

**Town of Canadice  
Planning Board  
Natural Resource Extraction Research Committee  
MEETING: SEPTEMBER 15, 2014**

**Meeting began:** 7:00 pm

**Attending:** Chairperson - Brian Kane; Members - Annette Collins, Steve Engard, Ed Johnson.

**Approved:** By a vote of 5-0 on October 20, 2014

**Agenda, notes:**

1. Approval of the minutes:
  - a. Steve Engard made a motion that the minutes for the August 11, 2014 meeting be approved as submitted. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 in favor of the motion.
2. Discussion regarding watersheds and new map:
  - a. The watershed maps provided by the county point out two issues: the Hemlock-Canadice lake watershed takes up about two-thirds of the town. The Honeoye Lake watershed takes up about one-third of the town. The Hemlock-Canadice watershed includes the water source for the City of Rochester. The City as requested that the state declare the watershed off limits to fracking. The Honeoye Lake watershed includes is a high density residential area, that intense truck traffic and industrial activity would be inappropriate for.
  - b. Brian Kane sent maps from the current comprehensive plans that show where protected streams are located.
3. Discussion regarding direction of the committee:
  - a. The Committee continues to discuss options related to banning fracking, creating regulations related to fracking and other extraction activities, or doing a combination of both.
  - b. The upcoming gubernatorial election will have a significant impact on what the state does related to fracking. The Committee assumes that if, as expected, Governor Cuomo is re-elected, then the state may issue some regulations in the Spring. There is currently no assurance that this will happen. The Committee discussed the possibility of waiting until that state makes some decision before making its own recommendations to the Planning Board and the Town Board. The rationale for this thinking is that the town is protected because of its ban on industrial activity and because it is not a primary area for potential drilling. In addition, because the state Court of Appeals has decided that towns do have the power to ban fracking, interest in the pursuing fracking is on hold until the Cuomo administration makes some further ruling.
  - c. Ed Johnson continues to raise the question of what natural resources are we including in possible regulations.
4. Brice June, a forester with the DEC and a Canadice resident, has asked to join the Committee. After a discussion, the Committee agreed that he should be invited to join.
5. Next steps:

- a. Determine which natural resources will be included in the recommendations that the Committee will make.
  - b. Question: does the Planning Board have a budget to hire an attorney to review our work?.
  - c. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall. The Committee agrees to meet monthly for the time being.
6. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Engard and seconded by Annette Collins. The vote was 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Submitted by Brian Kane