

*A regular meeting of the Moreau Town Board and public hearings on Local Law No. 1 of 2026, 2026 South Glens Falls Fire Company contract, and 2026 Moreau Emergency Squad were held beginning at 7:00 p.m. on January 27, 2026 at the Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, Saratoga County, New York.*

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The meeting was held in person and called to order by the Supervisor at 7:03 p.m. with an attendance roll call and the pledge of allegiance.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	John Donohue, Jr.	Councilmember
	Laura Garrant	Councilmember
	Patrick Killian	Councilmember
	Mark Stewart	Councilmember
	Jesse A. Fish, Jr.	Supervisor
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Erin Trombley	Town Clerk
	Brian Reichenbach	Town Counsel
	Josh Westfall	Building, Planning and Development (BPD) Coordinator
	Chris Abrams	Highway Superintendent
	Brian Huntley	Deputy Highway Superintendent
	Josh Westfall	Building, Planning & Development (BPD) Coordinator
	Kristian Mechanick	Water & Sewer Operator
	Reed Antis	Town Historian

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Melinda Neil, Zane Hrycyszyn, Paul Patterson, James Zeigler, Austin Zeigler, Darcy Miller, Ben Bramlage, Logan Kibling, (resident) 49 Merritt Rd., Jeremy Powers, Ken Harris, John Cox, Tyler Corlew, Justin Bousquet, Claude Middleton, Jeff Backus, Daniel Underwood, Andrew Laing, Brandon Hayes, Benjamin Vaillancourt, Chris Scarincio, Jan Reed, Tyson Reed, Michelle Smith, Richie Wiltshire, Bruce Lant, Bri Lebrecht, Sean Dunbar, Mark Aubrey, Kathleen Gates, Alex Portal (Post-Star)

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#### **PUBLIC HEARING: SOUTH GLENS FALLS FIRE CO. CONTRACT**

Supervisor Fish said it was a requirement that the Town open a public hearing on the South Glens Falls Fire Company contract. He asked the Town Clerk to read the resolution to open the public hearing on the South Glens Falls Fire Company contract. She read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby opens a public hearing to take comments regarding the proposed 2026 contract with the South Glens Falls Fire Company.”

**Resolution 32-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Stewart to approve the warrant as audited.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

Comments were offered neither by those in attendance nor by members of the Board.

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**Resolution 33-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Killian to close the public hearing.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

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Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read the prepared resolution. She read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that, having taken comments from the public, the Town Board hereby closes the public hearing for the proposed 2026 South Glens Falls Fire Company Contract.”

**Resolution 33-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

## **PUBLIC HEARING: MOREAU EMERGENCY SQUAD CONTRACT**

Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read a resolution opening the Moreau EMS contract hearing. She read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby opens a public hearing to take comments regarding the proposed 2026 contract with the Moreau Emergency Squad.”

**Resolution 34-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Garrant to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

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The motion carried 5:0.

Supervisor Fish opened the floor for comments. No comments were offered by those in attendance or Board members.

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Supervisor Fish asked the Clerk to read the resolution closing the public hearing. She read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that, having taken comments from the public, the Town Board hereby closes the public hearing for the proposed 2026 Moreau Emergency Squad Contract.”

**Resolution 35-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Killian to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026**

Supervisor Fish said the intention of the proposed Local Law was to reduce the term of Planning Board members from 7 years to 5 years. He asked Town Clerk Trombley to read the resolution opening the hearing. She read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby opens a public hearing to take comments regarding the proposed Local Law 1 of 2026.”

**Resolution 36-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

Supervisor Fish opened the floor for comments. No comments were offered by those in attendance or Board members.

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Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read the resolution to close the public hearing. She read:

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**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that, having taken comments from the public, the Town Board hereby closes the public hearing for the proposed Local Law 1 of 2026.”

**Resolution 37-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS/UPCOMING EVENTS**

Supervisor Fish said he had received the 2026-27 Unified Planning Work Program outlining transportation activities of the Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council, whose fiscal year runs from April 1, 2026-March 31, 2027. A GEIS traffic study will be completed along the Moreau Rte. 9 corridor at no cost to the Town, the Supervisor said, adding that BPD Coordinator Westfall explained that the traffic study will evaluate long-term traffic impacts in large-scale project areas rather than on individual projects. The study includes data collection, analysis of existing conditions, and future growth modeling to identify mitigation strategies to streamline future approvals, the Supervisor said. He asked if Board Members had any comments. No comments were offered.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Supervisor Fish said there were two sets of minutes to approve and asked the Town Clerk to read the first resolution. She read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board accepts and approves the minutes for the 2026 Organizational Meeting held on January 6, 2026, as submitted.”

**Resolution 38-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

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The motion carried 5:0.

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The Town Clerk read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board accepts and approves the minutes for the Regular Town Board meeting, held on January 13, 2026, as submitted.”

**Resolution 39-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Killian to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No comments were made

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Supervisor Fish said the Town had officially sold its surplus copiers through an auction website. He said one had been picked up and the other would be picked up later that week.

## **CONTRACTS**

Supervisor Fish said that since the public hearings on contracts had closed, he was looking for authorization to sign the contracts, with the understanding that some minor changes make be made, which would be subject to review by Counsel before signing. He asked the Town Clerk to read the resolution. She read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the 2026 contract with the South Glens Falls Fire Company, which includes a payment of \$715,000 to the company plus the additional compensation of \$250,000 to be held in a Town reserve account for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck.”

**Resolution 40-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

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Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

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The Town Clerk read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the 2026 contract with the Moreau Emergency Squad, which includes a payment of \$277,000 to the company, plus the additional compensation of \$125,000 to be held by the Town until such time as construction of the new Squad building has been completed.”

**Resolution 41-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Garrant to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Abstained
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

## **BUILDING, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

Supervisor Fish said they had already addressed the expenses for BPD Coordinator Westfall to attend the NY Association of Towns conference in New York City. He asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes meal and travel expenses for Josh Westfall to attend the Association of Towns Annual Meeting in an amount not to exceed \$467.00, to be split and paid evenly from accounts B8010.4 and BS.20.4.”

**Resolution 42-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Garrant to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye

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Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

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Supervisor Fish said Mr. Westfall had sent information about a Make a Connection Grant that had been awarded to the Town. He said Town engineers had provided a proposal which is completely covered by the grant. The Supervisor asked Mr. Westfall to explain what the grant was for. BPD Coordinator Westfall said he had applied for the grant in 2024 and that he hadn't known whether it would move forward. He said the proposal was for engineering on a multi-use trail along Jan Avenue including some crosswalks, bike racks along the trail, and a handicap ramp at Town Hall. Supervisor Fish asked the Clerk to read a proposed resolution. She read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the contract with MJ Engineering for the scope of services provided in the Moreau Safety Access Project Proposal, at a cost not to exceed \$69,000, which will be entirely funded by New York State and Federal grants.”

**Resolution 43-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Garrant to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

#### **LOCAL LAW NO. 1 of 2026**

Supervisor Fish said the public hearing had closed and asked the Clerk to read a resolution. She read:

**“WHEREAS** the Moreau Town Board has considered the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2026 entitled, ‘A Local Law Amending Chapter 124 of the Moreau Town Code Relating to the term and training of Town Planning Board Members’ pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10 and Town Law Article 16,’ and

**WHEREAS** the Local Law would amend Town Code Section 124-1 (B) to reduce the term of office from seven to five years for Planning Board members appointed after the effective date of the Local Law, and strengthen training requirements; and

**WHEREAS** the Town Board duly noticed and commenced a Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law on January 27, 2026 and, after hearing all interested persons, closed the Public Hearing this date; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed Local Law has appropriately aged on the desks of the Town Board and is a Type II action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, for which no further review is required; and

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**WHEREAS** the Town Board has determined that this Local Law would best enhance and protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Moreau.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Town Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2026 in the form attached to this Resolution.
2. The Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Clerk to file the Local Law with the New York Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law and acknowledges that the Local Law will take effect immediately upon filing by the Secretary of State.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.”

**Resolution 44-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Killian to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

## **2026 APPOINTMENTS**

Supervisor Fish said there were a number of appointments to make on the Planning and Zoning Boards. He asked the Town Clerk to read a resolution. She read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby appoints Bradley Nelson and Matthew Abrams to serve five-year terms on the Town Planning Board, expiring on December 31, 2033.”

**Resolution 45-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

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The Town Clerk read:

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**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that, for the purpose of consistent annual turnover with the terms on the Planning Board, the Town Board hereby extends the Planning Board terms of Myron Shaver and Adam Seybolt, to expire on December 31, 2033; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Planning Board term of Carl Hourihan shall be extended to expire on December 31, 2034.”

**Resolution 46-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

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The Clerk read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby reappoints John Arnold, as the Planning Board Chairman, for a one-year term, expiring on December 31, 2026.”

**Resolution 47-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Killian to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

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Town Clerk Trombley read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby appoints Lisbeth DaBramo as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals Planning Board members to five-year terms, ending on December 31, 2030.”

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby appoints Kevin Elms, as the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, for a one-year term, expiring on December 31, 2026.”

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**Resolution 48-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Garrant, seconded by Councilmember Killian to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

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The Clerk read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby appoints Kevin Elms, as the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, for a one-year term, expiring on December 31, 2026.”

**Resolution 49-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Killian to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Supervisor Fish said Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were needed, and invited Highway Superintendent Abrams to explain what the RFP was for. Mr. Abrams explained that the Highway Department needs a 30' x 60' pole barn for equipment cold storage. He mentioned that lawn mower, bulldozer, and grader needed to be kept out of the weather in the winter. Supervisor Fish asked for comments from the Board. Several Board members said it was a good idea. The Supervisor asked the Clerk to read a resolution. She read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent and Supervisor's Office to create and distribute a request for proposal for an open front highway storage building.”

**Resolution 50-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

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Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

## **WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Supervisor Fish asked the Clerk to read the resolution authorizing Jeff Guy to get water certification. The Supervisor said Mr. Guy would sign a training agreement beforehand. She read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes Jeffery Guy to register for a W2 Operator Training in Cortland, New York, to obtain his water license, from June 15-19, 2026 at a cost not to exceed \$725.00, to be paid from account CW8310.4.”

**Resolution 51-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Killian, seconded by Councilmember Garrant to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

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Supervisor Fish said parts for a bypass pump were needed to hook the bypass to the new pump station, as discussed at a prior meeting. He said there was a failed seal on a pump on Rte. 9 which needed to be sent away for repair, and a backup pump is needed in the event the other pump fails. He asked the Town Clerk to read the resolution. She read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the purchase of camlocs, hoses and items for the Water & Sewer Department's bypass pump, from Walter S Pratt & Sons, at an amount not to exceed \$3,080.79, to be paid from accounts GV811 0.4, GI811 0.4 and GH8110.4.”

**Resolution 52-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Killian, seconded by Councilmember Stewart to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye

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Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

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Supervisor Fish said that Emerick Assoc. had quoted the Town for a repair to the pump station pump. He said originally the pumps were maintained by Troy Pump, but that they don't repair that brand anymore, and Water & Sewer Operator Mechanick found that Emerich is the only company who will service them. He asked the Town Clerk to read a resolution. She read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the repair of the Route 9 sewer pump, by Emerick Associates, at an estimated cost of \$10,667.53, to be paid from account GV8110.4 and GH8110.4.”

**Resolution 53-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Killian, seconded by Councilmember Garrant to adopt the resolution as read.

**Discussion:** Supervisor Fish added that the quote was for just the failed seal, and that the price may change if anything else is discovered wrong with the pump.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

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After some discussion, it was decided to table action on a truck for the Water Department because Town procurement policy and NY State regulations require purchases above \$25,000 to go to bid. Councilmember Stewart recommended the department head put out specs for a vehicle. Supervisor Fish said Mr. Mechanick should go to the State Comptroller's Office, see who has prices for a vehicle matching the specifications that are needed, and get a quote from whatever vendor has the vehicle. He said if a local vendor has the same model for less money, Mr. Mechanick could proceed with the purchase. Highway Superintendent Abrams said he believed that if you went out for the government contract, you have to take the contract and can't shop for a lower price. Councilmember Stewart said they could “piggyback” on a government contract so they don't have to go to bid.

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Supervisor Fish said the Farnan Road sewer station had been upgraded with new pumps three years ago. He said that they had a third pump in the past in case there was a breakdown, and that since there is no bypass on that station, it was imperative to keep an extra pump. He said the quote came in below the budgeted amount, and asked the Clerk to read the resolution. She read:

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**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the purchase of a spare sewer pump for the Farnan Road Pump Station, from Emerick Associates at an amount not to exceed \$47,657.70 from accounts GH8110.2 and GV8110.2.”

**Resolution 54-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Killian to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

## **MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Supervisor Fish asked Ms. Trombley to read the prepared resolution. She read:

**“BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board accepts the December department head reports for the Transfer Station and Dog Control Officer.”

**Resolution 55-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Killian to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

## **LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF GRIEVANCE**

Supervisor Fish opened the floor to a representative from CSEA. The representative introduced herself as Diane Selchick, a State Labor Specialist for the Town of Moreau CSEA unit. She said she was there with Chris Scarincio to file a grievance. She said Mr. Scarincio was seeking the grievance to ensure his personal and medical information was kept confidential. She mentioned the “Town Principal Clerk” or another appropriate staff member for human resources. She said Mr. Scarincio had a statement he wanted the Town Clerk to read. Mr. Scarincio asked the Supervisor if the Town Clerk could read the statement into the record. The Supervisor responded affirmatively. The Town Clerk read:

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“My name is Chris Scarincio. I am a current employee of the Town of Moreau. I am submitting this written statement for the record to document that I have filed a written complaint with Human Resources and the Town Board regarding serious workplace concerns involving confidentiality and the handling of a harassment complaint. I am not requesting that personnel matters or confidential information be discussed publicly. I am intentionally limiting this statement to process and oversight concerns appropriate for the public record. Specifically, my complaint raises concerns regarding:

- The unauthorized disclosure of confidential information
- The handling and protection of a harassment complaint
- The lack of acknowledgment or response after the Town was placed on notice

As of the date of this statement, I have not received acknowledgment or information regarding next steps. I respectfully request that the Town Board ensure appropriate oversight, investigation, and adherence to established policies and legal obligations.

I also respectfully request assurance that complaints of this nature are handled confidentially and without retaliation. I ask that this statement be entered into the official record of the Town Board meeting. Thank you for your attention”

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Scarincio”

Supervisor asked if any Board member had comments to offer. No one did. Attorney Reichenbach asked if it were possible for the nature of the breach of confidentiality to be disclosed so they can come to a resolution. Ms. Selchick said she would discuss it with Mr. Scarincio and get in touch with Counsel later. Mr. Reichenbach said the Board was interested in a resolution if something should have been done differently. Ms. Selchick thanked the Board for their time.

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Supervisor Fish opened the floor to anyone who wanted to make comments before the Board.

Chris Scarincio said he was a former Town resident and current employee of the Town. He said it took courage to speak publicly and that it was done to seek improvement. He said clear communication, plans for work, time and resource management were critical to effective leadership. He said the level of work, morale, and services provided suffer in the lack thereof. He stated that the current climate in the workplace is challenging, and that he had been told to slow down in his tasks, that it was too hot or cold to work, that employees were taking a break from a break. He said there were times when too many employees were assigned to a task, or that too much time was spent talking instead of working. Over time these issues become norms that impact productivity, he said. The pace and expectations set by leadership affect the team, he said, adding that his remarks weren’t directed at anyone specifically or meant as an attack, but rather seeking improvements. He said taxpayers deserve resources to not be wasted, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak, and said he encouraged taxpayers to ask questions.

Ben Bramlage provided handouts to Board members and the Town Clerk (see appendix). He said he was a retired NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) police captain and Fort Edward resident, and that he was presenting on behalf of a group called The Fort Stops PFAS, which he described as a loosely organized group from mostly Hudson Falls and Fort Edward whose focus was on PFAS contamination. He said there is a proposed PFAS project in Fort Edward which he hoped to provide an overview of in his remarks that

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night, but that he hoped to return at a future meeting to present more fully. He said he knew the Moreau Town Board and community were aware of the risk posed by PFAS and their attempted destruction through burning. Thermal destruction of PFAS-contaminated soil is the nature of the proposed project in Fort Edward, he said. The proposal, from a company named Clean Earth (formerly known as ESMI), is with the NYSDEC he said, and is set for the Fort Edward Industrial Park, where he said the company has been in operation for 30 years. He stated that they were originally approved only to process soil contaminated with petroleum, and that in their 30 years, their permit has been modified 15-20 times. According to Fort Edward Village, the company can only process petroleum-contaminated soil, he said, because the company didn't seek approval for any of the subsequent NYSDEC permit modifications.

Mr. Bramlage said the current proposal is to process 5,000 tons of petroleum-contaminated soil from an unknown source, and PFAS of unknown type through a thermal destruction process, which is bringing the material to a boiling point where the company says the PFAS are destroyed, resulting in clean soil. He said that Clean Earth failed a small-scale test with this process in 2019, and the current application process by the company began almost immediately afterward. He said there has been no change in their process or technology, that no real-time emissions monitoring exists at the facility, there's no ability to install such a monitoring system, and that current monitoring takes weeks-to-months to provide results. The temperatures they are proposing to treat the soil with, he described as "widely accepted as too low for full destruction of PFAS." He said this would result in emissions of compounds of incomplete combustion and destruction. Mr. Bramlage said NYSDEC told the company which air monitoring system to use, which he said was completely inadequate, referencing a page in the provided handout (see appendix).

In summary he said this was not just a Fort Edward issue, but a regional one, mentioning that Route 197 (Reynolds Road) is the main trucking route to the facility, and that State Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner is involved. He said Hudson Falls and Kingsbury have sent letters of opposition, and the Washington County Board of Supervisors have sent a letter asking for a full public hearing. He asked the Board for permission to come back and discuss the information in the handouts fully, for the Moreau Town Board to press NYSDEC for a full public hearing as well, and for to consider sending a letter of opposition to the application. He said the public comment period is open until February 17.

Supervisor Fish asked Mr. Bramlage to contact his office to get onto a future agenda. Mr. Bramlage said he had been in touch with the Supervisor's Confidential Secretary but that the agenda for the January 27 meeting had been very full.

Confidential Secretary Bennett wanted the Board to be aware that there was a group of Boy Scouts in the room working on earning a badge.

Reed Antis said there is a Crandall Library Board Trustee term ending this year, and a new Town of Moreau Trustee would be needed. He said to contact him or Cathy Naftaly, Crandall Library Executive Director if interested. He said the library Board of Trustees meets the fourth Wednesday of the month 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Recreation

Councilmember Donohue said they had discussed the topic of a dog park at the January 13 meeting, and that Town engineers had been contacted. He said that if they wanted to go ahead, the engineers would put together a plan. He invited Mr. Westfall to add to his remarks. BPD Coordinator Westfall said he had spoken with MJ Engineering, and before having a proposal drafted, Councilmember Donohue wanted to bring the concept back to the Board. He continued, saying MJ could provide high-level drawings, and said there were storm water

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considerations. He said this would be enough information for staff in-house to begin the process, saving money. Councilmember Stewart said he didn't object to having a proposal, and the entire site should have a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) on file. He said if there is a SWPPP coordinator within the Town, he didn't support spending thousands-to-tens-of-thousands of dollars on a dog park plan. He asked why they should pay for the SWPPP plan from the engineers rather than use the money to buy a fence. Mr. Westfall said the Town would be exceeding an acre, and the SWPPP for this site discusses ground vegetation, and that the dog park would impact ground vegetation. He added that a road may have to be added which could come close to the storm water area. Councilmember Stewart said he didn't know they were considering clearing an acre for the dog park when so much of the property is clear. Councilmember Donohue said he wasn't considering clearing more land than that which is already clear. He said they could save a lot of money by having BOCES do the work. Councilmembers Stewart, Garrant, and Killian expressed interest in getting a proposal.

Councilmember Stewart thanked the Highway Department and Town Maintenance staff for their work removing snow during recent storms.

#### Fire Department

Councilmember Stewart said they were still waiting to hear back from the Town's attorneys in relation to the South Glens Falls Village contract. He said the Supervisor had heard from the State Comptroller's office, and that work continues behind the scenes, that there are some requirements that need to be met before they go to the State legislature.

#### Technology

Councilmember Killian said contractors were coming to look at the server in preparation for a move to a new physical location.

#### Insurance & Cemeteries

Councilmember Garrant said she had been in conversation about insurance and cemeteries, but there was nothing to report at that time.

### **SUPERVISOR'S ITEMS**

Supervisor Fish said there was a request for the Board to authorize Town Counsel to take a party to Supreme Court. He said the property owner built a deck without a permit, that the property owner has gone to court, and is refusing to get a permit. Counsel has advised the Board to take the homeowner to Supreme Court, Supervisor Fish said. BPD Coordinator Westfall said there are also violations of code related to chickens and fences as well. Councilmember Stewart said Supreme Court action is the next step, so he said he supports the action. Supervisor Fish said the Town's expenses are included in the fines being sought at Supreme Court.

**Resolution 56-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Killian to authorize the Town attorney bring the aforementioned property owner to Supreme Court for multiple Town code violations.

**Discussion:** Reed Antis inquired as to why the property location had not been named. The Supervisor identified it as 398 Fortsville Road.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

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Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0.

The Supervisor said that as of January 2026, the Town had received over \$4,000,000 in sales tax, which he said is amazing. 26.38% increase over last year's total. Councilmember Stewart said it's money they don't want to rely upon but that it shows the Town of Moreau is doing well. He added that these funds are important because they fund the Highway Department and Fire Company entirely. Supervisor Fish said the Village of South Glens Falls got around \$890,000. Councilmember Stewart said it was all good news.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was required.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

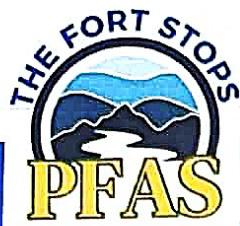
**Resolution 57-2026** A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart to adjourn the meeting.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Garrant	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 5:0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Erin Trombley*  
Erin Trombley  
Town Clerk

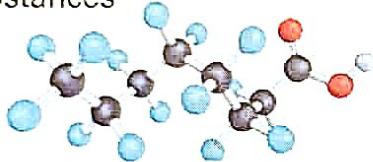


## Help us STOP 5,000 tons of contaminated soil from being trucked into Fort Edward!

### Environmental Risk

The Hudson River flows through Fort Edward - PFAS contamination here could spread downstream

PFAS are a group of chemicals called Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances



These "forever chemicals" are hard to break down in nature and accumulate over time

**The New York Department of Conservation public comment period is open until Feb 17, 2026**

**Send in your comments & let your voice be heard!**

Send to:

Beth Magee, Division of Environmental Permits

- Mail: NYSDEC 232 Golf Course Rd Warrensburg, NY 12885
- Email: [dec.sm.ESMI@dec.ny.gov](mailto:dec.sm.ESMI@dec.ny.gov)

This area already has a history of industrial pollution

- Now, ESMI is proposing to experiment with processing PFAS at their facility which is less than 1 mile from our school and vital waterways
- The impacted locations include environmental justice zones and the PCB superfund site

### Public Health Risk

- PFAS exposure causes hormonal imbalances and cancer
- According to EPA standards it only takes one drop of PFAS to make the water in 5 Olympic-sized swimming pools unsafe for drinking

We oppose the approval of ESMI's RD&D permit 5-5330-00038/00027

- We agree that PFAS needs to be destroyed, but not like this and not here
- The proposed processing method, called thermal desorption, is unproven
- The temperature may not be high enough to completely destroy the PFAS, leaving "products of incomplete destruction" in the soil or emissions
- The facility is 30 years old – it is not equipped for PFAS and is operating under expired and/or missing permits

# **Why DEC should deny the ESMI RD&D PFAS permit application - a primer**

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**The Fort Stops PFAS**

# What you should know

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## Environmental History

Historical contamination of land, air, and water in Washington Country

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Aging infrastructure with outdated operating permits

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Impacts on the most vulnerable members of the community

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## Health and Safety

Concerns about potential exposures and lack of safety protocols



# Hasn't WASHington County carried the burden of pollution for long enough?



## Nations Largest Superfund Site

1.3 million tons of carcinogenic and hormone disrupting PCBs dumped into the river and then redistributed throughout Washington County



## Dredging Effort Failures

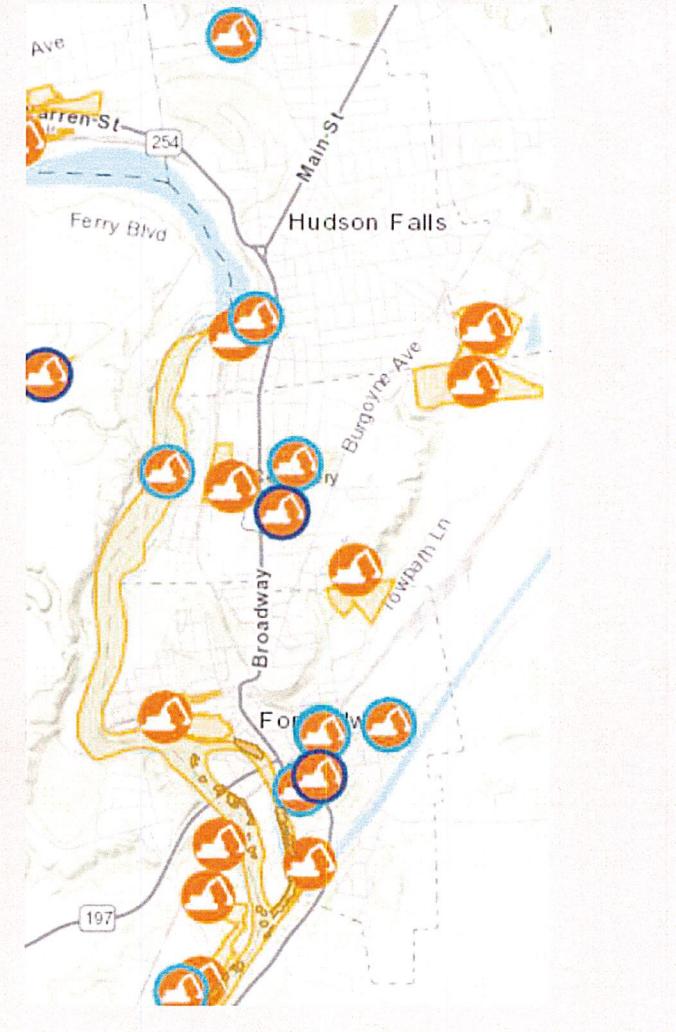
DEC deemed five year dredging project largely ineffective, disturbing buried PCBs and reintroduce them to the environment (2)

# Environmental Cleanup Sites in HF and FE

23

Area of Hudson Falls and Fort  
Edward Combined

**1.92 sq mi + 1.9 sq mi = 3.82 sq mi**



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## **Washington County: A Vulnerable Community**

## **DACs and PEJAs**

- 1. Proximity to Hudson Falls DAC/PEJA triggered additional public engagement and the PPP**
- 2. Additional DACs/PEJAs in the area include Glens Falls, Fort Ann, Comstock, Whitehall, Granville and Hartford**
- 3. All of these areas are at least partially downwind of ESMI**

# Why Fort Edward?

1. By ESMI's own admission, Fort Edward has nothing to gain from the experiment
2. NO currently detectable background PFAS levels
3. ALL PFAS soils would be imported from out of area or out of state

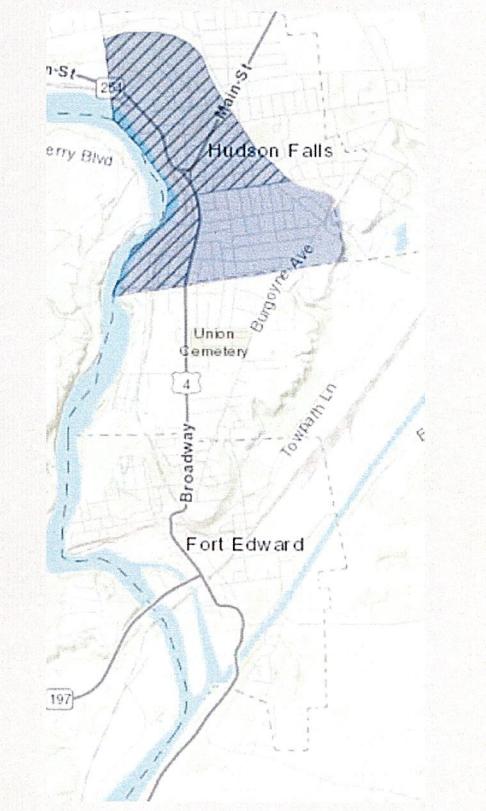
# Why conduct an experiment in a Village?

- **Location is close to many vulnerable populations**
- **Fort Edward Public School less than 1 mile away**

Facility Name	Location (UTM Coordinates)	Approximate Distance from Facility (km)
Fort Edward Jr. Sr. High School	614811.26m, 4792114.38m	0.97
School on Burgoyne	615068.06m, 4793260.20m	0.83
Fort Edward Village Recreation	615168.68m, 4791200.98m	0.86
Learning Express Family Daycare	614061.73m, 4792415.84m	1.75
A Mother's Dream Daycare	614550.77m, 4794149.78m	1.80
Fort Edward-Kingsbury Health Center	614987.73m, 4791610.57m	1.38
Fort Edward Village Recreation	615155.76m, 4792128.53m	0.85
Wedgewood Golf Club	616233.14m, 4792572.79m	0.85
Mullen Park	615253.85m, 4792023.77m	0.85

# Why experiment in a vulnerable community?

- Neighboring communities are already at risk from overexposure to toxins which is why the Public Participation Plan was required in the first place
- Hudson Falls is recognized as both a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) and a Potential Environmental Justice Area (PEJA) by New York State
- Heightened health concerns and stricter environmental oversight



Blockgroup 361150880021, Fort Edward, NY, EPA Region 2 (Population: 1,214)

Environmental Justice Indexes

Environmental Burden Indicators

Socioeconomic Indicators

Supplemental Indexes

[Unselect All]

Particulate Matter 2.5

Diesel Particulate Matter

Lead Paint

Hazardous Waste Proximity

Drinking Water Non-Compliance

Ozone

Toxic Releases to Air

Superfund Proximity

Underground Storage Tanks

Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2)

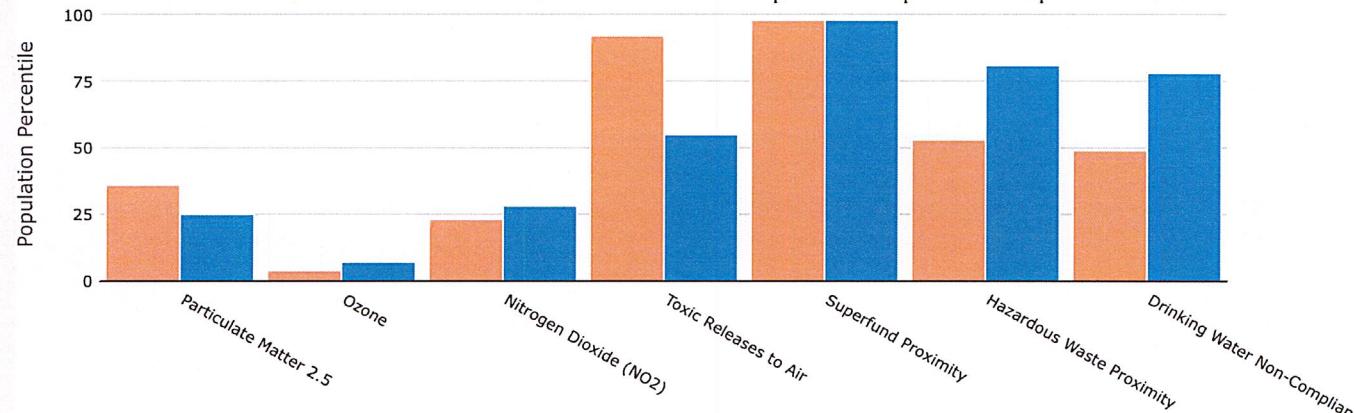
Traffic Proximity

RMP Facility Proximity

Wastewater Discharge

State Percentile  USA Percentile

Environmental Burden Indicators for the Selected Area Compared to All People's Block Groups in the State/US



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## ESMI regulatory concerns



# ESMI Permit Timeline

Land Use Permit only  
allows for petroleum  
processing

1995



1996-2018



2018



2019 -  
present

## Permit Issued

Initial permit  
allowed the  
processing of  
petroleum  
contaminated soil

## Numerous Permit Modifications

PCBs, dredge spoils,  
historical fill, paper  
sludge, and sewage  
sludge, and coal tar

## PFAS Experiment

22 tons of PFAS  
soil from  
Cambridge

## PFAS RD&D application

2 week experiment  
on 5000 tons PFAS  
contaminated soil

# Current Operation

- Thermal desorption used for all operations except 2024 PFAS experiment
- No land permit approvals by the Village of Fort Edward other than for PCS
- All emissions are calculated, not REAL TIME
- Emissions from 2018 PFAS experiment are NOT included in 2018 annual emissions report
- Pending sale to Veolia



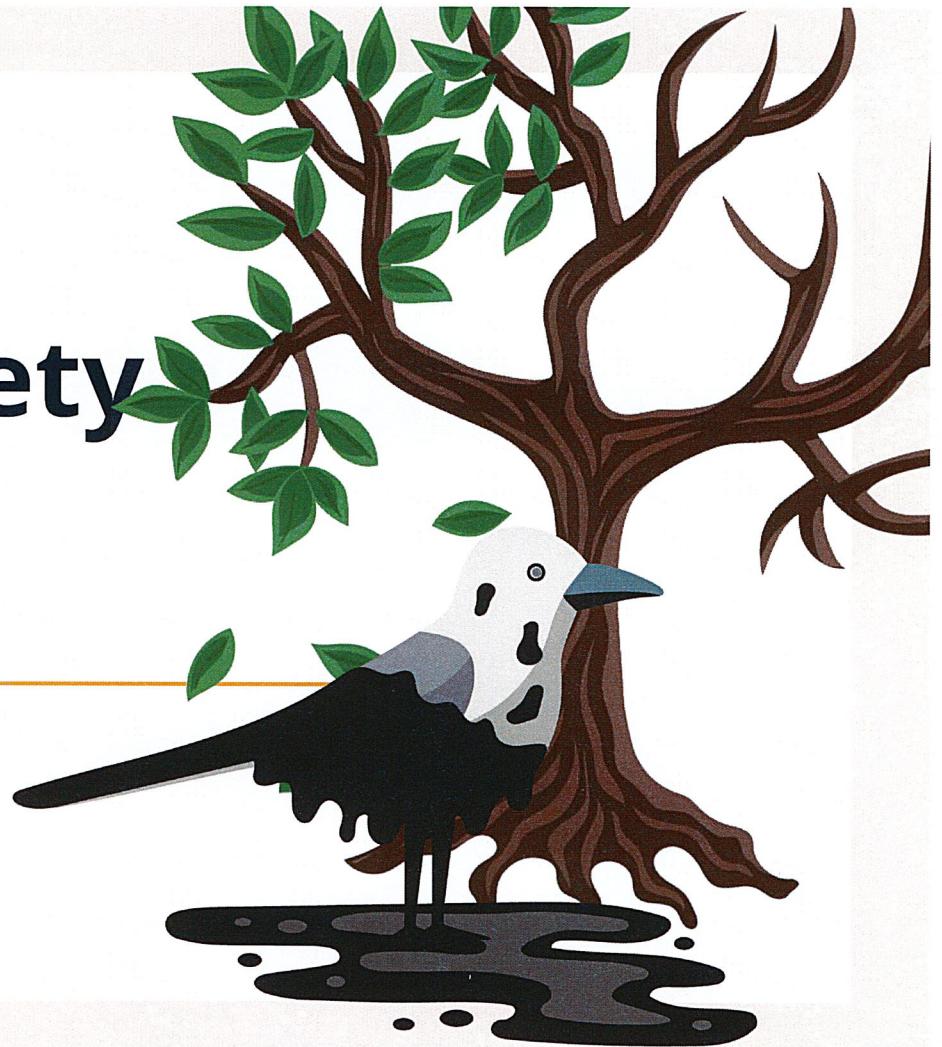
Pollutant Code	Pollutant Description
300000322	TOTAL PARTICULATE MATTER
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300000319	PARTICULATE MATTER < 10 UM
300000319	PARTICULATE MATTER < 10 UM
300000242	TOTAL HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS (HAPS)
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300000005	NITROGEN OXIDES NO2
300000005	NITROGEN OXIDES NO2
300000329	FACIL
300000329	FACIL
10461	Sulfur dioxide
10461	Sulfur dioxide
10193	Carbon monoxide
10193	Carbon monoxide
300000243	VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOCS)
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30000038	Lead
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30000074	Tetrachloroethylene
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# Facility Insufficiencies

- The structure is a pole barn that is 30+ years old with aging infrastructure
- The thermal treatment of the soil is done with very rudimentary equipment. Other than replacement with higher temperature equipment in 2014-15, it has never been upgraded
- There is an under qualified team without the technical knowledge to safely deal with hazardous materials in a residential area
- DEC has not required legally required existing burdens reports, GHG emissions reports or followed their own policies and procedures at a minimum. DEC has also been minimally responsive to FOIL. WHY??

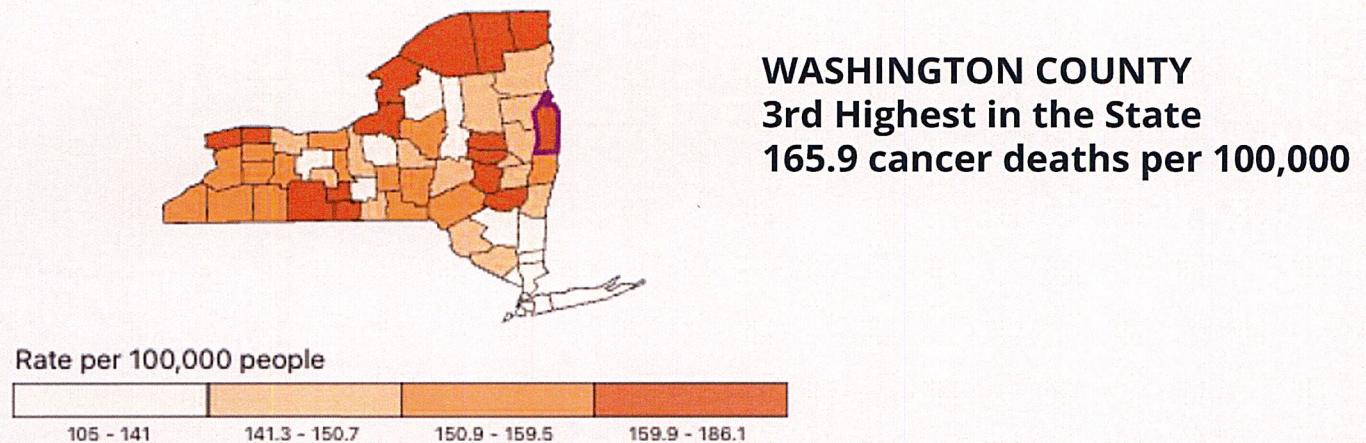
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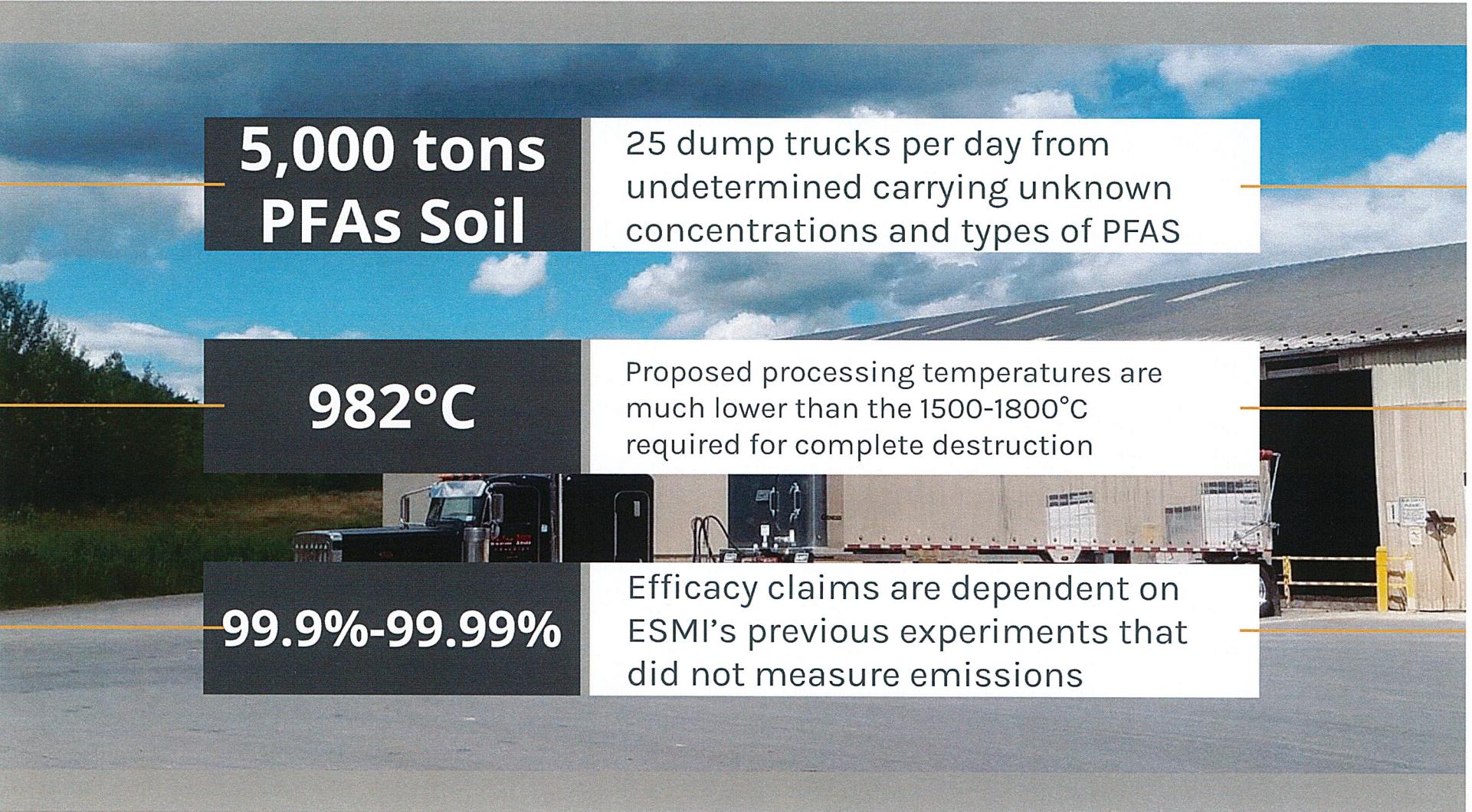
## Health & Safety Risks



# Health and Environmental Impacts

Rate of Cancer Deaths in Washington County, New York  
All Types of Cancer, All Ages, All Races and Ethnicities, Male and  
Female, 2018-2022





**5,000 tons  
PFAs Soil**

25 dump trucks per day from undetermined carrying unknown concentrations and types of PFAS



**982°C**

Proposed processing temperatures are much lower than the 1500-1800°C required for complete destruction



**99.9%-99.99%**

Efficacy claims are dependent on ESMI's previous experiments that did not measure emissions

# Health and Safety Risks

- 1. NO real-time emission testing**
  - a. Actual emissions during testing window will be unknown
  - b. Adjustments can not be made during the process if higher PFAS concentrations are being emitted
  - c. Only capable of testing for 40-60 types of PFAS when over 12,000 variations exist ([1](#), [2](#))
- 2. Models generated by C.T. Male are based on extremely low PFAS soil concentrations. The more PFAS in soil; the more emissions are released. Even at 99.9% efficacy this could multiply emissions by 1000's**
- 3. Emissions samples were not collected ESMI's 2018 study yet claims to have been 99.9-99.99% efficiency.**

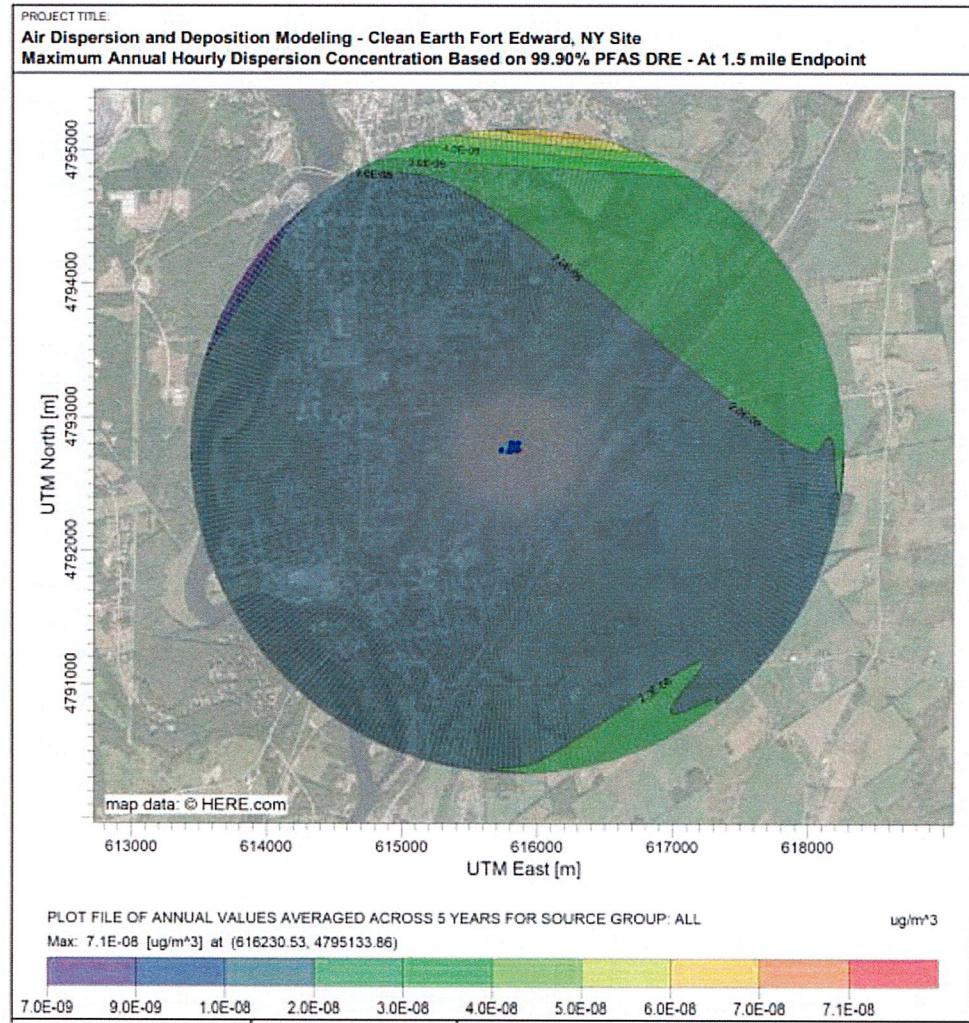
# Is all the data available being used?

- Model was capable of a 5 mile radius but only depicts 1.5 miles.
- Increasing concentration of PFAS emissions over Hudson Falls to the north.

COMMENTS:		
Air Dispersion Results	SOURCES:	COMPANY NAME: <b>C.T. MALE ASSOCIATES</b>
Sum of All PFAS Compounds with Incoming Soil Concentration to Facility at 89.485 ug/kg	RECEPTORS:	MODELER <b>C.T. MALE STAFF</b>
	OUTPUT TYPE:	SCALE: 1:40,000
	Concentration	0  1 km
	MAX:	DATE: PROJECT NO:
7.1E-08 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	9/12/2023	<b>22.2756</b>

AERMOD View - Lakes Environmental Software

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# What are we asking for?

1. Letters from town supervisors of Washington county requesting the Department of Environmental Conservation deny ESMI (Clean Earth) RD&D application to thermally desorb 5,000 tons PFAS contaminated soils.
2. Engagement with constituents encouraging letter writing.
3. Request a Public Hearing.