

**TOWN OF SPENCER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 5**

**DATED: OCTOBER 14, 2008**

**RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC) TO IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS WHICH 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 MAKING DETERMINATIONS ON SUCH APPLICATIONS**

- WHEREAS,** It is estimated that the geologic rock bed known as Marcellus Shale is a proficient and comparatively 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 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, now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the Town of Spencer hereby requests that the New York State 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 consideration when determinations relating to natural gas permit applications are made; and, be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor David A. Paterson, Senator Thomas W. Libous, Assemblyman Gary D. Finch, and DEC Commissioner Alexander B. Grannis.

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Leslie Greeson  
Town Clerk, Town of Spencer