

Town of Bristol
Focus Panel
March 27, 2012

Attending: Nate Harvey, Judi Salsburg-Taylor, Tom Stevens, and Sandy Riker

The purpose of the meeting tonight is to revise the draft moratorium suggested by the Focus Panel with the comments and findings of Bill and Russ Kenyon, attorneys for the Town of Bristol so it can be forwarded to the Ontario County Planning Board for recommendations and comments.

Before dealing with that task the Panel reviewed other information.

Tom Stevens said he had attended the Monday March 26th meeting "To drill, or not to drill?" held in Penfield by the Penfield Green Initiative Group. The speakers were: Josh Goldowitz, a professor at RIT who is the undergraduate chairman of the schools environmental sustainability health and safety program where he teaches environmental geology, hydrology and environmental courses and Jordan Kleiman co-founder of the Rush Citizens Concerned about Hydrofracking and a history professor at Geneseo and focuses on the relationship between alternative technology and "environmental justices".

Goldowitz discussed fossil fuels, what makes the Marcellus Shale special, and the basics of the Fracking procedure.

Kleiman spoke about ways Fracking is relevant to Monroe County and the environmental and economic arguments for and against the practice.

Tom said he was impressed with the way the meeting was handled, both speakers had 40 minutes to present their program and then a 30 minute question and answer period was held limiting the questioners to a minute to ask their questions. The meeting had a moderator to guide this process. He felt this way all were sticking to facts.

New Members: Sandy will not be able to be a voting member but will continue as secretary therefore the Panel is looking for two or three additional members to join them. They would prefer to have this happen sooner than later so the new members can get on board and up to speed. There were some suggestions made and after determining if the Town Board needs to approve the appointments and Nate will contact the possible appointments.

Field Trips: A future trip will be made by the Panel to Tioga, Mansfield and possibly Dimock, Pa. to look first hand at the operations and effects on the communities in Pa. It was suggested that Nate would try to set up a meeting with gas and oil reps at a site so the group will have someone to answer any questions they may have regarding the procedures.

Next Public Forum: The group discussed how to handle the next meeting with the people of Bristol and it was agreed that we would like to reach out to more of the citizens in the community and how we could accomplish this. With regard to format they would like to try

the PGI approach that Tom observed on March 26th. They would like to have a panel with a geologist, environmental expert, public health official, and perhaps a chemist. This might be a large undertaking for one meeting and perhaps it should be broken up into a series of meetings with different speakers.

Empire Energy Forum is being held in Geneseo on April 4th. Tom, Nate, and Sandy will be attending.

Revisions: The comments and suggestions from the Kenyons were applied to the Focus Panel Moratorium and sent to the County Planning Board for their review and comments. That meeting will be on April 11th and their comments and recommendations will be sent back to the Town after that meeting.

The next meeting of the Focus Panel will be on April 4th at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Riker
Focus Panel
Secretary