

TOWN BOARD TOWN OF COVERT

RESOLUTION # 1212 Natural Gas Drilling Position

Whereas the Covert Town Board is committed to a clean and safe environment, encouraging a strong and diverse economy and continuing the efficient and effective use of the Town's limited financial and human resources, and

Whereas the Covert Town Board recognizes that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is presently mandated to, and is expected to continue to regulate the extraction of natural gas and other natural resources in the Town of Covert and the State, and

Whereas the Covert Town Board also recognizes other regulatory and elected bodies at the state and federal levels which have legal jurisdiction over these matters, and

Whereas the Covert Town Board has observed the continuing and ongoing multi-year study by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and other agencies and governmental entities as they weigh the pros and cons of high volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing with no conclusive near term decisions expected, and

Whereas the Covert Town Board recognizes the certainty that legal challenges will be brought against whatever decisions are ultimately rendered by DEC and others, leading to judicial decisions which may change the legislative and regulatory landscape of this issue, and

Whereas the Covert Town Board has observed that some New York municipalities have expended countless hours and other resources on pro/con discussions and/or attempts to pass or not pass moratoriums or outright bans on various gas drilling activities and recognizes all such attempts will ultimately be decided by the courts.

Now therefore be it resolved; that the Covert Town Board does hereby state that any Town of Covert resources and/or decisions on the subject of natural gas drilling be held in abeyance until such time as all regulatory studies have been concluded, conclusions publicized, resulting lawsuits finalized and any new state or federal regulations have been proposed.