

**CITIZENS WORKING COMMITTEE on HYDROFRACKING (CWCH)
MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2012
7:00 PM – Town Hall Meeting Room**

Present: Carol Barnett, Ted Barnett, Kathy Hankins, Jordan Kleiman, Marianne Rizzo

Absent: Beth Hoak, Bob Powers, Ed Richard

Town Board Liaison for this committee is Lisa Sluberski. Councilman Bill Riepe has also asked to be apprised of the meetings.

The CWCH had its initial meeting on 8/20/12 from 7 PM till about 8:30 PM.

We discussed our mission as a committee. We concluded that our mission is to identify potential impacts of shale gas development on the town; to conduct research on those potential impacts; and to analyze our findings and make recommendations to the Town Board, including proposed changes to town ordinances if we think that is advisable.

Among the areas which we deemed it necessary to study were road use; natural resources including water, forest and farmland; emergency responders; town demographics; patterns of residence, commerce, and farming; and potential economic impacts on mortgages, insurance, and town expenditures. We divided up our fact-finding tasks as well as possible, given that some members of the committee were absent.

We settled on a proposed timeline which will allow us to complete our task, and will allow sufficient time for the Town Board to take any action they decide is necessary, before the moratorium period ends on or around March 28, 2013. Intermediate goals include:

- 09/30/12 Completion of fact-finding
- 10/31/12 Completion of analysis
- 11/15/12 Completion of committee recommendations and circulation of draft among committee members for suggestions and revisions
- 01/10/13 Completion of preliminary report and submission to Town Board for questions and clarification.
- 01/22/13 Submission of final report to Town Board for consideration and approval of recommended actions.

We expect that this timeline will leave sufficient time for the Town Board to consider the report and any proposed legislative changes; to schedule and hold a public hearing; and to go through the necessary process to complete any legislative changes by March 28, 2013.

We tentatively set our next meeting date and time for Monday, Sept. 17 at 6 PM, pending the response from absent committee members.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Barnett
Co-Chair

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