

CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES MAY 17, 2012

Meeting began at 7 PM

Attendance – Doug Nichols, Ed Drabek, Dr.D. Gregory, Sandy Carnevale

Excused – Mark Lorquet, Lee Rockwood, Melanie Hamilton and Joe Collins

Minutes were approved from February, March and April 2012. Dr. Gregory moved.  
Seconded by Sandy Carnevale.

Doug passed out info from the Hamburg Planning Board regarding FAQs (frequently asked questions) See attached.

Old Business:

Discussion on Willow Woods/ Yoviene Subdivision- waiting for consultant's report on sampling and locating wells for testing protocols.

Whispering Pines – Rogers Road mitigation. Due to the clear cutting of trees, the Planning Board is looking for comments on reforesting the project.

New Business:

Gas Fracking – We welcomed Kathleen Sambrotto, a volunteer from the Food and Water Watch organization that is trying to ban gas fracking. A pamphlet was passed out, “The Case for a Ban on Gas Fracking”. The group is based at 1616 P Street NW Suite 300, Washington DC ([www.foodandwaterwatch.org](http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org))

According to Ms. Sambrotto, gas fracking has been banned in 116 towns in NY State. She wants to know if the Town of Hamburg will join this coalition. She further states that hydraulic horizontal fracking is done by companies using 500 to 700 unidentified chemicals without revealing what they are by stating they are trade secrets.

Doug Nichols opened his statements by producing a news article from the May 16, 2012 edition of the Buffalo News captioned “Fracking Risks found to have been diminished” (attached) His opinion is that natural gas should be used to displace coal. He further stated that the technology we now have can clean up the fracking water and return it to the environment in a pure form. He also said that the use of coal causes acid rain by forming sulfur dioxide as it burns. Doug feels that all this talk about water wells being contaminated by fracking water is nothing more than heresay. Natural gas has been seeping into our environment for eons. i.e. the burning flame at Chestnut Ridge Park

Great Lakes Concrete – Camp Road

Mark Lorquet has raised questions as to the transfer of crude oil/ ethanol from RR tank cars to tanker trucks. The main concern is the 100 to 200 foot proximity of Jacobi's restaurant on Camp road to the point where the Buffalo Southern railroad transfers this highly flammable material.

No EAF's this month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next meeting June 21,2012 at 7:00 PM in Building Inspection Conference Room at Town Hall