

AGENDA ITEM Request for Letter of Support re.: Fracking Moratorium

Supervisor Engman received a request for a letter of support for a bill that is going to be introduced in the legislature. Councilwoman Riha knew about it also, and added that the moratorium is just until the EPA finishes its study. Ms. Riha stated that she felt the EPA is a separate issue and she would rather the moratorium was until the State got all their rules and regulations and inspections and the like finished. Councilman DePaolo added that, for lack of a better one, he would support this one. Discussion followed.

TB RESOLUTION No. 2010-118 LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR NYS SENATE BILL S7592a ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ithaca hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to send a letter in support of NYS Senate Bill S7592a establishing a moratorium on conducting hydraulic fracturing for the extraction of natural gas or oil until 120 days after federal EPA issues report thereon.

MOVED: Councilwoman Hunter

SECONDED: Councilman DePaolo

VOTE: Ayes -- Engman, Goodman, Levine, Hunter and DePaolo

Nays – Riha Absent – Leary Passed 5 to 1