

STEBEN COUNTY NATURAL GAS TASK FORCE HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

1:30 PM

**Steuben County Office Building
Legislative Committee Conference Room
Bath, New York**

MINUTES

Committee: Kathryn A. Muller, Chair Jeff Eaton, Vice Chair Lisa Baker
Dawn Dowdle

Staff: Mark R. Alger Amy Dlugos

Absent: Robert W. Anderson, Ph.D. Robert Bates Judy Celelli
Marvin Rethmel

Legislators: Christopher G. Quinlan

Others: Edward Young

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Muller at 1:30 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Duly Carried.

III. UPDATES

1. **Old Health Care Facility** - Ms. Muller stated that she, Mr. Alger, and Mr. Eaton toured the old Health Care Facility to continue to review options. Mr. Alger said that it can't be used in its present condition and requires a great deal of work and money. Discussion followed.

2. **Meetings with Gas Companies** - Mr. Young updated the committee on the meeting he attended in Athens, PA. He suggested we set up a meeting with the companies and discuss what their intentions are and what they can build. Suggestion was made to pull some members from the NGTF Steering Committee and sub committees to meet with the companies.

Mr. Eaton suggested that we sit down with Chemung County and jointly meet with the gas companies. Mr. Alger didn't have any objection to that, but suggested we check with the companies.

Discussion on if we knew a time frame of when the drilling would begin once the moratorium is lifted. Mr. Young responded that after the moratorium is lifted the companies will have 180 days to start drilling. There are already pending permits in place.

3. **Meeting with Municipalities** - Ms. Muller reminded the committee that Mr. Hauryski will be setting up a meeting with the municipalities. Mr. Alger said the meeting will probably be scheduled in April. The initial meeting will be with the Town Boards and the Supervisors. After that initial meeting, we can

approach other groups. This committee should have housing issues and potential options on how to approach these issues ready for discussion at these meetings. Meetings with the drilling companies should also be coordinated with the Steering Committee to make sure each area of interest is represented.

4. **Sewer/Water Infrastructure** - Discussion on the existing sewer/water infrastructures in the County and their capacities. Mr. Eaton asked if there were any portable treatment plants that would be able to assist in this issue. Mr. Alger responded that there would still be an issue with output. Ms. Dlugos will check with Hornell to see what system they use and she will also check with the Department of Health.

IV. ACTION PLAN

Ms. Dlugos stated that she sent Ms. Muller some suggested action items for the Action Plan. One of the items listed was to create a proposal and have it ready to give to the gas companies when a meeting is set. She will distribute the items she has for the Plan to the rest of the committee for their review. If anyone has any additional items to add, please forward them to Ms. Muller.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for March 21, 2011 at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Department of Social Services