

**Town Council  
Council Chambers  
Windsor Town Hall  
January 3, 2017  
Public Hearing  
APPROVED MINUTES**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

The Public hearing was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Mayor Donald Trinks. Present were: Mayor Donald Trinks, Councilor Randy McKenney, Councilor Alan Simon, Councilor Jill Jenkins, Deputy Mayor Jody Terranova, Councilor Donald Jepsen, Councilor Kenneth Wilkos, Councilor James Govoni and Councilor Bernard Petkis.

Mayor Trinks read aloud the notice of public hearing for an ordinance "GAS AND OIL EXPLORATION – STORAGE, DISPOSAL AND USE OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE."

**2) PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Trinks invited members of the public to comment on the ordinance.

Bonnie Karkowski of 1852 Poquonock Avenue asked for a show of hands from the public for those who support the ordinance as drafted. The majority of the public present at the hearing raised their hands. Ms. Karkowski expressed concern over Section 6 of the ordinance "Severability" specifically pertaining to the Connecticut General Statutes and was pleased to see the resolution proposed by Councilor Simon to be considered by the Town Council (at its meeting scheduled to follow this public hearing) requesting the State legislative delegation to support a state-wide ban on the storage, handling, disposal and use of hydraulic fracturing waste. She concluded by asking the Town Council to pass both the proposed ordinance and the proposed resolution.

Michele Vannelli of 1152 Poquonock Avenue expressed concern over the financial "lure" of fracking waste and urged the Town Council to ban the storage, handling, disposal and use of fracturing waste.

George Yeramian, 739 Prospect Hill Road noted that he has a well and knows what it is like not to have that as a water source. He is aware of what other states like Pennsylvania are doing with respect to fracturing waste and wants nothing to do with it.

Ann Beaudin of 1009 Poquonock Avenue noted that State Representatives David Baram and Tami Zawistowski had asked that Ms. Beaudin submit their letters to the Town Council if they had not been previously received. Mayor Trinks confirmed that the letters had been received by Town Council members. Ms. Beaudin thanked the Town Council for their foresight in bringing this matter forward and then listed many of the negative impacts of fracturing waste and the reasons why the Town should have

nothing to do with fracturing waste. Due to existing federal and state loopholes, fracturing waste is not classified as “hazardous” and in 2014 the State of Connecticut legislature failed to pass a ban on fracturing waste and towns are “stepping” up to take action to protect their residents.

Bob Wallick of 782 Stone Road stated that he supports the ban on fracturing waste and echoed many of the negative impacts of fracturing waste that have been stated.

Debra Bologna of 933 Stone Road said that she appreciates all of the interest that the Town Council members have taken in this matter. She then read and presented the Town Council with a signed letter by several people, including Windsor residents, supporting a ban on fracturing waste.

Robert Bologna of 933 Stone Road thanked the Town Council and Town Manager Souza for giving the very serious issue of fracturing waste their time and attention and especially at this point in time, he is proud to be a member of a community that is approaching this matter from a bipartisan stance.

Coralee Jones of 1171 Matianuck Avenue asked to be on the record noting she supports Councilor Wilkos’ ordinance on all of the issues relative to hydraulic fracturing. She is glad that the Town is getting ahead of this issue and this would not be a positive thing for the Town of Windsor.

Linda Alexander of 155 Fieldstone Drive commended Councilor Wilkos for listening to all of the residents that worked hard in bringing this issue forward and in educating the public.

Jean Novacco of 45 East View Drive stated that she can’t imagine why the Town of Windsor would want to take the “toxic garbage” from people who seem to need to sell their Mineral Rights for this purpose.

Lea Chayes of 7 Maude Circle stated she is on the Commission that sponsored the fracking forum that was held last year. She was very impressed by Dr. Brown from Carnegie Mellon who spoke at the forum regarding the health impact of fracking on the people who come from the areas where it is permitted. She supports this ordinance and hopes that the towns will all ban together on this.

### **3) ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trinks declared the Public hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Healey, Clerk of the Town Council