

Town of Amity

Resolution Nr. 2010-010

Title: Horizontal Drilling in the Town of Amity.
Offered by: Lois Reynolds

At the September 20, 2010 Town of Amity Regular Town Board Meeting attended by Councilmen John Francisco, Mark Presutti, Jeff Zenoski, and Brian Clendenin

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Amity, Allegany County, New York (hereafter referred to as the board) has followed with interest the spoken and published information relation to the Marcellus Sale (hereafter referred to as the Marcellus) natural gas formation production in New York State : and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the dire and declining financial position of the State of New York and analogous local need for employment and economic stimulation: and

WHEREAS, the Marcellus is larger in size (65 million acres) than the Barnett Shale in Texas (3 million acres) with a production potential of fifty (50) years or more; and

WHEREAS, the DEC has been conducting a comprehensive review of the environmental issues pertaining to horizontal drilling and hydro-fracturing related to gas production in the Marcellus and it appears that the regulations relating to the production of natural gas in New York State are and will be the most controlling in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of this Board that the opponents to gas production in New York State have lost sight of the fact that the landowner is the original environmentalist, having been referred to as conservationists – by definition , a person who advocates conservation of natural resources. Furthermore, opponents also have lost sight of the fact that gas companies have been and will continue to produce gas in New York State by vertical drilling, and if horizontal drilling is prevented vertical drilling will continue. The Board notes that one horizontal well per 640 acres is far more protective of the environment that the numerous vertical wells in the same acreage because it has a smaller environmental footprint; that numerous vertical wells will result in greatly increased traffic, greatly increased noise, greatly increased water consumption greatly increased waste product; with the entire industry expanded beyond necessity: and

WHEREAS, it appears from published reports from the DEC that the watershed for New York City will be protected and there will be no environmental impact on that region; in addition to the entire State, will benefit economically from the revenues realized from the gas industry. Now

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Amity Board respectfully requests the State Legislature stand aside regarding the issue of drilling in the Marcellus and allow the DEC to complete the sGEIS and issue permits for horizontal drilling; and further, in the event the State Legislature passes legislation for a moratorium of any length, creating a delay or total ban of drilling in New York State that Governor Paterson veto any and all such legislation and permit the Marcellus industry to progress.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Clerk of the Town of Amity is instructed to forward this resolution, passed this 20th day of September, 2010 to the Supervisors and Mayors of municipalities in the County of Allegany, to Amity's State representatives in Albany, and to Governor Patterson.

Moved by Councilman _____, Seconded by Councilman _____

Roll Call Vote:	Aye:	Nay:	Aye:	Nay:
John Francisco	x		Jeff Zenoski	x
Mark Presutti	x		Brian Clendenin	x

Carried: 4-0-0

State of New
County of Allegany

I, Richard Winterhalter, Clerk of the Town of Amity, Allegany County, N. Y., do hereby certify that I have compared the original Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Amity, with the original thereof filed in my office at 1 Schuyler St. Belmont NY 14813 Allegany County New York on the (Insert the date this document is SS) that the same is true and correct copy of said original and of the whole thereof.

IN TESTIMONY HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town of Amity, this

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SS _____
Town Clerk of the Town of Amity
Allegany County, New York