

STEBEN COUNTY NATURAL GAS TASK FORCE PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday, March 25, 2011

10:00 a.m.

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

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: John Tunney, Chair Joel Ordway

STAFF: Mark R. Alger Amy Dlugos

ABSENT: Arnold Champlain David Hopkins Michael Sprague Sal Trentanelli
Mike Wilson

LEGISLATORS: Joseph J. Hauryski

OTHERS: Edward Young

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tunney called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr. Tunney commented the committee needs to be in a position to report to the Steering Committee in May and identify any steps that need to be taken to complete that process. Mr. Hauryski stated the Steering Committee is looking for the sub-committees to be able to identify the issues and/or problems in their areas and how they are planning to deal with them. We will be holding a meeting with Town Supervisors towards the end of May and he would like representation from each of the sub-committees.

Mr. Tunney stated that after meeting with Talisman, he has an understanding that there is a natural order of issues. The initial issues that have to deal with involve emergency response items. Then the law enforcement and court issues will follow. Talisman has offered to put on a presentation for the emergency services department, EMT's, volunteer fire companies and law enforcement. This presentation would cover emergency response situations. He stated Mr. Sprague will be making the arrangements with Talisman. A date has yet to be set. Mr. Tunney stated one of the things that have keep law enforcement busy in Bradford and Tioga Counties is alcohol-related incidents.

Mr. Young suggested the committee contact Gas Field Services (GFS) out of Horseheads, to get additional information on various issues that may arise. They are a support company and deal with pipelines, gathering lines and well pads. He stated that he will be in Horseheads and would be willing to sop and see Schlumberger to see if they are willing to give a presentation to the committee regarding the issues they have encountered.

Sheriff Ordway stated that the information he has received so far is that most of the impact on law enforcement has pertained to petty offenses.

Mr. Tunney and Mrs. Dlugos reported they will be attending the Pennsylvania/New York Natural Gas Task Force 2nd Annual Forum in Owego.

Mrs. Dlugos stated that she sent the committee members a link to a webinar and the webinar mentions that the Pennsylvania Fire Academy is coming up with a course. She also stated that the New York State Fire Academy has been communicating with the Pennsylvania Fire Academy.

III. NEXT MEETING

No meeting has been scheduled at this time.

Mr. Tunney adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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