



**TOWN OF HANCOCK**  
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WHEREAS, the state has dedicated more than three years and more than 10,250 man hours creating a 900-page comprehensive plan for the safe development of natural gas through its draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact State (SGEIS) under the leadership of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Commissioner Joe Martens as well as Governor Andrew Cuomo; and

WHEREAS, promoting economic activity and creating jobs to support families is a 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 issued; and Requiring preapproval of wastewater treatment plans for every proposed well pad; and Requiring natural gas operators to provide a plan for assessing and repairing any road wear before permits are issued;

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.

WHEREAS, premature local action in our municipality could negatively impact the competitive environment of all of 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 of our region; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the undersigned find pursuit of a ban or moratorium to be an irresponsible and premature misallocation of town resources pending the release of the state's final SGEIS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend the state's leadership in developing a comprehensive statewide program to address the potential resource development holds for New York; 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.

Vote of the Board:

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| Supervisor Samuel N. Rowe Jr | <u>yes</u> |
| Councilman William Weyrauch  | <u>yes</u> |
| Councilman William Vernold   | <u>yes</u> |
| Councilman Paul Vetrone      | <u>yes</u> |
| Councilman James Gardner     | <u>yes</u> |

Dated: July 10, 2012