

## Minutes of Danby Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting 08-Feb-2012

### **Present:**

J.Tiffany (chair), T.Crane (secretary), F.Chase, S.Beeners, R.Dietrich, K.Halton, K.Morris, R.Chase.

### **Meeting brought to order at 7:07pm.**

### **Minutes of 18-Jan-2012**

Approved by acclamation (moved by Dietrich, second: Morris).

### **A greeting card was circulated**

The card thanked Candace Collmer for her work as Secretary.

Dietrich moved a vote of appreciation for Candace (second: Morris), passed by acclamation.

### **“Tighten Up Danby” event**

Tomorrow night, 2/9 in Town Hall. Crane will send a reminder Email to GDTF and Energy lists. Beeners will coordinate room setup. Eric Banford will introduce, Shawn Lindabury will present program.

### **Response to Town Board request**

Town Board has asked various groups (including the GDTF) to prepare a written description of our planned activities, specifically with respect to the goal of energy issues related to the Town. Crane moved that Tiffany **respond to the Town Board, indicating that the group will proceed with topics chosen during the 18-Jan meeting** (advocacy, education, research), which correspond to the original charge from the TB to the GDTF (second: Morris). Motion passed by acclamation. Tiffany will circulate a draft via Email, then send result to Town Board.

Beeners described the skill set offered by Zach Patton, an intern who may be hired by the Town.

### **Economic Impacts, from the Town perspective.**

Tiffany suggested that Albany legislators are not “hearing” the fruits of various economic studies, and that an official communication from the Town Board might be effective to wake them up. Crane suggested another town-wide education campaign and letter-writing effort.

Proposed speakers (voted on during the 18-Jan meeting) include Todd Miller (geology, water), Tony Ingraffea (engineering), Bob Howarth (economic impacts).

### **Joint Defense Fund**

This effort was described by Dietrich. Current legal issues are the Dryden law suit and the *Ulysses amicus curiae* brief. Town governments are trying to find ways to support each other, and under what terms. Individuals can contribute directly to Towns for the same purpose (and those contributions may be tax deductible). Groups and organizations can also contribute to Towns (fundraisers, anyone?).

A large fundraising event might (1) raise money, and (2) raise awareness in Albany about widespread anti-fracking support.

### **Announcements and Updates**

Tomorrow night, Tighten Up Danby, 7pm  
16-Feb, Danby Energy Group, 6:30pm, Fire Hall

**Next meeting on 22-Feb, 7pm in Town Hall.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:07.**