

A meeting of the Planning Board 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 25th day of April 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Town of Moreau
Planning Board Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2022

Planning Board Members Present

John Arnold	Planning Board Member
Gerald Bouchard	Planning Board Member
Ann Purdue	Planning Board Member
Mike Shaver	Planning Board Member
Erik Bergman	Planning Board Member
Adam Seybolt	Alternative Planning Board Member
Peter Jensen	Planning Board Chairmen

Also, present

Katrina Flexon	Meeting Secretary
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The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Chairperson Jensen.

Chairperson Jensen explains the goal of this meeting is to select a date for the continuation of the April 18, 2022, Planning Board meeting agenda and the rescheduling of the applicant Saratoga BioChar Solutions LLC public hearing. Lack of a quorum prevented the following applicants from being heard that night. Baker Falls Solar, Us Light and Energy, Cerrone Construction and Saratoga BioChar Solutions.

Chairperson Jensen asks the Board if anyone has a suggestion for the new scheduled date.

Mr. Bergman clarifies the only meeting scheduled in May is the regularly scheduled meeting as of this moment and asks what day that is.

Chairperson Jensen confirms and states the regular meeting is May 16th.

Mr. Arnold asks what the agenda looks like for the May meeting.

Ms. Flexon states there is not an agenda planned at this time, the submission deadline hasn't passed yet. She informs the Board that the Alltown Fresh applicant is looking to be on the agenda for that meeting.

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Mr. Arnold asks if the Board decided to split the meetings up if it makes sense to but Baker Falls and Saratoga BioChar together since they are both proposed to be in the Industrial Park.

Mr. Bergman states he wasn't present for the cancelled meeting but reading the paper he feels the Board should keep Saratoga BioChar from everything else.

Mr. Shaver asks if they are scheduling Saratoga BioChar on May 9th

Mr. Bergman states it's an option, or the Board could schedule the remaining applicants on the 9th and have BioChar on another night.

Mr. Shaver feels the sooner BioChar gets addressed the better off the Town will be.

Ms. Purdue asks what the dates where in the emails the Board was receiving

Mr. Arnold explains those were when Karla is free because she would like to be present for the Saratoga BioChar applicants public hearing. He states he would like her to be at the meeting. As far as the public hearing goes, he suggests as public comments are heard if the Board begins to hear repeats, he suggests they have the person speaking to focus on new information and comments or let the next person speak.

Mr. Bergman doesn't agree.

Ms. Purdue agrees with Mr. Bergman she states it's about individual's perspectives and there is always going to be something different.

Mr. Shaver states he feels they do need to limit the timing per person.

Chairperson Jensen states that is up to the Board.

Ms. Purdue feels the public should have time to talk and if they do get too repetitive the Board can acknowledge it at that time. Some of the letters the Board had received are very lengthy and if they were just touching the surface then they will need time to voice their comments and concerns.

Mr. Arnold states he firmly believes there should be a sign in sheet for some sort of order.

Ms. Flexon states there will be a sign in sheet for everyone to sign prior to entering the meeting.

Mr. Arnold makes a motion that the public hearing is structured as such there will be a podium, a sign in sheet, the public is required to introduce themselves and where they are from including people not from the Town of Moreau, time should be limited to new information, and to allow responses from the applicant as the Board deems necessary.

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Ms. Purdue seconds the motion.

Chairperson Jensen asks the Board if all in favor say Aye

Results as follows:

John Arnold	Aye
Gerald Bouchard	Aye
Ann Purdue	Aye
Mike Shaver	Aye
Erik Bergman	Aye
Adam Seybolt	Aye
Peter Jensen	Aye

None oppose, no abstentions, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Ms. Purdue to structure the Saratoga BioChar Solutions LLC public hearing as such; there will be a podium, sign-in sheet, the public is required to introduce themselves and where they are from including people not from the Town of Moreau, time is limited to new information, the Planning Board will allow responses from the applicant when deemed necessary.

Ms. Purdue suggests all documents from the previous agenda of April 18, 2022, be transferred to the upcoming Planning Board meeting agenda for the public on the Town of Moreau web page along with the air emissions permit application, the EAF part I, II, and III, the November 2, 2021 Planning Board Minutes, December 13, 2021, and March 7, 2022.

Mr. Arnold adds that the audio for all meetings are uploaded to the Town of Moreau website the next day after Planning Board meetings. If anyone wanted to know what happens in those meetings they could listen to the audio.

Ms. Purdue states she would prefer to have them in writing and asks the meeting secretary if this is something that can be done before the next meeting.

Ms. Flexon states she is almost finished with the December 13, 2021 minutes and can start March 7, 2022 minutes next if requested but they will not be completed by the next meeting.

Mr. Arnold asks Ms. Purdue what the reasoning is for needing the written minutes before the next meeting.

Ms. Purdue states personally she is a reading on paper type of person and feels other people are as well.

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Chairperson Jensen asks the Board if they have decided on a date to schedule Saratoga BioChar Solutions public hearing on.

Mr. Arnold states in Karla's email she says she is available on May 12th and if the Board chooses a different date the Board takes a risk that Jim and Karla will not make it.

Mr. Shaver asks if the Board wants to make a motion for May 12th for just BioChar.

Mr. Shaver makes a motion to schedule the public hearing for Saratoga BioChar Solutions LLC for May 12, 2022, at 7:00pm.

Mr. Bergman seconds the motion.

Chairperson Jensen asks the Board all those in favor say Aye.

Results as follows:

John Arnold	Aye
Gerald Bouchard	Aye
Ann Purdue	Aye
Mike Shaver	Aye
Erik Bergman	Aye
Adam Seybolt	Aye
Peter Jensen	Aye

None oppose, no abstentions, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Shaver and seconded by Mr. Bergman to schedule the public hearing for Saratoga BioChar Solutions LLC on May 12 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Arnold states the purpose of a public hearing is to collect information to help make the Boards decision.

Mr. Shaver states the remaining applicants should be scheduled for May 16th.

Mr. Bergman makes a motion to adjourn the planning board meeting of April 25th.

Mr. Shaver seconds the motion.

Chairperson Jensen asks the Board if there is any further discussion and if not all those in favor say Aye.

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina Flexon