

**Town of Knox
Special Meeting
February 11, 2013**

PRESENT: Supervisor Hammond
Councilwoman Pokorny
Councilman Viscio
Councilman Barber

ALSO: Town Clerk Swain

In attendance: Betty Ketcham, Edward Ackroyd, Robert Price, Vasilios Lefkaditis, Vicki Vattimo, Ernie Cupernall, and John DeMis.

Supervisor Hammond started the meeting recapping on the last meeting held on January 22, 2013. The Town Board is seeking individuals to form a committee to review and revise the Comprehensive Plan. The long range overview for the next twenty years as backbone of future. The revision process the committee will approach in a 6 step plan.

The town held a public hearing on a moratorium on Hydrofracking. Would like to ban Hydrofracking in the Town of Knox, but the Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated to support the ban, and if necessary to hold up in court. The effects of groundwater are the greatest concern with Hydrofracking.

Mr. Lefkaditis asked if New York State doesn't authorize individual towns to ban, does the state override town ruling.

Mr. Cupernall asked if there are any leases in town. Mr. Price reported that they are old leases dating back 45 years for mineral extraction leases.

Local municipalities can regulate the traffic use on any/all town roads to prevent the large trucks from traveling on the roadways. An updated Comprehensive Plan will protect the town now and in the future.

The volunteers needed with work with the Town Board and Planning Board. Some items on the "al a carte" list provided by Nan Stolzenburg, could be hired out, but would prefer to draw upon the residents who reside here.

Betty Ketcham and Daniel Driscoll have the capability of creating maps with GIS Mapping computer programs. Both are willing to help the committee.

The current Comprehensive Plan is a good plan; it just needs to be updated with regards to Hydrofracking.

Mr. DeMis presented a copy of a Road Preservation Law from the Town of Sharon.

The end goal is to update the complete Comprehensive Plan that meets today's concerns and standards.

The meeting ended at 8:06 p.m.

February 20, 2013

Kimberly D. Swain
Town Clerk