

**Town of Groveland
Planning Board**

Meeting May 23, 2011

Planning Board members present: Chairman Randy Clymo, Seth Burnette, Ted Miskell, Dan Rossborough, Alt. and Roxanne Adamson, Alt.

Absent: Roger Haigh and Kathy Gurak.

Also present: Ron Maxwell, CEO and Councilman Burt Lyon

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Review of the 4/25/2011 Planning Board meeting minutes. Motion by Ted Miskell to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Dan Rossborough. All in favor.

CEO report: He has been working on fire inspections in the Town and only has 3 inspections remaining. The ARC has to complete their final grading and seeding for site plan compliance.

WECS April draft discussion: Motion by Ted Miskell to send the WECS April draft to the Town Clerk to be handed off to the next level of the approval process, seconded by Dan Rossborough. All in favor.

Ted reported on the training workshop he recently attended. One of the session he attended dealt with natural gas production from the Marcellus Shale using drilling technology called hydro-fracking. He said they emphasized that more concern should be placed on what happens above ground rather than underground because among other things the average size of a drilling pad is 3 to 5 acres. They also emphasized that land owners should consult with an attorney that specializes in leases before signing anything. He went on to explain that production progresses from small scale for about 500 to 1500 feet of drilling and escalates to big drilling rigs, heavy equipment and multiple tractor trailers at the site when they start horizontal lines. At that point they operate 24/7 until they are finished. A typical horizontal line can run from 3000 to 5000 feet. He also said that one drilling pad can be used as many as 6 to 8 times. The regulations are controlled by the State except for local roads. Other concerns are local water supplies because production requires a lot of water and run off and disposal of waste water.

The 2 handouts Ted received from the training will be distributed to the Board members and Burt Lyon, Ron Maxwell and the Town Clerk.

Motion by Seth Burnette to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM, seconded by Roxanne Adamson. All in favor.

Submitted by
Karol Thomas

Recording Secretary

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