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MOREAU TOWN BOARD MEETING

Hazardous waste discovery, PFAS, and moratoriums discussed

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MOREAU - Radioactive compactors, PFAS in Fort Edward, and another moratorium were among the topics discussed at the Feb. 10 Moreau Town Board meeting.

Last week, monitors at the Moreau Transfer Station detected potential hazardous materials in some of the dropped off waste.

"We had a couple of compactors that had radioactive activity in them," Town Supervisor Jesse Fish explained during the meeting. "We contacted the county, the county contacted the state, they put on quite an exhibition on how they go about things."

Fish said the contaminated compactors had been dumped and cleared. State officials reportedly determined that the material was likely medical waste, which had been improperly disposed of.

"We're figuring it's somebody with

radiation or chemotherapy treatments, or something of that nature just disposing of... could be diapers, could be anything that got in there, not knowing that it wasn't legal to dump them there," he said. "I don't think it was anything done maliciously."

The Moreau Transfer Station is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Mon.-Sat. A brochure explaining what materials can and cannot be accepted is available at townofmoreau.org.

The Fort Stops PFAS

Ben Bramlage, a retired police captain with the New York Department of Conservation, was back before the board representing "The Fort Stops PFAS," a grassroots environmental group formed in opposition to a proposed short-term research project to treat up to 5,000 tons



KATHLEEN MOORE, POST-STAR FILE PHOTO

Officials are encouraging residents to check their garbage after radioactive material was found at the Moreau Transfer Station last week.

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BATTLE OVER COLE'S COLLISION NEAR GLEN LAKE RAGES ON



PROVIDED PHOTO

A rendering of the proposed Cole's Collision on the corner of U.S. Route 9 and Glen Lake Road.

The business is eyeing the former Blue Moose Restaurant site

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QUEENSBURY - At Tuesday night's meeting, the Queensbury Planning Board questioned the environmental impact that a proposed Cole's Collision auto body shop could have on Glen Lake. The Glen Lake Protective Association and surrounding residents oppose the development that would be located at 1300 U.S. Route 9, the former site of Blue Moose Restaurant, citing "detriment to community character" and a "concern about soil instability" as leading reasons why the project should be rejected by the planning board.

In addition to the large turnout at public meetings, 45 letters were sent to the Queensbury Planning Department requesting a denial of the proposed Cole's Collision development. The opposition has

been a well-organized effort dating back to June 2025, when concerned residents expressed feeling under threat by potentially harmful air and water pollutants if an auto body shop was built nearby.

A major point of contention with the site's development is a downward slope adjacent to the property that leads to the Glen Lake fen, a wetland that is the lake's primary water source. Residents raised concerns that dangerous chemicals from vehicle fluids could find their way from a parking lot storing damaged vehicles down to the fen due to stormwater runoff. However, Cole's Collision maintains that extensive stormwater filtration and mitigation efforts will be in place to prevent harm to the lake.

"In this case, there's a wetland that's 700 feet from the property disturbance and 500 feet from

the property line. We know that the site's been designed to comply with environmental regulations. Cole's Collision has seven other sites. They've never had an environmental issue," said project attorney Jon Lapper on behalf of Cole's Collision.

Tangentially, several Cole's Collision sites in the Capital Region have been noted for their cleanliness and upkeep standards by some members of the Queensbury Planning Board upon visitation.

"Our stormwater [plan] is designed for New York State DEC stormwater regulations," explained project engineer Luigi Palleschi. "Our first defensive treatment is a storm filter at a catch basin, and then from that catch basin it goes into a pre-treatment area where it

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QUEENSBURY

Schools uphold state law on trans student rights

Public continues discussion at school board meeting

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QUEENSBURY - The heated discussion about transgender students' usage of school bathrooms and locker rooms continued during yet another public comment portion of Queensbury Union Free School District's Board of Education meeting on Monday.

Monday's school board meeting at Queensbury Elementary School marked another board meeting where parents and community members have voiced their opinions about trans students in school bathrooms and locker rooms, and students on either side of the heated argument stood up and addressed the board.

This month's meeting was attended by close to three dozen community members and district families, a significant decrease from the nearly 200 people at last month's board meeting.

In recent months, the discussion about transgender students being allowed to use the bathroom and locker rooms that align with their gender identity in Queensbury schools has become a highly contested topic after three community members spoke against it at the November 10 meeting. The board's minutes from the meeting said the speakers during the November public forum had spoken about boys' and girls' spaces, which then became the topic of concern for many community members and parents at the meetings that followed.

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