

Steering Committee Minutes 12/5/2012

Attendance –

Committee - S. Fuller, B. Doolittle, L. Smith, L. Parnell, J. Deming

Clark Patterson – N. Gardner, J Steinbach

York Zoning – C. Peter

Absent – F. Rose, J. Ellis

Meeting called to order approx. 7:05pm

Old Business –

PA trip list of attendees –

Jerry Deming	York Town Supervisor
Christine Harris	York Town Clerk
Lynn Parnell	York Town Board / Steering Committee
David Deuel	York Town Board
George Worden	York Highway Supt.
Larry Smith	York Steering Committee
Gerald Ayers	York Zoning Board of Appeals
Bill Doolittle	York Steering Committee
Frank Rose Jr.	York Town Board / Steering Committee
Henry “Steele” Fuller	York Steering Committee
Norman Gates	York Town Board
Andrew Emborsky	York Town Attorney
Davies Nagel	York Planning Board
Norm Gardner	Clark Patterson Lee Engineer
Sharon Knight	Avon Town Clerk
Clara Mulligan	Avon Steering Committee
Mike & Emily Froome	Avon Steering Committee

A short discussion and comments period about PA trip after this point we went directly to working on our list of items of major concern:

Item#1 Designated Road Use –

- Engineer review of road before and after process
- Zone some roads not all – can’t spot zone, the town can only control local roads not county & state roads
- May have to update roads before anything begins to establish condition and a contract with town and contractor stating the before and after condition should be required
- Local road use ordinance should be travel volume specific
- Roads must be signed as to local, weight limits, etc.

- Pre-condition survey needs to meet weight limits on all local, county roads – it will be the burden of the drilling contractor for the pre and post condition surveys

Item #2 – SWPPP plan

- DEC control extremely conservative must be taken seriously
- Gas companies do not want problems and publicity
- Weekly inspections for less than 5 acres more than weekly over 5 acres

Item #3 – Lot size requirements

- Minimum 5 acres??

Item #4 – Set Backs

- set of new requirements came out last Thursday, public comment open till Jan 12
- distance from ag water supply – well pad 500ft set back, land owner can waive regulation, local law should not allow this waiver as the neighbor wells might be affected
- primary aquifer 500ft set back we do not have any in the Town of York, we do have principal aquifers which are not regulated by DEC – some research needs to be done, do we want to go above and beyond DEC regs and add principal aquifers with a 500ft set back
- inhabited dwelling 500 ft set back from edge of well pad – this is waivable do we want to change to 1000 ft of construction activity, storage associated, does this include road construction – need legal counsel if challenged
- place of assembly - land use code - 500ft this includes the school do we want to change this to 1000ft , a mile or what - local law can be more restrictive
- lighting - will be like daylight 24 hours a day, this is only a temporary situation as drilling lasts 2-3 months
- flood plain - did not change - public water supply and well supply that serves 25 people or more such as a trailer park 2000ft set back from the edge of well pad and a 500 ft set back on domestic wells, springs for human or animal use, this is waivable by the landowner

Additional comments and questions – can we limit to 1 drilling site at a time allowed in the Town - NO

If you have an existing well - will they need a permit to do horizontal hydro fracking of that well – they will still need to go through the permit process

Might have to go to shared services with county as to zoning, law enforcement

Meeting with area farmers will be scheduled after the 1st of the year.

December 12, 2012 meeting is cancelled; this will allow Clark Patterson Lee to put together everything that was discussed into their proposed outline.

The Town Board will be discussing the replacement of Heather Grant at their next meeting, Dec 13, 2012.

Next meeting December 19, 2012 7pm.

Meeting adjourned 9:30pm

Submitted – L Parnell