

Minutes Gas Drilling Committee Meeting December 8th:

Present: Rachel Bean, Larry Beck, Tom Butler, Suzie Hinderliter, Ruth Hopkins, Bill Miller, Kathy Miller (at start of meeting), Fred Schwarz

1) Kathy Miller – Drilling Committee should make formal presentation at 18th January 2011 to incoming Board

2) New liaison to the Board: Ruth Hopkins (ruth@ruthhopkins.com)

3) Recent news in NY Times, Wall Street Journal: EPA ties hydraulic fracturing to chemical pollutants in Wyoming drinking water.

4) Town Letter writing session on 15th December

Venue: Suzie H. to check on library as possible venue

Format: Committee members will pull together/provide materials that give issue-specific information on sGEIS

Contacts: Larry will send out reminders to those who expressed interest in being involved.

5) Larry to contact Guy Krogh about views on possible moratorium proposal.

6) Ruth mentioned she had been at a very informative meeting in Enfield on the legal issues for Towns associated with drilling. Presenters were David Slottje and Guy Krogh. Rachel will contact David Slottje and Larry will contact Guy Krogh about arranging a similar meeting in Lansing.

7) Letter to Lansing Star. Tom will put together draft and send round to committee to a) clarify the survey process and outcomes including statistical significance, b) to reiterate that the Committee and Town Board encourage and welcome all residents opinions on this matter (the survey was one way we are trying to do this). Suzie will talk to Ned La Celle who wrote a letter in the latest Lansing Star.

8) Question from Ithaca Times freelance journalist. Tom discussed questions posed; Tom will circulate his draft responses at the weekend. Rachel briefly talked with the journalist on Dec 7th.

9) Next committee meeting on Thursday 5th January 2012 at 7pm.