

TOWN OF OTEGO

SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a special board meeting on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 6:00 pm at the Otego Elementary School, Main St., Otego, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to hear those for and against Local Law #3 of 2012 to establish of moratorium on gas drilling and related practices for one year in the town of Otego

The following members were present:

Joseph Hurlburt Supervisor
Terry Brown Councilperson
Barbara Stanton Councilperson
George Dolezel Councilperson
David Sheldon Councilperson
Maryalice Brown Town Clerk

The town clerk read the legal notice that appeared in The Daily Star.

Courtney Hill spoke in favor of the moratorium.

Claude Holbrook was against the moratorium.

Rodney Gould felt that the moratorium is premature, does not support the moratorium, and feels that the town has to look at the facts, not emotions.

Andrew Latham spoke against the moratorium, feels that legislation is important.

Irmabelle Sheldon spoke against the moratorium, feels it is a violation of the rights of landowners.

Lois Chernin spoke against the moratorium.

Dick Downey is against the moratorium, feels the DEC can regulate drilling, and a moratorium will do harm to future development in the town.

Kimberly More is against the moratorium.

Bob Birch opposes the moratorium and supports responsible drilling.

Anna Hein submitted a signed protest petition to the board.

Stuart Anderson supports a moratorium.

Mother Michaela supports a moratorium.

Dennis Higgins favors a moratorium to take time for further study.

Katie Higgins favors a moratorium, the town needs to put resident protection in place.

Carolee Byrnes supports a moratorium, concerned about the children.

Charles Bremer supports a moratorium to study health issues.

James Walker supports a moratorium, he has health concerns.

Nelson Dubois says we need to have a moratorium to study economic impacts.

William Holmstrom supports a moratorium to protect citizens and property values.

Joe Seroka supports a moratorium.

Glenn Seroka supports a moratorium.

Adrian Kuzminski, moderator for Sustainable Otsego, supports a moratorium.

Mark Dye opposes a moratorium, the area needs to bring in jobs with natural gas.

Scott Kurkoski, attorney for UALA, opposes a moratorium, there has been enough study.

Roberto Romano supports a moratorium.

Brian Foley read a letter from Megan Byrnes in support of a moratorium.

Ingrid Guiter supports a moratorium to enact changes in local laws to protect residents.

Martha Bremer, speaking for Dr. Amy Freez of Bassett Healthcare in support of a moratorium.

Norm Farwell supports a moratorium.

Christy Parish supports a moratorium.

Doug Zamelis of Concerned Citizens of Otego spoke to the board about their responsibilities to town residents.

Diane Carlton supports a moratorium to study changes to the zoning language

Elizabeth Callahan supports a moratorium to give the board time to make the best decision for the town.

Davis Conley is against a moratorium.

Kate Lawrence supports a moratorium to give the board time to plan.

Fred Price is against a moratorium, the state has the expertise and the SGEIS is the result of much study.

Charlie Price supports a moratorium with a concern for water issues.

Sheri O'Hara supports a moratorium.

Peter Heidiburg supports a moratorium.

Janet Sutta supports a moratorium.

Nathaniel Posner supports a moratorium.

Neyen Romano supports a moratorium to further study the effects on the area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Maryalice Brown
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