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BY *PAB* DATE *10/15/14*

PO Box 109
Nunda, NY 14517
October 14, 2014

Town of York
PO Box 187
York, NY 14592

Re: Local Law No. 1 of the year 2014

Dear Board Members:

While I am not a resident of York, I believe that your proposed law to change your Zoning Ordinance will have an impact on surrounding townships and I did attend your meeting held on September 24, 2014. Water is not stagnant and neither is air so your decision to allow a special exemption for hydrofracking will pose threats to our shared environment.

Clean air and water is what makes upstate New York special. Hydrofracking causes devastation to the landscape in many ways. It involves the injection of proprietary chemicals into the ground. Cement casings have proven over and over again to crack and leak so they cannot be depended upon to contain this chemical-laden water. The process of hydrofracking demands huge amounts of water. Then there is the problem of the wastewater. The landfill in Angelica is currently "treating" this waste from PA. and dumping it in the Genesee River – the "treated" wastewater is NOT screened for radioactive particles prior to this disposal in our River.

At a time when we should be focusing on clean energy alternatives, hydrofracking involves fossil fuel and the process releases methane into the air – a very potent greenhouse gas! The truck traffic will also release greenhouse gases into the air as well as put a huge strain on the roadways.

From the meeting I understand that some of the members of your board have a vested interest in seeing this law passed. I agree with the York resident who suggested that those members should recuse themselves from voting on this law.

Our federal regulations are too weak to protect against the risks and consequences of fracking. If fracking were safe, Rumsfeld et al. would not have had to manipulate its exclusion from the Clean Air and Water Act. Your locality cannot enact laws to regulate the gas and oil industry. Your ONLY control is over the zoning.

This proposed law altering your zoning map violates many provisions in your land use plan. While a few will profit monetarily, the rest of us will be exposed to health risks. All creatures need clean air and safe water to survive. For the sake of our future, clean energy, not dirty energy from hydrofracked gas, needs to be the focus. There are plans at the federal level (heavily influenced by the wealthy energy profiteers) to overturn the regulations against exporting oil and gas. This means that what we pay locally will go up and not down as we compete on the open world market.
I appreciate your attention.

Sincerely,

Maryann Roby
Maryann Roby

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BY *CmH* | 10/16/14 DATE

Yorksupsr

From: Cgallo14539 [cgallo14539@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 7:57 PM

To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com

Subject: No Fracking

My wife and I are against hydro fracking in the town of York .

Carmen & Mara Gallo

Yorksupsr

From: Davies Nagel [DGNagel@rochester.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 9:39 PM
To: Deming Jerry
Cc: nagel davies
Subject: zoning comment...

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BY *Cmtt* | *10/16/14* DATE

Sorry if you got this same one twice... having trouble with my outgoing mail.

Dear Town Board,

I would like a clarification regarding the following.

Last year one of your board members, David Deuel I believe, stated in a meeting that the town of York would not be fracked because the target rock layer is too thin and too close to the surface. I agreed with him at that time.

Now, as the proposed zoning is written, it will allow fracking in the town.

Can you please let the town know if David's opinion of last year has changed or does he still believe the town won't get fracked because of the geological situation. If his opinion has changed, on what does he base this change? If it hasn't changed then why is the proposed zoning moving ahead?

Thank you for your attention to this.

Dave Nagel=

Yorksupsr

From: Clara Mulligan [cmulligan5325@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 10:31 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: proposed zoning

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BY *Cmt* | 10/16/14 DATE

Dear Supervisor Deming,

I would like to voice my concern regarding the Town Board's plan to protect York from the negative impacts of fracking.

While I appreciate your efforts in this matter, creating your own regulations for hydrofracking, which is the sole responsibility of the DEC, will likely not give you the intended results. These protections are not enforceable, thus leaving the town completely unprotected if a gas company comes to do business in York.

Additionally, I am disappointed that the Town of York is inviting the gas industry into a town with thriving agriculture. The heavy industrial impacts from drilling and burying waste could have a damaging effect on this economic boon you are now experiencing with the strong dairy farms within you borders.

Indeed, the DEC protections are not strong enough, and your proposed zoning may backfire. Please reconsider your position on this important decision to allow hydrofracking in this highly productive farming area of New York State.

Sincerely,

Clara Mulligan
5325 Barber Road
Avon NY 14414

Yorksupsr

From: Clara Mulligan [cmulligan5325@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 11:10 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: proposed zoning

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Dear Supervisor Deming,

I would like to comment on your proposed zoning for allowing hydrofracking in the Town of York.

I am concerned about the conflict between the Town of York's Comprehensive Plan and zoning for hydrofracking. The Plan promotes retaining the town's rural character, and encourages new development to protect and promote social values and social well being.

Being a family member of Linwood Gardens, my concerns focus on the legacy we have been given by our forefathers. Beginning in 1900, the private estate has been shared with the community as a place for quiet reflection and to experience the unique gardens by all three generations. Plans have been laid for subsequent generations to continue this legacy.

Hydrofracking, a very heavy and intensive industry, is not in keeping with a unique local historic garden landscape which embodies the very goals of the Comprehensive Plan: retaining rural character, social values, and supporting well being.

The conflict between the proposed zoning for hydrofracking and the Comprehensive Plan is of great concern not only on a personal level, but also as legal issue. Comprehensive Plans, as stated by law in New York State, must not be in conflict with the town zoning:

Town Law 272-a 11. Effect of adoption of the town comprehensive plan.

(a) All town land use regulations must be in accordance with a comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to this section.

How do you plan to reconcile this conflict?

Sincerely,

Clara Mulligan
5325 barber Road
Avon NY 14414

Yorksupsr

From: Patricia Conrad [patti081757@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 11:25 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Zoning/ fracking

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Mr. Superintendent, Please say no and save our beautiful unscathed area. The future of our citizens lives. Thank You Patricia Conrad

Yorksupr

From: Clara Mulligan [cmulligan5325@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 11:55 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: proposed regulations

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Dear Supervisor Deming,

I would like to comment on Proposed Local Law #1 of 2014 "Hydraulic Fracturing".

My concerns are based in the conflict between the legal requirements of a Comprehensive Plan and the proposed zoning regulations put forth by the Town of York.

According to N.Y. TWN. LAW § 272-a: NY Code - Section 272-A: Town comprehensive plan, (f) The town comprehensive plan is a means to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people of the town and to give due consideration to the needs of the people of the region of which the town is a part.

As the hydrofracking industry moves into the more concentrated populations of the east coast, health reports are increasingly informing the public of detrimental health side effects.

Economies may also suffer, as this heavy industry is not in balance with communities seeking development in their rural towns. We are very different community than a town in the Dakotas, for example. We have thriving dairies in our countryside and healthy cities nearby. If hydrofracking is encouraged, the hotels and restaurants desired by workers would be accessed in Rochester and Buffalo, where the concentration of entertainment and resources would be more desirable and already in place. A small town like York would not reap such economic benefits, but instead would be forced to manage the more undesirable results such as potential waste byproducts, itinerant workers who may not be respectful of our local community, and potential conflicts with a thriving local agriculture growing crops on prime soils.

How does the Town of York resolve the conflict between the Comprehensive Plan's promotion of health, safety and general welfare of the people of the town, and the promotion of an industry which threatens the very fabric of a healthy rural agricultural community?

Sincerely,

Clara Mulligan
5325 Barber Road
Avon, NY 14414

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Yorksupsr

From: laurieamorese@frontiernet.net
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 6:54 AM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Zoning

Dear Gerry,

I am writing to let you know that I am opposed to the proposed zoning to allow fracking in our town. I already feel completely swallowed up by the presence of tractor trailers and farm equipment chewing up our roads and forcing us into dangerous road incidents. The thought of even more trucking and transient drivers entering my road space and that of my children is frightening to say the least. That in itself aside from the other possible environmental issues is overwhelming and disturbing to me. I also cannot jeopardize the fate of the little water , I do utilize for my home. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Laurie Amorese

1984 Federal Rd. Linwood

Yorksupsr

From: Dan Logan [danlogan@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 8:33 AM
To: yorksupsr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Fracking is awful

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BY *ChH* | *10/16/14* DATE

This is a letter from Dan Logan in Canandaigua, NY
I think Fracking should never have started anywhere, let alone in NY
Please take notice of this and all letters against fracking, it has so many bad effects there is not enough time in a day to list them. Thank You, Dan Logan

10/16/2014

Yorksupsr

From: Gareid A Roessel [gtruck1969@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 11:00 AM
To: yorksupsr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Fracking

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I was wondering If I could voice a no opinion for hydrofracking? It would impact our small farm community with too many toxins from all the literature I have read.

This article was all I really needed to see

<http://truth-out.org/buzzflash/commentary/texas-size-hypocrisy-exxonmobil-ceo-opposes-fracking-related-water-tower-near-his-home/18490-texas-size-hypocrisy-exxonmobil-ceo-opposes-fracking-related-water-tower-near-his-home>

Gared A. Roessel

Yorksupsr

From: Cynthia Carestio [meadowdoggies@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 1:04 AM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Proposed Zoning Changes

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Dear Honorable Members of the York Town Board,

October14, 2014

I am a resident of Livonia and am opposed to the proposed changes to the zoning laws as they relate to allowing High Volume Hydrofracking in the town of York.

I attended your public hearing about these changes and have read the document detailing the changes that was distributed that night. As a resident of a nearby town and a concerned citizen of New York State, I am quite alarmed at the proposed changes in that they seek to "regulate" the gas industry, which is not legal and which would be overridden by state regulations should the DEC decide to permit unconventional gas extraction. A town may allow or disallow High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing. Indeed, the highest court in New York State upholds a town's right to ban this industrial activity.

And an industrial activity it is! The town of York's comprehensive plan clearly states that the rural, agricultural character of the town is to be preserved. Legally, town zoning codes must reflect the goals of the comprehensive plan and the new, proposed zoning changes do not and will not protect the town of York from the highly industrial activities and serious consequences relative to High Volume Hydrofracking. Furthermore, I believe it is likely the town of York will face lawsuits if these zoning changes are approved.

Pennsylvania, our neighbors to the south are experiencing a boom/bust cycle wherever tracking has been allowed. Crime increases and rents go up exponentially due to an influx of well-paid out of state gas industry workers who are not invested in the communities in which they conduct tracking. Pennsylvania's own DEP has released 208 documented cases of water well contamination by fracking chemicals, physicians are placed under a "gag order" and are not allowed to discuss tracking related illnesses. There are other ways to produce energy but there is no substitute for clean, abundant water. I have not even mentioned the huge volume of toxic, radioactive waste water that is produced that has to go somewhere.

Please heed the warnings coming from other parts of the world in which HVHF is practiced and re-think the legality of regulating the gas industry.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Carestio
4963 East Lake Rd
Livonia, NY 14487

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Yorksupsr

From: Kathy [cunningk@rochester.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 11:46 AM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Fracking

Please add my name to the list of those opposed to the amendment to our zoning laws which would allow Special Use Permits for the expansion of the natural gas industry in York. I've never read a positive article about the fracking process and don't want to run the risk of ruining our town for my Grandchildren and their children, and all the children to come. This town is bad enough now with all of the dairy farms being allowed to spread their by-products everywhere, the trucks that haul it making a mess of our roads and our air quality suffering for it. Please don't allow it to get worse. This is where I grew up, I've moved away a couple of times and have always returned because I love it here so much – don't allow it to be destroyed further by allowing this horrendous practice to take place here.

Kathy Cunningham

Yorksupr

From: Sparta Coalition [sparta300coalition@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 11:49 AM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Local Law #1 of 2014 - Comment

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BY *JAB* 10/16/14 **DATE**

Members of the Town Board of York,

I am a resident of the Town of Sparta. I was very glad to read the detailed minutes to the hearing which took place on September 24th, 2014 regarding Local Law #1 on proposal for changes to the zoning in your town in order to allow High Volume Hydro-Fracking.

I was glad to read that so many people spoke out against allowing this practice to come into the Town of York. I was not happy to read that the Town of York was considering it at all. Any breach of the gas industry with this method of extraction will have a tremendously negative impact on York and it's surrounding Towns.

I am on the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Sparta and we have a Comprehensive Plan as well which is designed to maintain the character of the town and it's agricultural nature and bucolic landscape. Thus far the Town of Sparta has seen fit to maintain a Moratorium on gas related industry of all types in order to protect the Town. Our residents have fought for this with signed petitions in the hundreds and as stated by members of the public at your hearing, so has your town. I don't see the justification for this law as per the wishes of the townspeople in majority.

Mr. Nagel stated correctly that all gas industry is REGULATED at the State level and the ONLY way that the Town would have over HOW the industry is conducted would be to ban it from coming in the first place. The current sGEIS has inadequate setbacks but the Town of York's law would be completely ineffective to change that due to the state override of any regulation. The fact that you even have the proposed law makes me wonder what Mr. Campbell is thinking when he of course would have a hand in constructing it. The Town would be open to lawsuits if this law was adopted.

The ONLY reasonable way to protect your town and the surrounding area is to ban this practice completely. I hope that you do so and not put this Law on the books.

Sincerely,

Samantha Gibson

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From: kristen [kpalmer7@rochester.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 12:02 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Please, NO Hydrofracking.

Dear Mr. Deming and York Town Board members,

I realize the issue is about amending zoning for Special Use Permits that would open the door to expansion of the natural gas industry in York. This could result in hydrofracking. I'm voicing NO, to hydrofracking in our wholesome, Town of York, community.

Respectfully,

Kristen Palmer

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Yorksupsr

From: jimdec45@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 12:07 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Hydraulic Fraturing

Please add my name to the list of your near neighbors who are concerned about and opposed to allowing hydraulic fracturing in your town. Any process where the list of chemicals is proprietary knowledge is a bad idea. Don't be short sighted and or greedy and allow a few to profit at the expense of many. Thank you.

Jim DeCamp
4671 E Groveland Rd
Geneseo NY 14454

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2021 Linwood Road
Linwood, N.Y. 14486
October 14, 2014

Dear Supervisor Deming and the York Town Board,

We are writing to you in regard to Local Law No. 1 of 2014 of the Town of York, concerning Section 2- PURPOSE.

As stated in part B - To these ends, this local law and the chapter that it amends and supersedes as applicable is designed to;

1. Balance various forms of development that are desirable by the public while protecting the rural character of the Town;

Comment- Not a single thing in this statement could be legitimate if fracking is allowed. If only a very small percentage of the people in York can benefit, this is not desirable by the public. That was extremely obvious by the people who spoke out about this form of development at the September 24, 2014 meeting.

2. Protect and encourage farming and agriculture, which is the dominant land use in York;

Comment- Since you have told us numerous times and by your road signs that York is a "Right to Farm Community", the disruption that fracking would cause, would have a negative effect on agriculture in the community.

3. Encourage new development in the existing hamlets in the Town to protect and promote their social and economic well-being;

Comment- No businesses would want to come to a disruptive community with a damaged environment. Allowing fracking will not create harmony within the community. There will be two factions in opposition to each other.

4. Protect property values by prohibiting uses, buildings and structures that are incompatible with the character of the Town and each of its zoning districts;

Comment- Any structures used for fracking, along with all of the enormous equipment would have a negative impact on the community. There is nothing of beauty to look at here.

We can't even currently regulate some of the deplorable existing structures in our town now, how could you possibly regulate these new structures of companies with high powered lawyers behind them?

5. Lessen and avoid congestion on town roads;

Comment- You have no idea what congestion and unsafe practices agriculture causes on country roads in York. You need to drive around these roads during the day times and experience the abuse and danger inflicted on residents by agriculture, say nothing about traffic associated with fracking. The roads in York are not wide enough to accommodate the modern agricultural equipment of today. Years ago farming was done in close proximity to a farmer's home. Today farmers own or lease land in other towns and as a result drive their equipment many miles on our roads to get to the next field. We do not need any more huge vehicles destroying our roads.

6. Provide adequate light and air;

Comment- Very simply, fracking equipment would degrade light and air.

7. Minimize conflicts among the various land uses, both now and in the future.

Comment- This would only increase conflicts, not minimize conflicts, now and especially in the future.

Since farming is the "heart and soul of the York community" there is no room for any destructive industries to be allowed in our town. Please act according to the wishes of the community, for the benefit of the community. Thank you.

Barbara and Jerry Ayers

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Town of York Board Members

I am very concerned that dollar signs seen in the eyes of our larger land owners. They are blinded to the long term dangers and harm to our town environment that Fracking can and will present on our lands, roads, water, and air qualities.

My husband and I moved from a community where Fracking was very likely to be in our future. The York community is unprepared for all the many problems that are presented by Fracking in our town.

1. Fracking will bring a demand for housing, driving up rents in the short term and forcing out those unable to meet the increases in rent.
2. Fracking will lead as it has in PA to an increase in crime and the added expense to our law enforcement agencies. Tioga County New York next to PA had a significant increase in illegal drug related crimes due to an increased demand for illegal drugs by those working in the Fracking industry.
3. Fire protection and an increase need for special equipment needed in control of spills and other related accidents at drilling sites.
4. Roads will deteriorate due to increased traffic to and from sites. Heavy equipment will need to be hauled to and from these sites and trucks hauling out Fracking fluids will pose a danger of accidental spill.
5. Possible pollution of wells in the area as well as farm ponds, streams and waterways by fluids used at these sites.
6. The added truck traffic and other equipment will add to the lack of air quality in our community.
7. Bright lights on the towers at these sites in PA are an annoyance to people living nearby at night.
8. Noise pollution in the surrounding area will not be pleasant for those who live near these sites.
9. Will Fracking add to the possibilities of earth tremors and earthquakes? Damage from these possible accuracies is not covered by any home owners insurance or farm policies.
10. Where will the wastes and waste water fluids go? We certainly do not want any dumped on our roads and highways to find their way into our crops and food supplies.
11. The dust and dirt caused by these operations will be a problem for those residing in our town that may have lung and respiratory issues. How will it affect our children and grandchildren?
12. Do we want to see the future of our town ruined because a few with large acreages can only see the dollar signs that Fracking rights might bring into their pocketbooks? Is a dollar today, worth our lives and livelihood tomorrow?

Dorothea Prine

Yorksupr**RECEIVED**

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From: LorrieAnn Martin [lorrieann614@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 4:57 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Fwd: Fracking in York

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From: **LorrieAnn Martin** <lorrieann614@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Oct 16, 2014 at 10:35 AM
Subject: Fracking in York
To: yorkspr@rochester.rr.com

To Everyone on the York Town Board:

I am writing as a concerned citizen of the Town of York. Everything that I have read about fracking leads me to believe that it will do more harm than good to our community.

My home is located on one of the only roads in York that does not have water available to us. We have a well that we use for everything except drinking. We have to carry in water to drink because our water contains sulfur. This is very frustrating but at least we have water and don't have to worry about it being toxic! When the salt mine collapsed representatives from the mine came and measured our well quite often. We were not the only ones who feared that it could go dry. Now this threat gives us something else to worry about.

One of the fracking perils is the excessive use of water that is required to produce fossil fuel out of the process. The large amount of water needed not only depletes supplies of already limited fresh water in many locations, it returns the water in polluted form.

I am against all the threats that fracking poses: toxic chemical use, acceleration of global warming, air pollution, water pollution, earth tremor risks, noise, airborne debris, more traffic in our town, bright night lights and more -- much more.

I never can understand when something has been proven to do all of these negative things, that any community, especially ours, would even consider allowing it. Money isn't everything folks! A clean, healthy lifestyle and desire to leave our community as it is for future generations should be everyone's top priority.

Please choose to do what's right for our community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

LorrieAnn Martin
3023 Craig Road

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Yorksupr

From: awenseeker@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 8:45 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: No Fracking

Town of York,

How much evidence indicating nonreversible negative consequences caused by the hydrofracking process is needed for local, state and national governments to make the reasonable decision to ban fracking? The evidence is there. What is there left to discuss? NO FRACKING!

Jeni DeMarco
9296 Scipio Road
Nunda, NY 14517

Yorksupsr

From: Roberta MacLean [macleanroberta@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 9:04 PM

To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com

Subject: Proposed Local Law #1 of 2014 "Hydraulic Fracturing"

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I do not believe that we can have any hydraulic fracturing operations without putting at risk the safety of our water and the town's long history of farming, particularly dairy farming. Why risk the very things that provide the foundation of our economy and our rural quality of life?

This law is difficult for citizens to understand but probably not difficult for well-financed corporations to get around. I urge you to protect the town from fracking and all related activities.

Respectfully,

Roberta MacLean
2620 York Road West
York, NY 14592

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Yorksupsr

From: Judith Overman [judith.a.overman@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 10:10 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: fracking

Dear Sir:

Fracking is a very dangerous method of extracting gas from the earth. In other parts of the country; people and animals are sick and dying from this process.

It can not be done safely.

Please ban it from your town.

Sincerely,

Judith Overman

Yorksupsr

From: Rick or Mary Ann Springer [springers2@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2014 12:16 PM
To: yorksupsr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: No Fracking

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No fracking in NY state please.

Yorksupsr

From: Patricia DeVelder [develder2378@frontiernet.net]
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2014 12:25 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Fracking in your town

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Dear sir, If in fact you truly consider the health and land rights of your constituents, I strongly urge you to take a closer look at the impact that Hydro-fracking would have on your town and neighboring communities . This practice has wreaked havoc everywhere it has occurred, it ruins water, soil and air and is an environmental disaster. I would hope that as a caring political leader, that you would consider FIRST and FOREMOST the people! After all..you cannot drink money! Thank-you, Sincerely, Patricia DeVelder=

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Yorksupsr

From: Lloyd, William W - PITTSFORD NY [bill_lloyd@ml.com]
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2014 2:17 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Hydrofracking

October 17, 2014

Supervisors, Town of York
2668 Main Street – POB 198
York, NY 14592

Dear Supervisors,

As a major landowner directly across the Genesee River from the beautiful Town of York, I would like to go on record that I am opposed to hydrofracking.

While I am all for US energy independence, and growth of jobs, and correcting the imbalance of trade between the US and the rest of the world, I simply do not like the technology that high volume hydrofracking brings to the rural landscape.

Imagine the trucks, the compressors, the noise and equipment on our rural roads. Imagine the sounds and smells of heavy industry outside YOUR windows on a lovely summer evening. For what? So a few major landowners like me can make a lot of money? Surely you know that the jobs will be temporary. The roughnecks will move on, the boom (which will cause one set of problems) will lead to a subsequent bust – bringing us right back to where we are today – but feeling worse for the decline.

Let's keep our quiet countryside as it is today. Let's watch other states and towns figure this out, let's learn from them.

There is no hurry: the gas will be there. Leave it for another generation. Even New York State has not completed its review...why would a local town want to get out in front of that?

Sincerely,

William Wadsworth Lloyd
President, Seven Nations Stakes, Inc.
3468 Nations Road
Geneseo, NY 14454

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Yorksupr

From: Jean Hennessey [hennessey.jean@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2014 4:43 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Fracking

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Dear Neighbors,

It is remarkably tempting to be swayed by the promises of more jobs and increased revenues to towns that come from those who will profit most from fracking operations. The arguments are strong, but unfortunately, despite the claims, there are always, *always* unforeseen consequences in any operation of this scope. The York Town Board has thoughtfully put together a plan that they hope will insulate the town and surrounding towns from the ill effects experienced in other areas where fracking is in place, but those efforts are in vain as the town is not able to set standards for regulation of the fracking industry; that job falls to the DEC.

We who live in Livingston County New York enjoy a quality of life that is not available in most parts of our country. We are surrounded by an abundance of natural beauty, we have what is becoming an increasingly coveted resource--plenty of water, and our roads are free of congestion. Fracking will have a HUGE impact on all of these assets. Please look closely at the evidence of frackings' devastating effects and measure carefully the long term risks against the short term gains. We owe it to ourselves, our children, and their children. Please VOTE NO to fracking.

Sincerely,

Jean Hennessey
Geneseo, NY

10/20/2014

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York Town Supervisor and Town Board Members
2668 Main Street
P.O. Box 187
York, New York 14592

6198 Marrowback Road
Conesus, New York 14435
October 18, 2014

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the opportunity to address you on the important issue of high volume hydro fracturing in the Town of York. Although I reside in a neighboring town and not in York, this issue is critical to anyone who lives in the general area where this practice may go forward. As you are well aware, since 2008 the State of New York has had a de facto moratorium in effect regarding the initiation of hydrofracking in the state. However, once the upcoming election has been completed, many believe that hydrofracking may go forward, but only in Towns that desire the practice, and who are willing to adhere to the regulations that have been formulated by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. The D.E.C. is the only government entity that can regulate the hydrofracking industry. Local Towns cannot do so by law.

The power that is invested in towns in New York State under home rule is only regarding a town's decisions for land use within its borders. That is, a town can determine whether or not it will allow the use of some of its area for a heavy industry such as hydrofracking. The New York State Court of Appeals, the highest court in the state, in June of this year, upheld the right of the Towns of Dryden and Middlefield to ban fracking within their borders. Therefore, the decision has affirmed that Towns have the right only to allow or disallow the practice, not to regulate it in any way. It is a take or leave it situation.

By attempting to rein in the practice of hydrofracking in the Town of York, such as including increased setbacks from water sources and schools in your proposed regulations, your board has demonstrated that it does not have confidence in the D.E.C. regulations as put forward in its S.G.E.I.S. to protect the public from the dangers of hydrofracking. You have undoubtedly been made aware of the hundreds of studies which have demonstrated the detrimental effects of hydrofracking to human and animal health and the environment. If you do not have confidence in the current regulations offered by the state, then you must ban the practice in your Town. You have no other choice. If you do not ban the practice, then you must accept the regulations that the state D.E.C. has put forward and live with the consequences.

You do not have to take my word for this. You can contact the D.E.C. yourselves. If you desire to put a ban or a moratorium into effect while you study the issue more fully, you can contact the Committee of Towns, which is working to assist any town in the state that desires to put together a moratorium or outright ban. You can contact Peter Gamba (pgamba2007@aol.com) or Joseph Hoff (jhoffefact@aol.com), the co-chair. They have

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scheduled a meeting of the committee for Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7:00 pm in the Yates Co. Office Building Auditorium in Penn Yan, to which you might choose to send a representative. I have been a representative of the Town of Conesus in that committee.

If you desire more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tawn R. Feeney