

**Village of Fort Edward
Board of Trustees – Public Hearing
Monday, May 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Traver called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Trustee Williams, Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Cutler

Absent: Trustee Boucher

Present: Dave Earsing, Kyle Cozzens, Doreen Rabine, Mike Dickinson, Jeff Caprood, Kris March, Lauren Grogan, Dan Ward, Dave Armando, Jim Thatcher, Tracy Murray, Rob Martin, Matt Rimkunas, Tom Roberts, Mariann Roberts, Anne Carpenter

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Summary

The meeting focused on discussing the ongoing moratorium and the need for independent expertise regarding environmental concerns in the community. Key decisions included tabling the public hearing to the July meeting to gather more information and ensure a thorough approach to the moratorium.

Public Hearing – PFAS Moratorium

1. Open

- The public hearing is a continuation of discussions regarding the moratorium currently in discussion.
- There has been an attempt to solicit independent expertise, but no responses have been received so far.
- The group is considering sending another letter to potential experts to encourage proposals.
- Trustee John Boucher was unable to attend due to personal commitments, impacting the discussion.

2. Community Concerns about Pollution

- There are significant concerns regarding corporate pollution and its effects on the community's health.
- The community is worried about the potential for class action lawsuits related to environmental issues.
- Recent legislative changes regarding field spraying and biosolids have been discussed, highlighting ongoing environmental challenges.

3. Next Steps for Moratorium

- The group discussed the timeline for scheduling another public hearing, considering the need for proper notice.
- It was agreed to table the public hearing to the July meeting on 7/7/2025 at 6:00 p.m. to allow for more information gathering. A motion was made by Trustee **Carpenter**, seconded by Trustee **Cutler**. All ayes. Motion carried.
- The importance of having a well-informed and ironclad moratorium was emphasized to protect community interests.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle Rose
Village Clerk-Treasurer