

**STEUBEN COUNTY NATURAL GAS TASK FORCE STEERING COMMITTEE**

*Monday, May 16, 2011*

*11:00 a.m.*

*Legislative Committee Conference Room*

*Steuben County Office Building*

*Bath, New York*

**\*\*MINUTES\*\***

**COMMITTEE:** Mark R. Alger Karl Anderson Amy Dlugos  
Joseph J. Hauryski Kathryn Muller John Tunney

**OTHERS:** Dan Hamilton Joel Ordway Peggy Coleman  
Robert Popejoy James Grace Mark Schlechter  
Meghan Thoreau

**ABSENT:** Dave Erwin

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Alger called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2011, MEETING MADE BY MR. HAURYSKI, SECONDED BY MR. TUNNEY AND DULY CARRIED.**

**III. GENERAL BUSINESS**

A. Sub-Committee Reports

1. **Housing** – Ms. Muller stated they will be holding their meeting this afternoon. We are in the process of putting together our presentation for the May 26, 2011, meeting. Mr. Alger asked will you be reporting on the Site Plan Review with your presentation? Mrs. Dlugos replied that is what we thought we would do. We will talk about the Site Plan Review toward the end of our presentation so that it will segue into the presentation by the Roads & Infrastructure Committee. Mr. Alger stated that he would like Mrs. Dlugos to do at least a five minutes presentation of the Site Plan Review explaining what it is and why it is necessary. Ms. Muller stated they are also putting together numbers on the local costs for housing issues over the last few years, which will show the increase in demand.

2. **Roads & Infrastructure** – Mr. Anderson stated they also are putting together their presentation. At their last meeting they decided that they will look into tourism and the effect of drilling upon that. In addition we will also discuss traffic control issues. We should emphasize to the villages that they really could be affected due to potential bottleneck issues. Mrs. Dlugos commented that the villages may also have the infrastructure that would be desirable for man-camps. Mr. Alger commented that Bryce Foster is scheduled to talk about the Road Use Agreement.

3. **Public Safety** – Mr. Tunney stated their committee met Friday and we are preparing our presentation. Mike Sprague and Mike Wilson will talk about how and when first responders in the County will be educated with regard to emergency response at drilling sites.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Meeting with Town Supervisors/Highway Superintendents – Mr. Alger distributed copies of the outline for the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. With regard to a timeline, he anticipates that the presentations could be done in an hour and then a question and answer period would follow. Our audience is the Town Supervisors and Town Highway Superintendents, not a public hearing.

Mr. Tunney asked have the Town Supervisors and Town Highway Superintendents been asked to RSVP? Mr. Hauryski commented that is a concern, as we have only had 7 towns RSVP. He would like to follow up with calls to the Town Clerks and hopes we see more attendance. He asked Mr. Hamilton to encourage the other Town Highway Superintendents to attend. There are other aspects of this program that will benefit the Town Highway Superintendents.

Mr. Alger stated that the format of the meeting is after introductions, there will be a six-minute video on Marcellus Shale Drilling. Following that will be the Sub-Committee presentations. He anticipates the most amount of time being spent on discussing the Road Use Agreement. The question and answer portion will follow the presentations. Mr. Anderson stated that he will emphasize that each municipality should have their municipal attorney look into both the Site Plan Review Law and the Road Use Agreement and look at what needs to be done and how to customize it.

Mr. Alger commented they had concerns about the number of attendees, so we targeted the meeting to the Town Supervisors and Town Highway Superintendents. The expectation is that after this meeting that Mrs. Dlugos will try to organize planning board type meetings. That would be the next step. This meeting is just an overview. This is not intended to be the sole method of communicating with the towns.

Mr. Schlechter asked with regard to the Road Use Agreement, is there bonding and how will that be presented at this meeting? Mr. Anderson replied there is bonding. It is dependent upon how much you need to fix the road. Mr. Foster will talk about that during his presentation. Mr. Alger stated most town roads are dirt/gravel or oil/stone. They fall into the lower two categories in the Road Use Agreement. The requirements for the repairs of those types of roads are different from what would be required of a State or County road. The bond is determined by road type.

Mr. Tunney asked are there specific areas of the County that are more in the frontline of this issue? Mr. Anderson replied those towns on the Pennsylvania border. Mr. Tunney stated the message to those towns might need to be a little more urgent. Mr. Alger stated generally you can expect the drilling to start in the Southeast part of the County and spread to the West and North slowly. Depending upon the industry, they may not want to go north where the shale is shallow. Mr. Young commented the industry is looking at the Utica formation more than the Marcellus. That formation includes the entire state outside the Adirondacks.

Mr. Hauryski commented that he would ask those of you presenting to make sure, at the end of your presentation, to ask if there are any other issues that we have not thought of or addressed. He stated that he thinks we have done a great job of addressing everything we could anticipate.

Mr. Alger asked if there were any suggestions or additions to the proposed agenda for the meeting on May 26, 2011? Mrs. Dlugos asked can we get a list of who is attending? Mr. Alger replied we can send a list of who will be attending.

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. TUNNEY, SECONDED BY MS. MULLER AND DULY CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman  
Deputy Clerk  
Steuben County Legislature