

Resolution # 50-09

Motion made by M. Wicks and seconded by S. Flagg to approve the attached draft resolution " Resolution Requesting Public Hearings in Response to the Release of Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement on the ...Marcellus Shale and other Low-Permeability Gas Reservoirs.

Attachment:

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Whereas; the Town of Colesville Legislature has interest in promoting and maintaining the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Colesville and,

Whereas; gas drilling in the Marcellus and other Shale formations that underlie the Town of Colesville have the potential to benefit the citizens of the Town of Colesville and,

Whereas; gas drilling in such Shale formations also has the potential to create risks to the citizens of the Town of Colesville and,

Whereas; the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is currently engaged in a process to develop a Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) related to gas drilling in New York State to update the 1992 GEIS,

Whereas; this supplemental document will establish the topics related to well permit issuance for high-volume hydraulic-fracturing gas drilling in New York State and,

Whereas; this document will be critical to the process of issuing gas drilling permits in New York state, including the Town of Colesville and,

Whereas; the Department of Environmental Conservation obtained written and verbal comments from interested parties in preparing the Final Scope for this Document and,

Whereas; the department of environmental conservation will soon release the draft supplemental generic environmental impact statement and,

Whereas; this document will have significant impact on the issuing of gas drilling permits in the town of Colesville and ultimately impact on the citizens of the Town of Colesville and,

Whereas; comments of interested parties who will be directly affected by the issuance of gas drilling permits in the town of Colesville is critical to shaping the content of the document and is supported by the Town of Colesville legislature then,

Be it Resolved; that the Town of Colesville Legislature requests that New York State Governor David Paterson and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Peter Grannis schedule regional public hearings, that are convenient and accessible to interested parties, for the purpose of providing comment on the Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement on the Oil, Gas and Solution Mining Regulatory Program.