

The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing on June 6, 2017, in the Notch Road Municipal Center, to hear comments on the Storage, Disposal, and Use of Hydraulic Fracturing Waste Ordinance. In attendance were: First Selectman Robert Morra, Selectmen Michael Eremita, Robert Neil, Gwen Marrion, and Sandra Pierog. Administrative Officer Joyce Stille was also present. Several members of the public attended.

The First Selectman opened the hearing at 7:00 p.m.

**Comments:**

Ray Hardy, Brandy St., felt that the language should be stronger and more expansive. He was concerned that the state bill would end up defaulting to municipal regulations, in which case he felt the ordinance should be clearly strict.

Robert Gallé, Castlerock Lane, was in favor of the effort, but wanted to wait to see what the state would pass. He was concerned about over-regulating unnecessarily and was wary of any effect the language might have on the town's flexibility in contracts.

Rick O'Connor, Hop River Road, was in favor and noted the effort to pass such ordinance across municipalities.

R. Morra was in favor of waiting till the next meeting to be able to adapt the ordinance according to the state bill result and to consider more public input. G. Marrion felt the language was sufficient and similar in character to that used by other towns' ordinances on the same topic. She thought it best to get ahead on the issue and it was time to move the process forward. S. Pierog was satisfied with the language and agreed. M. Eremita said he could accept waiting a short amount of time but he was satisfied with the ordinance as it was.

M. Eremita moved to continue the public hearing to July 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. R. Neil seconded. Vote 1:4:0, R. Morra in favor. Motion failed and the ordinance is to be addressed at the following meeting as in the agenda.

The hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Benitez, Recording Secretary

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