town Clerk

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The Supervisor asked if there were any written comments. The Town Clerk stated, only the email received from Brigid Martin. The Supervisor opened the public hearing for comments from the public. He asked the individuals wishing to speak, to state their name and address. He stated that they would have 5 minutes to address the Board.

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Reece Rudolph, property owner at 1556 Route 9, addressed the Town Board. He stated that it would be a mistake to opt out of dispensaries and for the use of it. He stated that the money would go elsewhere, and people will have to travel further for it. He asked if the purpose of this meeting is to make a decision or if the Town already decided to opt out. The Supervisor stated that this was a public hearing for those speaking to make comments to the Board. He stated it wasn't a workshop for questions and answers. He stated that he was sure it would be addressed at the special meeting to be held after the public hearing. Mr. Rudolph stated that he felt there would be a lot of good things that would come from it. He stated that opting out ruins the opportunity for the small guys that might have an opportunity for income. He asked the Board members to think about it and research the regulations when they come out. He stated that he would be looking into investing in it. He stated, that once the regulations are in place, the Town may see substantial benefits.

Colin Signor, 21 Riverview Street, addressed the Town Board. He stated that it does make it safer for people to get their product. He suggested that if the Town ops out, people will just go elsewhere.

There were no other members of the public wishing to be heard.

**Resolution #2021-381**

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, to close the public hearing at 5:50 p.m.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Absent
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Leeann McCabe  
Town Clerk