

Gas Drilling Task Force minutes - (excuse creative spelling!)

1/14/10

Present:

Dirk Trachy

Edward Kokkelenburg

Mary Ann Barr

Leslie Connors

Jonathan Fisk

Susan Beeners

Kathy Halton

Mick Manredo

Ted Crane

Jennifer Tiffany

Ben Altman

Gary Garrison

Julie Kulik

Old Business:

Survey – sent by Jennifer to email list, and is posted on Danby web site.

Walter Hang – discussion of recent posts, accuracy? Jonathon will be contacting Walter

New Business:

Listening Project: Dirk Trachy presented info. This project is based on other environmental and social justice movements. Some of his points were:

- This is a complicated issue, not for vs. against.
- You hear what people are thinking, ideas of where folks could be involved, what conflicts may come up
- Open ended q's gives folks a chance to voice q's and concerns
- Once Van Etten project is completed, the summary will be sent to participants.
- The process is the end! The face to face interaction is the point
- This is an organizing tool for our community to get it ready for future crises
- Trainings on Sundays in January, contact Autumn to register 229-0230
- We can design a Danby project that isn't just about Fracking, but could include other specific Danby issues.
- This is NOT to tell people about gas drilling – participants don't need to be experts.

Bus trip to Albany January 25:

Rally first, then Lobbying. Bring lunch

Gay will forward email with details

Ed and Jennifer want to meet with Seward to look at the Economic impact of this. Are pulling together data for this meeting.

Interest in setting up “field trips” to Pennsylvania to see towns where drilling is taking place. Ed and Kathy will look into driving down to see sites. Jennifer knows of a “driving tour” available through Cornell.

Next meeting is scheduled for 1/25, Kathy will send out email with new date, due to several conflicts with the 1/25 date,.

Danby town laws, specifically Road Regulations are in process and moving along. Public Hearing for Storm Water regulations is February 8 at 6:45. The draft is on the Danby website.

Julie presented proposal for Tracking workshops to be held in Danby in order to gather data to protect our “unique natural areas”. Details to follow soon!

Prepare for next meeting – think about the future of this committee and where we want to put our focus.