

Minutes of Danby Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting 14-Mar-2012

Present:

R.Dietrich, S.Beeners, K.Morris, W.Grunberg, T.Crane (secretary)

Meeting brought to order at 7:07pm.

Dietrich offered to chair the meeting.

Review of Leasing, Threats, Laws

Grunberg presented several anecdotal incidents about past leasing practices. She wondered about threats to State Forests. Dietrich explained the current legislation in place in Danby and surrounding Towns. A wide-ranging and informative discussion followed.

Letter-writing at *Empowered*, etc.

The general sentiment of those present was that there isn't enough time to prepare a letter-writing event in conjunction with the showing of "Empowered" on March 20.

Morris suggested that an Email go out to the GDTF list, urging people to write letters to State Senators and Assemblypersons regarding S6703/A6541, the "Look Before You Leap" Act. This proposed legislation would establish a 5-year moratorium on fracking, while an investigation is carried out.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of 22-Feb-2012 were approved by acclamation.

Update on Future Events

Todd Miller, US Geological Survey, has completed his previous project(s) and is now actively working on the Danby aquifer. He may be able to present his findings in two to three months.

General Discussion

Dietrich noted that gas companies are apparently surprised that our region does not already have tax rules in place to provide an income stream from drilling. From their point of view, the government should be wanting drilling, a huge source of income.

Announcements and Updates

Next meeting on 28-Mar, 7pm in Town Hall.

Movie, "Empowered", 20-Mar, 6:30pm, Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.