

**Town of Groveland**  
**Joint Meeting of the Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals**

**Meeting – September 24, 2012**

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

Absent: Kathy Gurak

Zoning Board of Appeals members present: None.

Absent: Chairman Ron Merrick, Phil Livingston, William Magee, Kevin Niedermaier, Courtney Burnette and Patty Johnston, Alt.

Also present: CEO Ron Maxwell

Planning Board Chairman Randy Clymo opened the joint meeting at 8:25 PM.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Approval of August Joint meeting minutes was tabled.

Randy and Mitje both attended the informational meeting held at Letchworth Central School where Art Buckley gave a hydrofracking presentation. They reported on the important points from that meeting. The Chairman reiterated what is involved in a drilling operation, from the 1000+ trucks on the roads to 3-5 acres of land necessary for one drilling pad that is able to generate multiple horizontal lines. The DEC is encouraging the practice of multiple horizontal lines. Art Buckley emphasized that Towns should update and tighten up their Zoning Laws to be prepared. Towns cannot control state roads only county and town roads. The State also regulates the amount of water that can be taken from the lake.

Seth brought up discussion about land owners that have sold salt and mineral rights. The Board needs to find out if gas rights can also be sold.

Mitje said that the Town of Livonia has an attorney working for free on a draft. Ron Maxwell said that he will ask for information as to what they are working on.

Seth asked if the Town would be able to regulate how many wells a land owner can drill and if not should they be concerned about the effect it could have on other wells in the area and the underground aquifers.

Motion by Seth Burnette to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM, seconded by Roxanne Adamson. All in favor.

Submitted by  
Karol Thomas, Secretary