

## **Minutes of Danby Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting 22-Feb-2012**

### **Present:**

MA.Barr, K.Morris, J.Tiffany (chair), T.Crane (secretary).

### **Meeting brought to order at 7:11pm.**

### **Mailing Lists, Agendas, Minutes**

Differences between various mailing lists (GDTF, Danby Action, Ed Kokklenberg) were described, echoing the content of Tiffany's article for the Danby News.

[http://town.danby.ny.us/DanbyNews/DAN\\_201203.pdf](http://town.danby.ny.us/DanbyNews/DAN_201203.pdf)

Strategies for presenting minutes and agendas were discussed. Old: minutes presented along with agenda, just prior to next meeting. Current: minutes distributed soon after meeting to those present, for review, then placed on web for general viewing.

Minutes of 08-Feb-2012 approved by acclamation (moved by Morris, second: Barr).

### **Update on Law Suits**

Dryden has successfully defended its zoning ordinance in the law suit brought by Anschutz. This is only the first round, there may be appeals. Additional suits may be filed. A "Mutual Defense Fund" is being set up and will be soliciting contributions. It is hoped that Danby residents will organize a fund-raiser.

### **Ongoing Educational Events**

Morris described the "Tighten Up Danby" event.

Potential educational speakers were discussed. For publicity reasons, we can't schedule anything before April. Todd Miller was our first choice, but it seems best to wait until he's ready with his aquifer study to invite him. Second choice was Tony Ingraffea. He has been working on greenhouse gas and public health issues. Tiffany will contact Kokklenberg to see if he can contact Ingraffea; if that doesn't work, Morris will contact Ingraffea.

Possible "Comment with your Community" topics were discussed. According to Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton (town hall meeting, yesterday), legislative activity on fracking is not likely in the near future. However, she encouraged citizens to contact their representatives. There is a possibility of combining a letter-writing event with the presentation of "Empowered" by the Energy Group on March 20; otherwise, aiming for April. Details will be discussed at the March 14 GDTF meeting.

### **Announcements and Updates**

March 5, 7pm, Tompkins County Broadband Committee

**Next meeting on 14-Mar, 7pm in Town Hall.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:59.**