

**Town of Middlefield
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RESOLUTION #9 OF 2010

WHEREAS, there has been great debate in the Town of Middlefield, and Otsego County regarding the practice of hydrofracking and horizontal drilling for natural gas in Otsego County, and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of drilling companies that “fracking fluid” never enter ground water, but known cases are in existence in Northern Pennsylvania where wells have been contaminated, and

WHEREAS, even though manufacturers have a “proprietary” right to non-disclosure of the composition of the “fracking fluid” used in this process, analysts have found at least 63 different compounds in “fracking fluid” and of these, about three quarters have one or more toxic chemicals known as neurotoxins which affect the activity of the brain and nervous system, and

WHEREAS, we have concern that our Town infrastructure, including our roads, are not to a standard to accommodate the traffic and related activities that will occur from gas drilling in or near our Town, and

WHEREAS, we have concern that neither the Town of Middlefield nor the County of Otsego has sufficient emergency management plans in place to handle potential disasters from gas drilling, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Middlefield favors a moratorium by both County and State legislatures of the hydrofracking process and the horizontal drilling for natural gas, until it can be proven by the NYS Department of Conservation and the Environmental Protection Agency that the hydrofracking process is not a threat to our natural resources of water and air or to our human health, and until the Town of Middlefield and County of Otsego have devised appropriate Emergency Management Plans and infrastructure protection measures.