

TOWN OF BARTON TOWN BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

RESOLUTION # 15- 2008

DRAFT MODEL RESOLUTION

URGING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC) TO IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS THAT REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO BE DESIGNATED AS INVOLVED AGENCIES DURING STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA) PROCEEDINGS FOR NATURAL GAS PERMIT APPLICATIONS AT PROPOSED SITES WITHIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT JURISDICTIONS; AND THAT THE OPINIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BE SOUGHT AND GIVEN SIGNIFICANT WEIGHT WHEN DETERMINATIONS ON NATURAL GAS PERMIT APPLICATIONS ARE MADE AND URGING NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TO IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS REQUIRING CLOSED-LOOP SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, It is estimated that the geologic rock bed known as Marcellus Shale is a proficient and comparably cost-effective source of energy, and is projected to contain up to several trillion cubic feet of natural gas; and

WHEREAS, Drastic escalation in the price of crude oil and the corresponding need to reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil have led to a notable increase in interest and activity concerning natural gas exploration and drilling in our region, and

WHEREAS, Local municipalities in which natural gas drilling is proposed should be consulted about gas drilling permit applications, as such municipalities are uniquely familiar with both the positive and negative effects natural gas exploration can have upon property and populace; and that great consideration shall be given to the opinion and comments of area residents and municipal officials, and will be strongly considered and given significant weight when natural gas permit application determinations are made, and

WHEREAS, a closed-loop system is the best system available to protect the environment and the health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants of the Town of Barton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Barton hereby requests that the New York DEC implement regulations requiring local governments to be designated as involved agencies for SEQRA proceedings relating to natural gas permit applications for proposed sites within local government boundaries, and that the opinions of local governments be solicited and given foremost

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consideration when determinations relating to natural gas permit applications are made, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Barton hereby requests that New York State DEC implement regulations requiring any extraction from the Marcellus Shale or any other geological formation which requires fracturing be done with a closed-loop system; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor David A. Paterson, Senator Thomas W. Libous and Assemblymen Thomas F. O'Mara and DEC Commissioner Alexander B. Grannis.

MOTION Chad Stolicker

SECOND Raymond Tyrrell

ROLL CALL:

Cary-aye Lopreste- absent

Smith-aye

Stolicker-aye

Tyrrell-aye