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**The Steering Committee has done nothing to protect The Town Of York from this industry. The only way to protect ourselves would be to ban the industry or any company that would Frack or store waste from Fracking in our town. We are only protected from a lawsuit if we have a ban. Letting the industry in, thinking that our zoning laws will protect us is wrong. These very laws are open to litigation. Please think of the entire community when you make this decision, not the few who are driven by their own self interest....Also, please peruse some of the information below.**

**Thank You....Fred Mingrino**

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# STOP FRACKING AND SAVE OUR WATER, AIR, AND LAND!

October 23rd, 2014 - **Fracking**, also known as hydraulic fracturing, fracing, and fracture stimulation, is when shale gas drilling companies come to an area, buy up drilling rights from landowners, cut new roads and raze patches of land in formerly undisturbed natural environments, cart in and out tens of millions of gallons of water and tons of chemicals and "proppants" like sand with hundreds of big rig trucks that produce tons of diesel emissions and wear down existing roads, drill holes that go vertically down and then horizontally under multiple properties, mix the water, chemicals, and proppants together on-site to make fracking fluid, run compressors that produce more diesel emissions to pump the fluid into the wells at high pressure to shatter underground deposits of shale and release bound-up natural gas, pump some of the fluid back out and cart it off to who knows where while leaving the rest underground, install permanent equipment to "clean" and capture most of the natural gas that comes back up the well and to release gas into the air when there's excess pressure, and then pack up, go home, and cash checks while the land stays pockmarked with drill pads, the air's been polluted with volatile organic compounds, and the water supply of everyone downstream is left in jeopardy--drilling in New York State could affect you, NYC! And you, Philly! And you, New Jersey! Much of the interest in exploration lies in the Delaware River Basin in NE Pennsylvania and NY State's Southern Tier, as well as the Catskills region, areas that supply your water. Water, water everywhere...

## FRACKED NATURAL GAS IS NOT CLEAN ENERGY

Like some industry proponents claim, fracking has a history that goes back over 60 years--but not in its current form. The first forays were meant to squeeze the last drops from existing traditional wells. The first stimulation experiment anywhere near today's scale was related to the U.S. Government's Peaceful Nuclear Explosions program, known as Operation Plowshare, and in particular Project Rulison. In 1969, a 40 megaton atomic bomb was detonated deep underground outside Rulison, Colorado to stimulate the release of natural gas<sup>1</sup>. This massive experiment was successful in that the gas was freed, but unfortunately it was too contaminated with radioactive isotopes from the blast to be useful. Today, fracking companies are back in the area of the Rulison blast<sup>2</sup>, which is no surprise given that many of the target "plays" for fracking, deep underground, themselves have naturally-occurring radioactive materials (NORMs) far in excess of safe levels.

## A THREAT AT EVERY LEVEL

There are a number of human and environmental costs to consider, the most critical being our drinking water supply, as New York City has the largest unfiltered surface water supply in the world<sup>3</sup>. Another is our air, which, despite natural gas being touted as having 50% less carbon emissions than coal or oil, is polluted with significant amounts of hydrocarbons and volatile organic compounds by the shale gas extraction process itself. So, one concern is the above-ground transport and handling of fracking chemicals, another is the potential migration of hazardous fracking mud left underground that couldn't be economically pumped out (typically about half), and yet another is pollution generated from the operation and maintenance of wellheads and related above-ground equipment over the life of the wells. Industry advocates like to minimize these risks, complaining that environmentalists exaggerate the dangers. Perhaps they really believe that, whether through ignorance or self-delusion, but there's also the possibility that they actually stand to gain even more if our water supply *is* contaminated.

## WATER FOR SALE

Texas oilman and corporate raider T. Boone Pickens is a major financier and evangelist of natural gas exploration across the United States, from the Haynesville Shale to the Marcellus. He claims that natural gas paves the road to energy independence in his "Pickens Plan<sup>4</sup>." He says that it's "green," and it seems he came to this realization right around the time his oil wells stopped being productive. Interestingly, according to BusinessWeek, "Pickens owns more water than any other individual in the U.S. and is looking to control even more<sup>5</sup>." So, if all goes according to his Plan, groundwater across the country will end up contaminated by the energy we buy from him, but he will be able to sell us all the clean water we need. Pickens Plan? We say slim pickings, man!

## ENERGY PRODUCERS CAN SWITCH LANES

You can either drill, frack, and extract for a decade or two while neglecting the need for renewable energy development and deployment, or just skip the wasteful and dangerous extraction process altogether by funding and enabling renewable energy research, development, and production now. Why wait? Switching lanes now could actually make up the loss of the big annual payday associated with these natural gas plays over time, not to mention provide a huge reduction in external costs and the associated legal and regulatory risks. Did you know that you could now harvest methane from landfills and sewage sludge? It would be a PR dream for your companies if the biggest domestic side-effect of your production process in our neck of the woods was getting rid of that odor in Jersey. What's more, couldn't you repurpose much of your existing equipment to, say, install geothermal heat pumps, or use old drilling rigs as towers for industrial wind turbines, or even apply horizontal drilling techniques to create minimally-obtrusive paths for cable runs to get all this renewable energy from point of capture to point of use? That would yield revenue in perpetuity, paying off less up front but more valuable in the long-term. The NPV analysis is up to you, but that perpetuity formula is pretty attractive.

## BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

There can be big consequences to messing around underground. Did you know about the Lapindo mud volcano in East Java? It's an ongoing, non-stop eruption of toxic mud, expanding over the Pacific island at the rate of about 50 Olympic swimming pools per day, that started over four years ago. 13 people have died and over 50,000 have been displaced so far as a result. The Lapindo mud volcano was almost certainly triggered by gas drilling<sup>6</sup>. Below are links to news stories from credible sources around the country, as well as content from both opponents and proponents of hydraulic fracturing. Please read, learn, and make your own decision. Our recommendation? **BAN HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN NEW YORK STATE AND CLOSE THE HALLIBURTON LOOPHOLE TO PROTECT OUR WATER SUPPLIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES!**

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**Subject:** Proposed Local Law

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Town Board

I have a few questions about the proposed law to allow fracking in York.

As someone who grew up in York and is attending college at SUNY Geneseo this new law will have a direct affect on many facets of my life. I worry that not enough research and thought has been done about the effects this could have on our area. It doesn't take much to figure out York is a farming town, I was wondering what could contaminated water do to that? What effect could polluted air do to that? What could increased truck traffic do to the area? How could fracking be a good idea in an area such as our own? How could you guarantee that our farming could continue with such a risk with the safety of our water and air?

Coming to Geneseo and talking to the students here one of their biggest reasons for attending other than the quality of school is the beautiful campus and location in the Genesee Valley. Many come from areas around New York City looking for an escape from the pollution and the chaos, looking for a quiet country college. What happens when thats not the reputation of this area? What happens when this quaint valley turns into an industrial area? What happens with the view from all the windows facing the valley? What happens when they pick another area to go to school? What happens to this area's economy when such a substantial fraction of Geneseo disappears?

I look forward to answers to these questions and I urge you to reconsider allowing fracking at tonights meeting.

Robina Nagel=

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Dear Board,

1. I would like to know if any board members will recuse themselves because of a conflict of interest based upon Article 18 of the General Municipal Law. Presumably, in order to avoid any problems along these lines, each board member will disclose, beforehand, any and all information that could be construed as being a basis for a potential conflict of interest issue.

In addition, please read:

*Conflicts of Interest of Municipal Officers, Thomas P. DiNapoli State Comptroller*

*What else does a municipal officer or employee need to know?*

*You also need to be aware that the courts of New York State have held public officials to a high standard of conduct. On occasion, the courts have negated certain actions which were not in violation of the literal provisions of Article 18 or a municipality's code of ethics, but which were in violation of the spirit and intent of the statute, were inconsistent with public policy or suggested self-interest, partiality or economic impropriety. Therefore, if a situation involves conduct that does not technically violate either Article 18 or your municipality's code of ethics but still raises potential questions of conflict of interest, your inquiry should not end there. Depending on the facts, it still may be advisable for you to recuse yourself or to abstain from participating in the discussion or vote on a particular matter.*

2. If this does happen what are the procedures the board is going to follow to name replacements for those who recuse themselves.

Thank you.

Dave Nagel

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To the York Town Board

I am very concerned, as a local citizen, about the possibility of fracking in our region.

We need affordable energy to heat our homes, fuel our vehicles, and power our electric plants. But getting energy with Fracking is not a safe, environmentally sustainable alternative to our energy problem.

Fracking causes many problems.

- ① It destabilizes the bedrock, and increases the risk of ground tremors and small earthquakes, which damage foundations of homes. In Ohio, the government put restrictions on fracking for this reason. And in Texas, mini-earthquakes caused by fracking wells damaged foundations of homes as far as 10 miles away from the well. A house is only as strong as the foundation it sits on. The extensive damage to property is very real.

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(2) Fracking will cause extreme water shortages in the future. One fracking well requires thousands of gallons of water over it's life time. There are over 100 chemicals put into this water which is pumped down the well. One well in Texas backed up during the middle of the fracking process. The water was thick, lime green, and terrible looking. Some of these chemicals are known to cause cancer. There is no way to completely rid the water from all of these chemicals. So the water used in fracking is gone forever. Water is on a continuous cycle - solid  $\rightarrow$  liquid  $\rightarrow$  vapor  $\rightarrow$  liquid, etc. No new water has been created since the beginning of time.

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When water is lost to fracking, that is less water for the earth. Water = life. You (all living things) have to have water to live - to drink, to clean with, to cool down. It takes 21 gallons of water to produce 1 gallon of milk. Milk is a very nutritious food, especially for children. Fracking - + the cheap natural gas - is not worth diminishing our water supply, which experts say is already at risk of future shortages because of increased world wide population.

③ Fracking is not even profitable. It is essentially a ponzi scheme. Investors pump in money, led by false information. If they stop getting a satisfiable return on their investments and abandon the wells - then what! All that environmental damage... for nothing.

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④ And lastly, the methane gas that seeps into the water table is very unhealthy. There are homes in Rimock, PA (and elsewhere) that have alarms that sound off if the methane levels are too high - risking explosion. They say if the fracking well is done right, this won't happen. There is no "right" way of creating a fracking well. It is terrible for the environment. And the jobs created are short lived - once the well is constructed - the work is done and the jobs are gone.

I hope the Town Board makes the smart decision to ban fracking. There are other sources of energy - we have to be open to the many possibilities - but not to fracking.

Georgene Rosengrant  
(Caledonia, N.Y.)

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**From:** Lynn Cronise <lynncronise@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** October 23, 2014 at 6:02:46 PM EDT  
**Subject:** Town of York, NY

To the Town Board members of York,

I thought I would comment on your draft law. I live in the town of Bristol and our town board initially wanted to allow and regulate the gas industry. We made it clear that we should postpone that thought until we know what the health studies show. Once the genie is out of the box, there's no putting it back in, nor can you fight the big gas industry. Hvhf won't come to our area any time soon so we felt we had time to ban and see what the science sheds light on. You can't encourage any big industry to clean up its act or pay more if you've already opened the doors up to them. In York, you might consider the same approach. Big industry will pay little now that the gas is plentiful.

Since we don't know what technologies are changing in the gas industry, it would be wise to wait and open the town once you understand the details better and the price of gas is higher.

There is no leverage if you open your town right now. You never know what the future brings. The gas isn't going anywhere and the need will be around for a long time. Once they are there, there's no leverage and they will do what they want regardless of your concerns. This way, you can make absolutely sure no harm will come to York. If you ban it now you will not only look good to the anti fracking movement but you know the ban isn't set in stone. Isn't it better to be in control than a sitting duck? When cleaner gas technology and the price is higher on your return, you can then bargain. If the gas industry is interested, they will come. And many don't always follow the rules. Pollution doesn't stay under each town. We all have to work together for the good of NYS. Let's be patient and see how the future unfolds.

Sincerely,  
Evelyn Cronise

<http://www.yorkny.org/>

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To the members of the York Town Board;

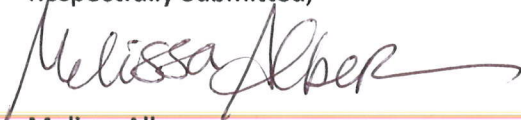
For the past two-plus years I have been speaking out at board meetings, in writing, and in the community about my apprehension and opposition to allowing horizontal fracturing and/or increasing gas storage in the town of York. I have attended repeated meetings, researched the available technology, and spoken with people from other parts of the country whose lives have been directly impacted by this procedure. I have raised questions about water safety, housing values, noise pollution, increased truck traffic, and the general destruction that will invariably come to our way of life in this farming community. I have questioned why there has been minimal to no advertising of meetings and why David Deuel, who has a clear conflict of interest, has been allowed to remain a voting board member in this matter.

In all of the meetings I have attended, the vast majority of citizens who spoke out expressed doubts about, or a total rejection of, opening our town to the fracking industry. It is as though no one has heard a word that was said. Questions have not been answered, and decisions have been made in a questionable manner which will profit a few at the expense of many. Despite all of this, the town board appears to be determined to undermine its own comprehensive plan and move forward regardless of the consequences.

When a moratorium was initially proposed, the board stated the reason it was not going to take that path was due to a fear of being sued by the gas industry. In the past week the NYS Supreme Court has upheld its decision for the right of a town to ban fracking within its boundaries.

I am extremely frustrated by the fact that after all this time and all that input we are now being asked to comment on a public law which you think would "regulate" the gas industry?? I have been abundantly clear where I stand on this issue and why. We need to abandon this plan and implement a ban on this industry within our town. I hate to have to think that my only recourse to protect my home and community is to take legal action against the town I live in, but I don't know what else to do.

Respectfully Submitted,



Melissa Alber

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**From:** Holly Watson [hollycwatson@yahoo.com]  
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Dear Supervisor Deming:

My name is Holly Watson, and I am a resident of Avon, with significant ties to York. I am writing to you today in regards to the recent discussions of reassessing the possibility of allowing high-volume hydrofracking (HVHF) to become a heavy industry in the Town of York. I have been following the progress of the HVHF issue not just in York but also in neighboring Avon, which has priorities, characteristics, and values akin to York's. Our land in Avon and York is some of the best in the state, and agriculture is paramount; I think York is more acutely aware of the this proud association than most townships. My concerns about the oil and gas industry have not been assuaged with more research on the subject - in fact, there just seem more areas where further research is needed before a smart decision on HVHF can be made.

Since you already know the reasons some residents are not sold on HVHF, I will not beat that horse. The reason I am invested in York as an outsider is my grandmother's old family estate on York Road West. It's truly a gem, a place of tranquility and majestic history that anyone who visits there vividly remembers. My grandmother is a remarkably spry 80 years of age, but in discussions of succession, I, young as I am at 26, have put in a promise to make the estate part of my future plans and life. As a pending resident of York, then, I am invested in its future - economic certainly, but also in regards to environment, atmosphere, rural peace and character, agriculture, land stewardship, and cultural preservation. I have heard many reports from viable sources about the impacts of any heavy industry, including HVHF, and how it can significantly change an area from a more or less tranquil landscape to a roar of machines day and night, dust, chemicals, and constant traffic on faltering road infrastructure. Furthermore, seasoned crews would be the primary workers on a drilling site - new local jobs would likely not be as prodigious as heralded. That just doesn't seem like York, and I believe that is reflected in your most current Comprehensive Plan.

Please remember that no matter how good your relationship with a gas company, HVHF is a different beast, and cannot legally be regulated on a local level. Please remember to listen to your constituents.

Thank you for your time.

Best,  
Holly Watson

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**Yorksupsr****From:** Meg Ross [megross075@gmail.com]**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2014 8:42 PM**To:** yorksupsr@rochester.rr.com

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To the York Town Board - I regret that this email may be too late to be counted, but I have just had a chance to read the Livingston County News and so have just learned that I am able to comment on the proposed rezoning to allow fracking. First, I am extremely opposed to allowing fracking anywhere in our area. The risks far out weigh any advantages that the town might experience. For all of the energy companies' assurances, there is no proof that fracking is either safe or good for the area. For years we have been exposed to chemicals that the government has deemed safe for human exposure including the DDT that was sprayed over the Hudson Valley nightly while I was growing up, the Tris that was used to coat my baby's sleepers that was discovered to cause gene mutations, and - everybody's favorite - Agent Orange. Will the fracking chemicals be the next on the list? Fracking will expose the residents of York to unknown chemicals, heavy traffic, and excessive underground drilling. The energy companies assure us that the fracking technology is safe, but we can all quote a number of ecological disasters that have been caused by energy companies who are trying to increase profits and cut costs.

Secondly, I must express my disappointment in the members of the Town Board. I voted for you because I sincerely believed that you all had the best interests of the Town of York and its residents at heart. It now appears that I was sadly mistaken. It is very painful to realize that you are willing to put this lovely area and its residents at risk to make a little more money. Shame on all of you.

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**Yorksupr**

**From:** grayce [grayce@touchofgrayce.com]  
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**To:** yorksupr@rochester.rr.com  
**Subject:** Fw: Local Law #1

Hi I emailed this on Thursday and received it back today undeliverable. I omitted a . in the address. Please accept it today.  
thank you,  
grayce

**From:** [grayce](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2014 4:59 PM  
**To:** [yorksupsr@rochesterr.com](#)  
**Cc:** [grayce@touchofgrayce.com](#)  
**Subject:** Local Law #1

Dear Members of York Town Board,

I have a few questions that I would like addressed.

1. How will the town remain rural and agricultural in character if you allow the heavy industry of High-volume Fracking and all that goes with it , waste disposal, noise ,air-pollution, increased truck travel in to our town?
2. Who will be responsible for the clean up when an accident happens? Are York's emergency personnel trained to handle a chemical spill of unknown elements?
3. How do you plan on regulating an industry that you ( York) will have no say over once the door is open to them? You can not tell them where they can operate. Gas companies look for communities that are not aware of the dangers associated with their industry. They operate in a culture of secrecy.

We live in a beautiful part of the world .Blessed with abundant natural resources. NY is the 3 largest area for organic farms and 3rd dairy state in the U.S. Please do your own independent research. Remember our history with AKZO-Nobel.

I implore you to vote against Local Law #1. Please ban Fracking in York.

Respectfully,  
Grayce McLaughlin-Mingrino



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