

Minutes of Danby Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting 16-Jan-2013

Present:

S.Beeners, K.Halton, MA.Barr, R.Dietrich, G.Garrison, K.Morris, C.Doucet, T.Crane (secretary),
A.Klingensmith

A social discussion regarding experiences at the recent anti-fracking rally in Albany opened the meeting.

Meeting brought to order at 7:11pm.

Chairperson Tiffany was not present. Klingensmith chaired the meeting.

Discussion

The discussion about the rally continued.

Halton steered the discussion toward work items, such as publicity, that must be completed before the Todd Miller talk on February 21. Ithaca Journal, Ithaca Times, Tompkins Weekly, the Broader View Weekly, Ithaca Community Radio, and the Danby News will receive PR material.

Klingensmith described an approach to introducing an Aquifer Protection Law: create a table of activities that many landowners have in common, along with the effect of a Law on these activities. The idea was received positively, but questions were asked about the borderline between residential and commercial levels of activity. After some discussion, it was agreed that the table might be more appropriate for a separate public information meeting about the law.

Potential handout material for the Todd Miller talk was discussed, along with other items that might be of interest to attendees at the talk. Ideas: CSI (Community Science Institute) study, the test wells dug several years ago in the Upper Danby Plateau, Buttermilk Creek study, earthquake fault line study, and more.

Halton proposed wording for a press release about the Todd Miller presentation. Morris read a different, but complementary release. Both will be distributed to the group via Email. Crane will merge them for the Danby News.

Klingensmith listed several anti-fracking efforts by other groups. One of them: call President Obama on January 25, speak about fracking. Phone: 888.660.2594. Google that number, find out more about the effort.

Crane asked for minutes of the last two meetings, for posting on the web. Klingensmith will forward whatever she has.

Announcements and Updates.

Next meeting on 13-Feb, 7pm in Town Hall, then 13-Mar.

Todd Miller presentation (Danby Aquifer) on 21-Feb, 7pm, Town Hall

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.