Conservation Advisory Commission

Minutes of the June 21, 2012 Meeting

Present: Curt Pueschel, Steve Appel, Cole Moore, Linda Green, Michael Restuccia, Victor Lamoureux, Shep Bennett, Cynthia Stephens-Westerman

Excused: Dick Pastore

Guests: Mike Atchie, Public Affairs Specialist, Chesapeake Energy Corporation, David Marnicki, Vestal Town Board

Minutes for the May meeting had been approved previously by e-mail. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on July 19, 2012 in the Town Board room.

At the CAC's invitation, Mike Atchie of Chesapeake Energy Corporation provided an presentation on the methods used by Chesapeake Energy for hydraulic fracturing and natural gas extraction. He described, in particular, the development of the Marcellus shale gas fields in northern Pennsylvania. A variety of printed materials and a DVD about the gas industry were provided to members. Members had an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Atchie was thanked for taking the time to meet with the CAC.

Following departure of our guests, members discussed how best to proceed with the draft report on natural gas drilling. Curt will distribute the partially edited report, and after members have an opportunity to review and digest the written information provided by Chesapeake, the two lengthy documents on the projected effects of gas development in Tioga (*An Assessment of the Potential Impacts of High-Volume Hydraulic Fracturing on Forest Resources*) and Tompkins Counties (*Hydrofracking - A Projection of the Impact on Tompkins County)*, and our draft document, a decision will be made on how to proceed.