**Councilman Palmer moved to adopt the resolution to join the coalition for the natural gas drilling exploration.** Councilman Congdon seconded. Roll call vote: Palmer: aye, Congdon: aye, Visingard: aye. Ludington and Rose: Absent. Motion carried.

# A Resolution

The Town Board of the Town of Maine, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. Property owners have been benefiting from natural gas leases and royalties on land owned in Broome County as well as other parts of New York and Pennsylvania.

Section 2. Other municipalities have entered into leases, including Broome County, which owns about 6,000 acres, including its landfill, parks, flood-control impoundment’s and the campus of Broome Community College in the Town of Dickinson. Chemung County also recently entered into a lease.

Section 3. Other municipalities inside and outside of Broome County are exploring entering into Coalitions and entering into leases. This is being done in an attempt to benefit those taxpayers within the respective municipalities.

Section 4. Legal research shows that parks might not be drilled, but property surrounding the parks might be.

Section 5. Various Coalitions of property owners have banded together in an effort to maximize their ability to achieve the best leases for their property.

Section 6. The Town of Maine owns over 100 acres of land, some of which is parkland.

Section 7. The Town of Maine is interested in exploring a lease of its properties and of joining a Coalition to best maximize its lease potential. The Town wishes to do this in an effort to create income to the Town, which in turn may benefit Taxpayers and its residents.

Section 8. Based upon the size of the land holdings by the Town, it is also expected that the Town’s joining of a Coalition will also benefit the Town residents who are also members of the Coalition.

Section 9. The Town Board of the Town of Maine, in regular session convened, Resolves as follows:

The Town will join the Coalition and asks that Councilman Visingard attend such meetings to gather information for the Town.

The Town also asks that the Councilman regularly report to the Board.

The Town also ask that legal counsel also work on this project and address the issue of drilling on park land, and any other issue that arise on the project.

The Town Board will review the progress with this lease project and will make any and all final decision in a manner consistent with New York State Law.

Section 10. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Rutkowski, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Maine and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Maine at a meeting thereof held at the Maine Town Hall, 12 Lewis Street, Maine, NY on June 10, 2008. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: George Ludington, Supervisor, absent; James Visingard, Deputy Supervisor and Town Councilman, aye; Roger Congdon, Town Councilman, aye; Ernest Palmer, Town Councilman, aye; and

Todd Rose, Town Councilman, absent. Dated: June 10, 2008

Town of Maine Seal

Nancy Rutkowski, Town Clerk of the Town of Maine