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From: Virginia Durbin [ginnydurbin@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 8:18 AM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: York Zoning

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BY PAB 10/22/14

Good Morning to all,

I am writing to let my town officials know that I am opposed to the new zoning plan for the town of York to allow high volume hydro fracturing in our town. I am also opposed to hydro fracturing in any area.

As we all know, this process of gas removal has many hazards that the super rich gas and oil companies choose to ignore. Big money and greed can lead to disastrous consequences to humans animals and the environment. I feel if the Town of York allows fracking in our town the officials are jumping on the band wagon without considering the damaging effects this would have for all who live and work here.

We should look to Pennsylvania where the industry has wrecked havoc in some areas. They do what I call "hit and run". They come, in do the hydro fracking and leave towns and countrysides a mess. The gas companies are exempt from any lawsuits that a town may want to initiate due to destruction that occurs. They lobbied to make this law. They may offer to repave roads but they have no responsibility for contamination of wells or water supplies.

One of my biggest fears in the contamination of our aquifers and the treatment (or not) of the millions of gallons of waste water this process generates. Where will this water wind up? Perhaps the Genesee River or the streams and creeks we play and fish in? Remember that water does whatever it wants to do.

Even in Pennsylvania they admit they do not have enough DEC staff to monitor sites, wells, public complaints and the treatment or dumping of contaminated waste water. We are in the same predicament

Hydro fracturing does not belong here in York or any where in my opinion. Science has be involved and decide what to do with waste water and the many other possible contaminants involved.

I ask you not to be swayed by the promises and greed of big business to allow this process in our town where our community will be subjected to many dangerous unknowns. I have faith in all of you that you will do the right thing for all of us and not allow this questionable industry to come to town.

Thank you for listening to my concerns,

Ginny Durbin

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BY *Cmtt* | *10/22/14* DATE

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To the York Town Board,

Several comments/questions:

- If several members of the board had a conflict of interest when the original vote was taken in regards to a fracking moratorium, was the vote legal?
- If several board members have a conflict of interest currently, will the vote be legal?
- If unconflicted members do not make a quorum, what happens? Can there even be a vote?

Sincerely,

Dean Gardner Sr

Patricia O Gardner

Mr. & Mrs. Dean Gardner, Sr.
2714 Chestnut St.
York, NY 14592

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From: Ashley Timm [atimm02@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 1:09 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Hydro-fracking

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To Whom it May Concern:

As a resident in this area, I feel a duty to speak up in regards to the proposal at hand. My husband and I chose to live here and raise our family. We chose this location because it is quiet, not over-developed, and agricultural. There is an abundance of natural beauty and charm here and I am appalled to find that the Town of York would even consider allowing fracking into this town. York and surrounding areas are dubbed "Right to farm" communities. How can an agricultural community even consider such a proposal? Studies on the hydro-fracking process show that it pollutes the ground, water and air. How can you farm on poisoned land? This decision is one that will impact the way of life around here as we know it and not for the better. We hope you reconsider this proposal because this is not something my family can stand behind, and Im sure we aren't the only ones. We won't raise our two young children here if this is the route the town chooses to take. We won't stand by and watch this town decide to poison its community members. We want our children to grow up healthy and happy and this kind of decision will take that away. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Concerned Resident

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From: Ashley Copeland [ashybaby3922@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 12:44 PM

To: yorksupsr@rochester.rr.com

Subject: Fracking

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I'm writing to say that I disapprove of allowing fracking in York. I don't trust that it is safe. I believe it will be worse for this town than the manure lagoons are.

Isn't this something that the towns people should vote on and not just something that gets approved by the board?

Please at least put this to a vote if you're not going to deny it outright.

Lynn Copeland

Yorksupsr

From: Jeanne Harper [jeanne1045@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 1:42 PM

To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com

Subject: Stop The Fracking

I grew up in York, and it's so wrong to be taking that town and turning it into a dangerous area. For the love of God, stop ruining HIS creations by artificial means.

Jeanne Copeland

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From: lprice3@rochester.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 4:44 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: FRACKING

NO FRACKING IN THE TOWN OF YORK ! LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE. WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM ANY FRACKING? WHY WOULD YOU EVEN THINK OF GOING AGAINST WHAT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE WANT ? DOESN'T THE MAJORITY RULE? DOES THE 'MAJORITY' NOT KNOW WHAT THEIR TALKING ABOUT? ARE THEY ALL WRONG IN WHAT THEY KNOW AND FEEL? DO A HANDFUL KNOW BETTER THAN THE MAJORITY?

Respectfully,

Barbara Price
Chandler Road

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From: Sylva Palmer [sylva@frontiernet.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 5:52 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: No Fracking

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To: Members of York Town Board
From: Sylva Palmer

Please carefully consider your stance on the fracking issue as it impacts our community. Do we really know the depth of the risks involved? Why are the companies implementing this process withholding the types of chemicals being used? Having already experienced the demise of Akzo Salt, do we want to chance another similar disaster? Has anyone on the Board contacted authorities in Pennsylvania where the supplies of drinking water have been negatively affected?

If you recall the story of King Midas, his wish for everything he touched to turn to gold made him a very rich man, but it did him no good because his basic needs for food and drink were compromised. At what cost will the citizens of York have to pay in return for a few jobs and perhaps very little monetary gain from gas rights?

Christine Harris

From: gene amburgey <gen.ea@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 1:26 PM
To: York Town Clerk
Subject: Town meeting "Comment"

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BY *Cmtt* | 10/23/14 **DATE**

To Town Board:

I have given the issue of drilling for nature gas great thought. I have come up with one thing no one is talking about. When we buy fuel by thousands of gallons a day for our vehicle's and other use's we are supporting terrorizing. A great portion of the money goes back to the Arab world which they give to terrorized groups they pay off leave them along. Ben Laden got his money from Saudi Arabia.

Sooner or later they are coming here. Remember the twin towers? So when this happens we can blame anti groups that is against drilling for nature gas, oil, coal, nuclear power, hydro electric. Make no mistake about it our local, state, federal gov't they will be to blame also. If we become energy independent the Arab world want have their billions (our money) to destroy us.

When we have to depend on other nations for our energy we are at their mercy. Shut down all of our source's for power I think I am going into horse business no more cars on road.

Remember you against drilling you are supporting terrorizing.

Gene Amburgey

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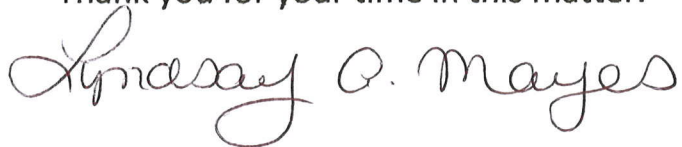
October 20, 2014

Town of York
2668 Main St.
York, NY 14592

To whom it may concern,

I would like to openly state my opinion that I do not agree to bring Fracking into the Town of York. I do not believe that this is a safe operation and feel that it will cause more harm than good to our town and way of life. Again I oppose to the Town of York letting Fracking come into our town on any level what so ever.

Thank you for your time in this matter.



Lyndsay A. Mayes
2710 Chestnut St.
York, NY 14592

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York, NY 14592

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Thank you for your time in this matter.



Benjamin J. Mayes
2710 Chestnut St.
York, NY 14592

From: pschneid_14592@yahoo.com
To: Laurie Schneider
Subject: Oct 23
Date: 10/22/14, 9:50 AM

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To: York Town Board

From: Paul Schneider

Topic: Local Law #1

I am writing this letter to express my concern about Local Law number one. While it is not a revelation that I am an opponent of horizontal fracturing, what makes me more upset about the law is how it was formulated. Three if not four members of this board have conflicts of interest concerning this law. So what is to be done? The bill must be shelved and the board needs to recuse itself from the process. If the law is implemented in its current form, the town will undoubtedly face legal challenges to it

What alternatives are there? First the board could do nothing and wait till after the current election for governor. The election could offer the town alternatives. It may be that the issue is taken out of local hands by state action resulting in a ban on fracking similar to Vermont's. It is more likely that the town will need some regulation or ban in place. A second alternative would be to ignore the town's population that is adamantly opposed to this issue and pass the law. As stated above such action would probably lead to lawsuits the town can ill afford. A third alternative and one that would give voice to the whole community is to bring this issue to a vote. A simply worded ballot. For example "Are you opposed to modern horizontal fracturing for natural gas in the Town of York? Yes or No.

If this issue is not put forward to the public, the Town Board is looking forward to a divided community similar to the "Kick Ash" days. That is certainly not what I, or I hope you as responsible representatives of this town's citizens, want to see.

Respectfully submitted,



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BY PAB | 11/23/14 DATE

November 22, 2014

2422 Craig Rd

Piffard, N.Y. 14533

To Town of York Board

Dear Sirs;

I am definitely in favor of oil and gas drilling in the Town of York. This process has been practiced for many years and has not been proven detrimental. Please take action in favor of this procedure.

Yours Truly

Theodore W and Joan O Andrews

Frank You

John Cunningham Jr.
2837 Genesee St.
Piffard, NY 14414
October 16, 2014

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BY PAB | 10/23/14 DATE

York Town Board
2668 Main St.
P.O. Box 187
York, NY 14592

RE: Local Law #1 of 2014

To the Members of the Town Board:

I'm writing today to express my concerns with the proposed law that would allow hydraulic fracturing to take place in our community.

I'm a lifelong resident of our beautiful community. I've visited many places in our country and have always been very proud to call York my home. The thought that our community might allow fracking has me completely flabbergasted. Why? Why would a farm community allow fracking?

I've always considered the backbone of our community to be based on the land and its residents. Farming and agriculture is what York is known for and what has built our community. The proposed law will change all of that forever, for the worse.

There have been many studies showing the devastating effects that fracking has on our natural resources (land, water & air), health of local residents, local economy and infrastructure. I have yet to find any study that shows the benefits of fracking other than to the bank accounts of corporations or a very select few land owners.

A few questions to the York Town Board that I would like answered:

- Why change the zoning law to potentially allow fracking in?
- What benefit does the York Town board anticipate will come to the residents due to this change?
- How will the infrastructure of our town be maintained to deal with the increased amount of truck traffic due to the fracking industry?
- If this change takes place and I decide to move, will the Town of York be responsible for the likely decrease in value to my home upon its sale?

Please think carefully about what you are considering and do not allow fracking in the Town of York.

Sincerely,



John Cunningham Jr.
Concerned Citizen of York, NY

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From: annieoreilly@frontiernet.net
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 7:45 AM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: Hydraulic fracturing with regulations

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This letter is to protest Fracking in York with regulations. To allow hydraulic fracturing is to allow it-regulations or not. I would like to ask the town board how allowing fracking would preserve the rural character of the town and encourage agriculture. A Penn State Extension study found that among Pennsylvania counties with large numbers of dairy cows that had Marcellus shale wells experienced a 16 percent average decline in dairy cows between 2007 and 2010, compared to a 3 percent increase in areas without wells. In addition to water contamination, and because it takes millions of gallons of water to frack a single shale gas well, widespread shale development could compete with agriculture for increasingly limited water supplies. Trucking demands increase to accommodate fracking operations. In Pennsylvania, many truckers have gone to work for the fracking industry and as a result, dairy farmers have had to pay more for transporting milk. Volatile organic compounds can be released during fracking and increases ground-level ozone pollution. It then damages crops and threatens food security, and can spread hundreds of miles. It becomes a problem for all of us who live near the region being fracked.

Ann Marie O'Reilly
5745 Federal Rd.
Conesus, NY 14435

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From: Paul MacLean [maclean@geneseo.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 10:23 PM
To: Yorksupr@rochester.rr.com

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Subject: Opposed to introduction of any gas drilling in York

I am opposed to the introduction of any gas drilling in the Town of York commonly known as hydrofracking. I have seen the results of such operations in Pennsylvania and would be unhappy if they were to come to our area.

Furthermore, there is a limited quantity of fossil fuels available on our planet. I favor reserving some of them for those humans alive in the 22d century and beyond.

Thank you for considering my views.
Sincerely,

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Paul MacLean
PO Box 216
York, NY 14592-0216

maclean@geneseo.edu

Yorksupsr**RECEIVED**BY **ARB** | 10/23/14 DATE**From:** Anne Roth-Blizzard [arothblizzard@gmail.com]**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2014 6:10 PM**To:** yorksupr@rochester.rr.com**Subject:** Process regarding Local Law # 1 of 2014**Attachments:** york public hearing 9-24-14.doc

The following statement was what I was prepared to read at the Public Hearing. To avoid redundancy, I decided against it when others mentioned notification process. However, re-reading it, there are points which I feel ought to be read by Board members.

The item regarding conflict of interest, particularly with regard to the two Board members who own property with existing gas wells, has been noted by a large number of York residents in recent weeks and is causing consternation. The issue is not going to fade away.

Perhaps the most prudent course of action, since these members appear unwilling to recuse themselves, would be to consider enacting a ban on hydrofracking in the Town of York.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anne Roth-Blizzard

I would like to begin by talking about process. There are many many people in York, going about their lives who have no idea that their Town Board is about to open the door to hydrofracking. Have you technically followed the letter of the law in this process? I guess so. But you have done a grave disservice to the people you represent by not making your process more transparent and the issue more visible.

By posting legal notice dated 25 August, 2014 on the Town of York's web site, the bare basics of legal requirements were met regarding public notification. However, the legal notice made only vague mention Local Law # 1 of 2014, and in fact it sounded fairly benign... it was to modify some definitions and sections of the Zoning Ordinance. Unless one clicked on the link and actually read the proposed law, one would not be aware that we were talking about expansion and storage of natural gas facilities with a possible entry for hydrofracking.

There is a bulletin board standing on the lawn of the town hall. Most of the time it is empty, unless a local church has a chicken barbecue announcement or the Red Cross blood drive is scheduled. It ought to be used to inform town residents of important meetings like this one. If you had posted a notice a month ago on that bulletin board that there was to be a meeting on whether York should allow hydrofracking, you'd have had to move to a larger venue.

There are many, many people in the town of York who are opposed to expansion of the natural gas industry, and hydrofracking in particular in their community. A lot of them aren't able to be at a public hearing scheduled at 6 p.m.

Two or three of the five Town Board members stand to benefit financially if the natural gas and petroleum facilities expand or locate in York. This would seem to be clear conflict of interest. I have contacted the Public Integrity Officer of the State Attorney General's office regarding this. Wondering why the town attorney has not picked up on this and asked these gentlemen to recuse themselves from discussion and voting on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Roth-Blizzard, Limerick Rd. Linwood

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From: Anne Roth-Blizzard [arothblizzard@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 6:38 PM

To: yorksupsr@rochester.rr.com

Subject: Some agricultural reasons to avoid expansion of the Natural Gas industry, particularly Hydrofracking, in York

Of particular interest to Norman and David:

Soil Contamination

Explosions, spills, flares and leaky gas pipes are all have negative effects on agricultural soils. Gas flaring adversely affects soil fertility, causing the soil to become more acidic and reducing total organic carbon, nitrate, and phosphate content. Methane from pipeline leaks changes the oxygen and bacterial composition of the soil, altering plants' ability to fix nitrogen, successfully complete cellulose conversion, and maintain an adequate hydration level.

Radioactivity

Radioactive materials brought to the surface contributes to widespread contamination of oil and gas production areas. Contamination may be severe. Marcellus shale is very rich in Radium 226. Uranium, radon and other radioactive decay products may be prevalent in the air, in soils and even in drinking water at or near natural gas sites. Taken up by crop plants, these radioactive elements accumulate in the food chain, eventually appearing in milk and dairy products.

Heavy Metals

Heavy metals like strontium, arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium, lead, and mercury may be found in drilling waste and can be absorbed by plants and incorporated into the food chain. While it is possible to decontaminate soil, it takes a minimum of four years of specific successive plantings to get these metals out.

Soil Erosion and Compaction

Soil erosion from well site construction is not as detrimental as compaction from hundreds of heavy truck trips, but in either case, farmers are finding restoration difficult, if not impossible.

Openings for Invasive Species

When native grasses die out, invasive species move in and can overtake even healthy native plants simply due to their aggressive nature.

Farmland Fragmentation

Every time a well pad or access road cuts across a farm field, it fragments productive farmland. As parcels become smaller, there are fewer contiguous acres available to operating farms. Eventually farms may become too small to operate profitably. Every farm going out of business reduces the critical mass necessary to support nearby supply and service providers. As a result other farms will inevitably fail simply from being caught up in a downward spiral.

Water Usage

The natural gas industry points to agriculture's water usage, but in making a comparison neglects to mention that their use is a consumptive one. Water used in agriculture remains in the hydrologic cycle, while most water used in gas drilling is lost forever.

Ozone Impacts on Crop Yields

Gas drilling emissions lead to increased ground level ozone. Many studies document serious impacts to agricultural

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productivity due to ground level ozone. Declining crop yield depends upon the specific crop sensitivity. Grapes are particularly sensitive, as are soybeans, alfalfa, clover and other native New York grazing grasses. Loosing such crops would harm farmers economically and reduce food production.

Falling Reproductive Rates

At least 40% of the chemicals used for fracking are known endocrine disruptors. Scientific findings indicate adverse effects of endocrine disruptors on abortions, fetal death and irregular cycles. It is the primary reason for breeding failure. It has been found in the blood and urine of livestock and humans living in close proximity to a natural gas field. If reproduction rates fall, it will have severe consequences on agriculture and food production.

Livestock Poisonings

Livestock often drink surface water from ponds and streams easily contaminated in the process of handling fracking fluids at the surface---

injecting, withdrawing, collecting, storing and disposing of massive amounts of highly toxic liquids. Small spills can have very big effects on livestock by contaminating their drinking water or the grasses that they eat. Livestock are attracted to the saltiness of these fluids. There are growing documented reports of livestock illness and death from acute toxicity poisoning from exposure to these spills.

Toxic Compounds Throughout the Foodchain

Bioaccumulation is the process by which compounds accumulate or build up in an organism at a rate faster than they can be broken down by the body's liver. Toxic chemicals and radioactive elements taken up by and accumulated within plants travel throughout the food chain from one living organism to the next, eventually reaching human consumers.

Inadequate Food Safety Inspections

Even in cases with known exposure to fracking chemicals, there is no system in place for the testing of affected crops or meat for such toxins. The

Government Accountability Office reports that the National Residue Program- responsible for monitoring chemical residues is missing known heavy metal residues and chemicals present in meat and poultry. The USDA, FDA, and EPA, all responsible in part for the program, may not have complete information on fracking chemicals; therefore, the extent to which potentially harmful fracking chemicals may affect our food are unknown. Some food buyers already have concerns about the safety of food produced in close to fracking activity.

Sources quoted for this information can be found at:

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Dated: October 22, 2014

Supervisor Gerald Deming & the York Town Board
2668 Main Street
York, New York 14592

Dear York Town Board Members,

It has been very difficult the past two years trying to stay neutral, due to my position, regarding the issue of hydraulic fracturing in the Town of York. I feel I can no longer remain silent in my concerns as a resident of this beautiful township. When discussions first began I admit I was completely overwhelmed with the mass amount of information on the subject, as I'm sure many others were as well. By attending informational meetings in other townships as well as public hearings and regular meetings here, I feel I have gained a great deal of knowledge and understanding as to the potential dangers of this industry, and more importantly what this community is asking of our elected officials.

I have listened to the ongoing conversations on whether or not to adopt a moratorium in York and truth be told, was very disappointed our board decided not to proceed with one on September 27, 2012. Statements were made that evening that a committee would be formed to assist in updating areas of our zoning, but staying true to our existing Comprehensive Plan. What has been prepared in this proposed law is inconsistent with what we are trying to maintain. At the public hearing on September 24, 2014 and over the last month, I have had the opportunity to read every email and letter submitted from concerned residents within and around the Town of York expressing, in fact imploring the Board NOT to proceed with this Local Law. It too is my wish that you not adopt this law ! I am still questioning why the Town of York would move forward with an action when the State of New York has not made a determination themselves on the subject. In my opinion whether or not you believe fracking will ever come to this town, you still have an important responsibility to the majority of your constituents that voted you in, to listen and represent their concerns, fears and ultimate love for this area's well being.

Please consider a one year moratorium until we fully know what the State will be doing, which will more than likely occur after this November's election. Any decision prior to that would be premature and could negatively impact our future.

Thank you for listening,

Chrissy Harris
4101 Main Street
Wadsworth, New York 14533

Yorksupsr

From: Gary and Shirley Cox [gcox8@rochester.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 12:22 PM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Cc: Davies Nagel; tweld@frontiernet.net; Roberta MacLean; Lisa Burns; Will Ouweleen; Cynthia Carestio; A Cox; mjm@bluefrog.com; David Cox
Subject: high volume hydrofracking

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Members of the Board of the Town of York:

In years gone by, area citizens responded successfully to environmental threats to the Town of York. Board members may themselves recall P.A.C.E (Protect A Clean Environment) and S.L.A.Y.E. (Save Leicester and York Environment). As a resident then of the Town of York, I was glad to take an active part in those successful responses.

After many fortunate years of teaching at SUNY Geneseo, and raising a family (and growing wine, and operating a Bed and Breakfast) in the Town of York, I have downsized to a small place on Conesus Lake in the Town of Geneseo.

Although now a resident of Geneseo, I very much want to see the Town of York defeat the threat posed by any changes in the Town's zoning regulations that would allow hydrofracking.

Hydrofracking in York would enrich some of the Town's citizens as well as the profit-dominated companies involved, but does anyone seriously deny (what Davies Nagel makes clear) that it would produce **consequences radically contrary to the Town's comprehensive plan?**

Anyone who denies that should read that plan again, and reflect on it. And they should take a **careful, first-hand look** at the effects of hydrofracking on communities just across the state border in Pennsylvania. And they should not dismiss the growing body of information about the adverse impacts of hydrofracking, many unaffected by town and county boundaries. Think of infrastructure effects and costs, health and safety effects, and the likelihood of adverse impact on our precious water resources.

The Town's comprehensive plan spells out values that enable worthwhile lives for **all** citizens. To enact zoning regulations that encourage hydrofracking is to give too high a priority to money-making, and not a high enough priority to preserving a setting that's conducive to high quality of human life.

The Finger Lakes Region (including Livingston County, home to *two* of the Finger Lakes) will thrive as its interdependent agricultural and tourism industries thrive.

As Samuel Warren's flourishing York Wines, on Dow Road, Town of York, was *threatened and then destroyed* after fifty years by J. P. Morgan's unregulated Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad, so too the present promise of a world-class regional agri-tourism industry will be significantly marred, if not ruined, by the intrusion of hydrofracking in the region.

If Samuel Warren's York Wines had not been destroyed by the inadequately regulated (and now dead D. L. & W. railroad) the **Town of York** (instead of Washingtonville in the Hudson Valley) could now be the attractive (and financially rewarded) home of *New York State's oldest continuously operating commercial winery*.

Respectfully,

Let's regulate for the **long** term.

Gary A. Cox 4881 Stone House Drive, Geneseo, NY
Member, Livingston County Tourism Advisory Council
Chair, Narrative and Images Group, Finger Lakes Museum

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From: Daniel C. Ayers [DAyers@cpward.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 11:30 AM
To: yorksupr@rochester.rr.com
Cc: Erin Ayers
Subject: Local Law #1
Attachments: Daniel Ayers.vcf

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I write to voice my opposition to Local Law #1 of 2014 "Hydraulic Fracturing".

- Hydraulic Fracturing will only benefit a small percentage of the entire community while potentially impacting everyone.
- Certain members of the board may benefit from passage of this law and should recuse themselves from the vote
- We, as a community, already have enacted laws to assist this community's farmers, more financial and legal wellbeing provided by the entire community to a select few large land owners is NOT in the best interest of the community
- It will not create more jobs in our area, it will be out of town contractors if there is any work to be performed
- Our current infrastructure is insufficient to support fracking, our town roads, bridges and culverts are continually abused by our farming industry, our town lacks the financial resources to maintain additional use
- Our town has enough ground water issues with the farming and mining industry, and certain sections of the town have NO ground water, why would the town want to potentially complicate this matter further?

- I foresee the potential end result of this zoning effort benefitting the existing wells in the area. I believe they would be fracked to increase production. They are predominately owned/royalties/income by a few families in a community of hundreds of families. Board members are elected to represent the community. As such I hope you hear the voice of the entire community when making your decision.

Daniel Ayers

<p>Daniel Ayers C.P. Ward, Inc Project Engineer</p> <p>(585) 889-8800 ext 233 (585) 261-2388 Mobile (585) 889-6008 Fax dayers@cpward.com</p>	
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To the York town Board:

- (1) What is the total cost to the taxpayers of Town of York to date for the proposal of Local Law #1-2014 including but not limited to engineer/consulting fees, legal fees, printing cost, additional meeting cost, travel cost, and any other cost related to the drafting of this local law?
- (2) At the public hearing on 9/24/14, I made the statement that on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 I witnessed three town board members, the town attorney, and I think a representative from Clark Patterson Lee in a meeting at the town hall. The scheduled town board meeting was on Thursday, June 26, 2014.
- (3) Was the meeting on 6/25/14 legally advertised and open to the public?
- (4) Also I stated that I had attended a Steering committee meeting and Norm Gardner the representative from Clark Patterson Lee had stated he previously had worked in the fracking industry.
- (5) When a member of the Steering committee stepped down, why were they not replaced?
- (6) How did the town supervisor know whether steering committee members were in favor of or not in favor of fracking?
- (7) After I read the approved minutes from the public hearing on 9/24/14 and talking with an attendee the minutes are not representing actually what was stated at this meeting.

Kirk Richenberg

Yorksupsr

From: Lindsay Callahan [lindsay.callahan18@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 1:08 PM
To: yorksupsr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: FRACK OFF

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These are my two most important reasons I can give you, NOT to frack! Anything that more than likely will cause illness and harm to my beautiful healthy daughters is not worth any amount of money! Of course all future generations are to be considered as well. Fracking may not cause immediate damage but there is definite reason to believe that our soil and water supply will be highly contaminated. Please do not allow the town of York to provide our soil and water for the use of fracking.
Lindsay Callahan



NOVEMBER



There is a fault running through Western New York.

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What would happen to the flooded salt mine that runs for miles underneath us if an earthquake did occur? It could only magnify the impact of the earthquake itself. I can't even imagine the possible complications.

Add to above the cost of road repair, which I think York is struggling with now.

And it appears any "local rules" regarding fracking would not stand up to state laws which supercede them.

Additionally, if our water sources become contaminated - there is no fixing that.

Fracking is such a bad idea I can only believe that personal gain is the driving force behind those endorsing it.

Please -
For the sake of all York residents
No Fracking!

Nancy Polizzi

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Induced seismicity:

(n.) Earthquakes caused by human activities.

Not long ago earthquakes in Oklahoma were rare. Not anymore. Twenty earthquakes of 3.0 magnitude or greater shook Oklahoma in 2009. The state has seen a 40-fold increase in seismicity since 2008. The cause? Humans, according to new research in *Science*. The study confirmed what geologists have been speculating for years: that underground water disposal by oil and gas companies causes earthquakes.

Millions of gallons of wastewater are produced every month in Oklahoma as a result of extracting oil and natural gas from the ground. The companies inject this wastewater into wells to dispose of it, which raises the groundwater pressure and can stress geologic faults. "Normally, earthquakes occur naturally because of plate motions," says Katie Keranen, a geophysics professor at Cornell University and the study's lead author. "But if you inject

enough water into the earth, you can influence the cycle of earthquakes."

After using hydrogeologic models with the seismic data, Keranen and her colleagues concluded that four disposal wells southeast of Oklahoma City likely caused the Jones swarm, a group of earthquakes that accounted for 20 percent of seismicity in the central and eastern U.S. between 2008 and 2013. The team also found that wastewater injection induced earthquakes as far as 30 kilometers away from the wells, much farther than previously thought.

Geologists have used the term "induced seismicity" to describe earthquakes triggered by mining, dams, underground nuclear tests and wastewater injection. As oil and gas extraction methods become more common and more studies connect their disposal methods to seismic activity, the term will be one to watch. —Annie Sneed



COMMENT A

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Per voice mail message on 10/23/14 to Jerry's office line:

Residents Marilyn and William Kilmer would like to go on the record of being opposed to fracking in the Town of York. She mentioned sending a letter previously but none was received at this time. Mrs. Kilmer stated that she has family in the state of Oklahoma that have seen first hand the negative impacts of the industry and hope that our area will not have to experience such issues.

Yorksupsr

From: Davies Nagel [dgnagel@rochester.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 2:28 PM
To: york super
Subject: proposed zoning comment...

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Dear Board,

I would like to know how much money has been spent on this proposal so far and exactly how the money has been spent.

Thank you.

Dave Nagel =

TO: Supervisor Deming /Town Board Members
FROM: Gail Feathers
3107 Mt. Pleasant Road
Piffard, NY 14533

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Per phone call on 10/23/14: Gail asked me to convey the following thoughts:

- She and her entire family living at the residence are opposed to fracking and would like to see a moratorium.
- If the Town Board thinks they can regulate big gas companies once they have made their way in to this area, they are sadly mistaken.
- Take a look at Oklahoma where the instability from fracking has produced numerous earthquakes.
- Serious concerns regarding aquifers given the previous issues with salt mine collapse.
- Does not begrudge a Town Board Member for benefiting in some way, but they should not be allowed to vote on something that will impact due to their gain.
- "I like where I live and want to keep it that way"

Yorksupsr

From: Kathleen [kmh41@geneseo.edu]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 3:06 PM
To: Yorksupsr@rochester.rr.com
Subject: FRACK THIS IDEA

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Dear York Town Board,

I am currently a student at SUNY Geneseo and am very concerned with your plans to frack in the Town of York. Especially considering that a recent study by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) monitoring gas wells in Weld County, Colorado, estimated that 4 percent of the methane produced by these wells is escaping into the atmosphere. NOAA scientists found the Weld County gas wells to be equal to the carbon emissions of 1-3 million cars. I would hate to see the beautiful Town of York and its surrounding areas polluted in such a way. Please take this into consideration when deciding whether or not to frack.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Heaney=