

Town of York Impact Research Group (IRG)

7 March, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The second meeting of the Town of York Impact Research Group, facilitated by Davies Nagel, convened at the York Town Hall from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon. Participants: Dave Nagel, David Rose, Marta Nagel Burroughs, Anne Roth-Blizzard, Pat Gardner, Fred Mingrino, Kirk Richenberg, Henry S. Fuller, Larry Smith, David Deuel and Robert Deming.

Robert Deming, town website coordinator, answered questions regarding our request to add a page to the Town of York Website for the IRG. Page will include our mission statement, meeting minutes and schedule, mtg agendas, links to the Steering committee and original 12/30/14 Town Board meeting minutes with information regarding the Moratorium. Links to items received (maps, articles) will be included on the site as well as any map updating. Dave Nagel, Pat Gardner (as Town Board liaison) and Anne Roth-Blizzard (IRG Secretary) were designated as contact persons to send Robert items to post on the web site with the subject line: IRG. Minutes will be sent to members with deadline for comments/edits. Once past, Anne will forward to Robert for the website. Anne volunteered to do photography for IRG

Mary Kummer worked with Chuck Morgan to obtain the full Avon Committee report. IRG members volunteered to begin working on topics:

Residential/Property owners: David Rose

Quality of Life: Anne

Economics: Larry Smith. Larry brought an article regarding energy policies. See attached.

Land, Natural Resources and Waste Management: Dave Nagel

Geology and history of drilling in township Natural Gas reserves: Dave Deuel is interested in researching various impacts of limestone vs shale vs sandstone as well as type of drilling:

Horizontal vs. vertical. Is there a compatible use which would benefit our town? Dave distributed a stratigraphic map. See attached.

Henry Fuller asked about the legal parameters of a moratorium. Davies will check the state municipal law defining local moratoria.

Miscellaneous comments: Avon listed all supporting activities attended by committee members, including seminars, trainings. We need to do the same. Ex. recent SUNY event.

We need to provide ideas for alternatives; options.

Field trip ideas: Lawnel Farms: viewpoint of how agriculture would be impacted.

Lenape: waste disposal site tour. Discussion of waste disposal; unlikely in York due to 25,000 acres protected for Ag District. We discussed whether the County Board of Supervisors might be discussing the use of fracking brine for ice control. County wide road use agreements are most acceptable.

Lawnel Farms: viewpoint of how they might be impacted.

Pat Gardner suggested the following outline for our Statement of Purpose:

1. Capture snapshot of Community (what's here now)
2. How HVHF/Natural Gas Industry might impact this snapshot (change: impact)
3. Recommendations to Board (present: non-binding)

Respectfully submitted, Anne Roth-Blizzard