

A Public Hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on August 30, 2011 in the Town of Moreau Office Building, 61 Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York, for the purpose of considering the adoption of Local Law No. 4 of 2011, which if adopted would amend Section 136-38, Schedule IX "Parking Prohibited at all Times" of Chapter 136 "Vehicles and Traffic" of the Moreau Town Code.

Supervisor Jenkins opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

The Town Clerk called the roll.

Town Board Members Present

Tom Cumm	Councilman
Bob Prendergast	Councilman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman
Preston Jenkins	Supervisor

Town Board Members Absent

Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
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Also Present: Jeanne Fleury, Town Clerk; and Town Residents: Rick & Donna Denué, Jim & Nancy Purcell, Stephen Casavant, Rose Perry; and guests

The following notice of Public Hearing appeared in the legal ad section of the Glens Falls Post Star Newspaper on August 22, 2011:

TOWN OF MOREAU
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO
CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF
LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law that a public hearing will be conducted by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Moreau Town Hall located at 61 Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York, for the purpose of considering the adoption of Local Law No. 4 of 2011. Local Law No. 4 of 2011, as proposed, amends Section 136-38, Schedule IX "Parking Prohibited at All Times" of Chapter 136 "Vehicles and Traffic" of the Code of the Town of Moreau. Specifically, Local Law No. 4 of 2011 expands the no parking zone to both sides of Tanglewood Drive from the intersection of Feeder Dam Road to the intersection with Jerome Avenue. In addition, both sides of North Road 210 feet East of Hudson Drive to Hudson Drive and both sides of Hudson Drive 170 feet South of North Road to North Road would be designated as no parking zones.

All persons wishing to provide comments on Local Law No. 4 of 2011 shall be heard during the public hearing. Written comments on Local Law No. 4 of 2011 shall be received until 4:00 p.m. on August 30, 2011 at the office of the Town Clerk located at Town Hall.

A copy of Local Law No. 4 of 2011 can be obtained through the office of the Town Clerk, Moreau Town Hall, 61 Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York.

Jeanne M. Fleury

Town Clerk

Supervisor Jenkins welcomed everyone to the Public Hearing and explained the purpose of the Public Hearing. He explained that a "no parking" zone was being proposed along a portion of Tanglewood Drive, because during sporting events at the high school cars are parked along the roadway making it difficult and dangerous for motor vehicles to navigate the roadway. There are people walking along the roadway, cars pulling in and out. About one year ago a child was hit on Tanglewood Drive.

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He stated that a "no parking" zone was being considered for a portion of North Road upon recommendation of the highway superintendent to prevent motor vehicles from being parked along the roadway while they access the river on foot through the woods.

Nancy Purcell of 59 Tanglewood Drive didn't voice any objection to the proposed "no parking" zone on Tanglewood Drive, but stated that it would force people to park their vehicles alongside Oakwood and Elmwood Drive and Iris Avenue. She said that perhaps these roads should be considered also as part of the "no parking" areas.

Councilman Kusnierz noted that it is illegal to park on a highway already per the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law. Also, property owners own out to the roadway and if people park in front of other people's homes then they will be trespassing.

Supervisor Jenkins mentioned how the Town in the past has funded a position of Special Police Officer for the Town in the amount of \$1,000.00 per year and the board could use this person to enforce the "no parking". He didn't think it would be a problem for one vehicle to park in front of someone's house, but motor vehicles lining the street, is a problem. He said the board was concerned about public safety.

Councilman Cumm stated that Nancy Purcell makes a good point.

Supervisor Jenkins said he discussed this with Joe Patricke and Joe Patricke thinks we can enforce the "no parking" zones and that it is up to the Justices to uphold it.

Rick Denué from 34 Tanglewood Drive asked what the time frame is for this.

Supervisor Jenkins advised that a special meeting of the Board was scheduled and published to be held after the Public Hearing and the Board could act on the adoption of this local law at that time.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that even if the Town Board enacts the local law tonight it has to be filed with the Secretary of State and it will not be effective until it is filed as such.

The comment was made from the public that 20 years ago no students parked along the roadway and now there are about 10-12 that do. The number of vehicles that are parked along the roadway on Tanglewood Drive is unbelievable. It is hard at nighttime to see people walking up and down the roadway. There are also bicyclists and people walk on the roadway not alongside it. There are other sporting events now, such as Lacrosse, that we didn't have years ago that attract more spectators.

Councilman Prendergast agreed that at nighttime it is difficult to see. There is a lot of activity at times. He said the Town Board is trying to act before someone really gets hurt.

Councilman Cumm stated that they could monitor the other roadways that were mentioned by Nancy Purcell and if there is a problem the Board could address it.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that the Board could request enforcement of the "no parking" law on these roadways and the ones mentioned by Nancy Purcell.

There being no further comment from the Town Board Members or the Public, a motion was made by Councilman Cumm and seconded by Councilman Prendergast to close the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

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Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Cumm	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

Public Hearing closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Fleury
Town Clerk