

breakwall. Dick to get boat bumpers stenciled and installed. Also noted section of dock ordered and paid from R&K Marina has not been installed. Tom to look into new exterior door for launch shed. Dick will order signage for Balcom Beach; also questioned if any grant money is available for invasive species.

*Environmental Committee:* Steve Smith presented 3 items from the committee: (1) a resolution opposing hydro-fracking, (2) recommendation to have Environmental attorney available, (3) perform water quality tests for baseline.

*Motion* to act on all 3 items. Dick – 1<sup>st</sup>; Maggie – 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Discussion:* Deb asked if we need to pay a retainer for a lawyer. Doug said we have an attorney – act in concert with Joe Miller to decide if we need special council. Maggie said we should seek out qualified attorney. Deb asked Dick to amend motion. *Amended Motion* to accept items (1) fracking and (3) water testing from committee. Dick – 1<sup>st</sup>; Maggie – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

The following resolution was read and accepted:

### **Resolution Opposing the Use of High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Within the Rushford Lake Watershed to Extract Natural Gas**

We, the undersigned, Rushford Lake Recreation District Board of Commissioners offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Rushford Lake Recreation District has been conferred the power and responsibility to maintain and ensure the quality of the environment of Rushford Lake and its shorelines comprising the Rushford Lake Recreation District, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 78, Section 1 states “the enhancement of scenic beauty, the conservation of fish and wildlife of the lake and the preservation of recreational facilities for the use and enjoyment of the public.” Further under Section 11(e) it reads – “Maintain premises and areas designated as public” and

WHEREAS, it is increasingly clear that drilling for natural gas using slick-water hydraulic-fracturing (hydro-fracking) may have severe adverse impacts on communities and the environment, and

WHEREAS, the process of pumping chemicals under intense pressure into an underground shale formation to release gas for extraction may contaminate surface and groundwater, as well as drinking water supplies within the Rushford Lake Watershed, and

WHEREAS, past Governor David A. Paterson had issued Executive Order 41- Requiring Further Environmental Review of High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing in the Marcellus Shale directing the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to conduct further comprehensive review and analysis of high-volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing in the Marcellus Shale thereby requiring that high-volume, horizontal hydraulic fracturing would not be permitted until July 1, 2011, at the earliest, which is still under review, and

WHEREAS, similar extraction practices in a township in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, contaminated the drinking water supply and subsequent litigation and a settlement of 4.1 million dollars was awarded to the residents, and

WHEREAS any economic boost to the area’s economy from development and sale of natural gas from Marcellus or any other deep Shale formations, is short term at best, and conversely could negatively affect the long-term economic benefit to the watershed from recreation and agriculture, and

WHEREAS, there are unanswered questions about the influence hydro-fracking could have on the underlying geology and the long term structural integrity of the Rushford Lake dam, and the safety of the downstream residents of Caneadea and the region, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Rushford Lake Recreation District is opposed to any and all future attempts to extract natural gas or other minerals, by the use of high-volume, slick-water hydraulic fracturing within the Rushford Lake watershed.

Douglas Crandall - aye  
Richmond Hubbard - aye  
Deborah Aumick - aye

David Hirsch - aye  
Margaret Krzyzanowski – aye

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