

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Whereas, the EPA has announced that it will study hydraulic fracturing and its possible effect on drinking water safety; and

Whereas this EPA study will be the first comprehensive scientific analysis of how the underground injection of toxic fracking chemicals affects water supplies; and

Whereas, on April 2nd, Steve Englebright and twenty-six other members of the New York State Assembly, including Aileen Gunther, A.D. 98, introduced Bill No. A10490; and

Whereas, Bill No. A10490 expressly "Establishes a moratorium on conducting hydraulic fracturing for the extraction of natural gas or oil until 120 days after federal Environmental Protection Agency issues a report on the effects of hydraulic fracturing on water quality and public health"; and

Whereas, on April 13th, Bill No. A10633 was introduced by eighteen Assembly Members, including Aileen Gunther, A.D. 98; and

Whereas, Bill No. 10633 to amend N.Y. Env. Conserv. L. § 23-0303, insofar as § 23-0303 has been construed to strictly limit local governments ability to pass local laws and/or ordinances affecting the exploration and/or extraction of oil and gas; and

Whereas, Bill No. 10633 expressly clarifies § 23-0303 to re-establish the authority of local governments to pass local laws and/or ordinances which may affect the exploration and/or extraction of oil and gas, provided such local laws and/or ordinances do not regulate the exploration and/or extraction of oil and gas regulated by State statute, regulation and/or permit; and

Whereas, full disclosure of any Councilmember's current or future pecuniary interest is relevant to such Councilmember's position on such issues.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved that the Board shall contact our representatives in both the Assembly and Senate and express the Town's strong support for both these Assembly bills and for companion legislation in the Senate; and it is further

Hereby resolved that any member of the board who does not wish to sign on to such a resolution declare openly whether he or she has already signed any lease or other agreement with any company engaged in the practice of oil and/or gas extraction, or is a member of a landowner's coalition seeking and/or exploring opportunities to sign any lease or other agreement with any company engaged in the practice of oil and/or gas extraction.