

**STEBEN COUNTY NATURAL GAS TASK FORCE
ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE SUB-COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

1:30 p.m.

Legislative Committee Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: Karl Anderson, Esq., Chair Dave English, Esq., Vice Chair Vincent Spagnoletti
Dan Hamilton Elaine Swiler

STAFF: Mark R. Alger

OTHERS: Leonard McConnell Edward Young Robert Popejoy

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Anderson at 1:40 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Road Use Agreement – Mr. Spagnoletti explained to the committee that we should include in the standard road use agreement that the companies will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost to repair the roads. The purpose of the local law we are drafting is to make sure that the road use agreements apply to the entire County and that the towns can use it. He commented that he does have some reservations about the local law that we are preparing; however, if it is enforceable, then it's practical. If we are unable to work through the road use agreements, we can post the roads. A suggestion was made to send a letter to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation asking that they include road use agreements in their permit process.

B. Permit Process – A number of companies use the same haul routes and that can result in collective destruction. Mr. Anderson stated a permit process will need to be enforced and permits per truck can be labor intensive. Discussion followed.

C. Engineering – Most town roads have a sub-standard base which means they won't up under the anticipate amount of truck traffic. The towns will need to document the condition of their roads prior to the drilling companies coming in. The towns will need to conduct a thorough analysis of their roads and possibly will need to come up with a formula to calculate expected damage. The towns do not have the staff or the funds to hire a private engineering firm. It was suggested to include in the road use agreements a provision for the drilling companies pay for the analysis of town roads prior to drilling.

D. Other Topics for Discussion – The following are a list of topics that will continue to be discussed by the committee:

1. Sending letters to all town and villages warning them of what they will be up against.
2. Initializing a neighborhood watch type of program.
3. Establishing a portion of 911 to deal with issues.
4. Problems with road use such as passing vehicles, school buses, water trucks, plowing, etc.
5. Organizing contacts between towns and villages.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Fracking – Mr. Young commented that we should see less trucks hauling water because of recycling and due to the fact that some companies are using pipelines to transport water. In addition some companies may start using other gases to frack. Studies are being conducted worldwide to eliminate the use of water for fracking.

Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Cotter
Account Clerk
Department of Public Works

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, November 17, 2010
2:30 p.m.