

TCCOG Gas Drilling Task Force

Meeting notes

May 20, 2010

Focus areas

- The Task Force finalized the focus groups and discussed members. See excel file for details.

Process for sharing information

- Chairs or a representative from each focus group will attend each monthly meeting of the gas drilling task force although any focus group members are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Liz/Don will share progress from the Task Force meetings with TCCOG.
- Website – please send any legislation or actions (i.e. letters to Albany, DEC or Fed) dating back to January 2010 to Liz and Michelle Potteroff to post to the TCCOG website.
- Website – Liz and Michelle will work to create a format for information to be posted on the TCCOG website. Michelle will post adopted resolutions and formal actions.

General

- Ed Marx submitted a request to the Park Foundation to acquire funding to hire a planner temporarily to help organized efforts to prepare for gas drilling within the County.

Information requests:

Herb – legislation giving local government controls

Richard - Noise and light ordinances

Next Meeting

- Meetings will be on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:00 at the Old Jail Scott Heyman conference room.
- Suggested topic – Critical environmental areas and updates from focus groups.
More?

Updates – next page

Municipality	Focus	Title	Status	Reference/contact
Caroline	DEC	resolution commenting on dSGEIS	passed	Don has on file.
	home rule	In Support of Assembly Bill A.10633 - Amending State Environmental Conservation Law to Allow Local Governments to Enact or Enforce Certain Laws and Ordinances	Passed May 2010	email from Don B - May 12
	land use	Expect a list of CEA's from Planning Board soon	considering	Don Barber
	road	Will introduce Road Construction Law in June for July Public hearing	considering	Don Barber
	road	Will consider DElta engineering proposal after Road Construction Law	considering	Don Barber

Ithaca - Town

	road	Road construction law based on Guy Krough's draft. Highway Superintendent is not automatically the contact person.	considering	Herb Engman
	road	Road preservation - will probably use Delta for some tasks to supplement the Town's engineering dept.	considering	Herb Engman
	land use	in progress of designating land for CEAs using existing conservation zones and designated Unique Natural Areas	in progress	Herb Engman

Newfield

	land use	working on CEA designation	in progress	Richard Driscoll
	road	considering use of Delta for road protection	considering	Richard Driscoll

Ulysses

	DEC	Resolution requesting withdrawal of the sGEIS	passed April 2010	Liz Thomas
	home rule	Right to self governance	considering	from CEDLF. Liz has on file.
	Land	Resolution to officially accept the TC designations of Unique Natural	passed feb 2010	Liz Thomas

use	Areas		
Land use	Create a conservation zone along the sensitive shores of Cayuga Lake	considering	Ken Zeserson
Land use	Designate UNAs and permanent creeks as Critical Environmental Areas. Submit to DEC	considering	Ken Zeserson
road	Consider road use plan from Delta	considering	Roxanne Marino
road	Consider passage of road excavation and construction law	considering	Roxanne Marino
road	Consider passage of driveway permitting requirements	considering	Liz Thomas
state	Resolution supporting state legislation regulating gas drilling	passed April 2010	Liz Thomas
water	Resolution to prohibit sales of municipal water for the purposes of gas drilling	passed feb 2010	Liz Thomas

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WRC	state	Resolution Calling on the State to Ban Hydrofracking Pending Further Assessment to Determine Risks.	passed May 2010	Martha Robertson
	road	considering use of Delta engineering for part of road use agreement	considering	
	fed	Letter from WRC asking EPA's Ed Hanlon to study effects on surface waters as well as ground water.	April 15, 2010	From Frank Proto, email from Michelle Potteroff 4-26
EMC		group put gas drilling issues on hold until sGEIS is released.		
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other	resolution to create a gas drilling task force		Michelle Potteroff
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other	exploring use of "deliberate dialog" to help mediate community divisiveness		Sharon Anderson
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