

Resolution 12-15

Presented by Supervisor Burns-Seconded by Councilperson Lattimer- the following resolution:  
WHEREAS, The State of New York had dedicated more than three years and more then 10,250 man hours creating a 900 page comprehensive plan for safe development of natural gas through its draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) under the leadership of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Commissioner Joe Martens as well as Governor Andrew Cuomo; and

WHEREAS, <sup>Promoting</sup> ~~Promotion~~ economic activity and creating jobs to support families is top priority; and

WHEREAS, state officials are developing standards to ensure safe development of our natural gas resources based on the expertise of DEC employees and advisors, such as

- Requiring DEC staff to visit every well pad before permits are issues; and
- Requiring preapproval of wastewater treatment plans for every proposed well pad; and
- Requiring natural gas operators to provide<sup>a</sup> plan for assessing and repairing any road wear before permits are issued; and
- Requiring multiple layers of cement and steel casing around each underground well extending at least 75 feet below New York State's deepest drinking water tables; and
- Requiring operators to provide dual failsafe protections for wastewater from hydraulic fracturing, mandating it be sealed in watertight<sup>a</sup> covered tanks enclosed in secondary containment systems; and
- Requiring disclosure of all additives used in the hydraulic fracturing process; and

WHEREAS, the role of municipal governments in New York State's natural gas development still remains under review by the DEC as a part of the ongoing SGEIS process; and

WHEREAS, local municipalities will have a designated role under the state guidelines once released; and

WHEREAS, development of our natural gas resources is currently prohibited pending the DEC's plan and final approval by Governor Cuomo; and

WHEREAS, premature local action is our municipality could negatively impact the competitive environment of all New York State for natural gas development, and jeopardize the potential \$11.4 billion in statewide economic impact of development; and

WHEREAS, preserving a competitive environment for development in New York as compared to neighboring states will be critical to the economic future to our region; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Town Board of the Town of Bath, NY, find pursuit of a ban, moratorium or other legislative impediment to natural gas exploration to be a premature misallocation of town resources pending the release of the state's final SGEIS; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support the state's leadership in developing a comprehensive statewide program to address the potential resource development holds for New York State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we have confidence the state will develop a program that allows development of our natural gas resources to proceed in a safe, responsible, and competitive manner.

Adopted final Councilman Glosick

Councilperson Lattimer	Aye
Councilman Bailey	Aye
Councilman Knowles	Aye
Supervisor Burns	Aye

Communication-

Robin Lattimer reported on a fiber optic project by the county of Steuben, Chemung & Schuyler to begin this spring and be