

**Special Town Board Meeting**  
**May 9, 2012**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Supervisor Susan Zimet, Councilman Kevin Barry, Councilwoman Kitty Brown, and Councilwoman Jean Gallucci.

At 5:36 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Agenda:**

-Add Wetlands Lawsuit and the retaining of Counsel.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Mother's Day Proclamation 2012-** Ban Fracking Nationwide Now:

We are grandmothers and grandfathers, fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, grandsons and granddaughters, all children of mothers;

We are, as is our President, as are our legislators, our lawyers and judges, our oil and gas industry financiers, shareholders, ceo's, scientists and workers, all children of earth;

We are biologies of water and oxygen;

We are dependent for our lives first, on clean air, clean water and a stable climate;

Without these essential staff of life we compromise our ability to sustain and reproduce thriving children, thriving communities and a thriving nation generation upon generation;

We can source our energy in renewables; the science and technology of renewable energy has been ours to choose these 100 years; we have no time left to lose, our lives and quality of life depend upon making this right choice now;

High volume, high pressure, slick-water hydraulic fracturing of shale rock and coal bed methane is first and foremost **unnecessary**; it is a national security threat to us all; it is a 'bridge fuel' to accelerated climate change not an enlightened, firm step away from it; it is an irrevocable, unmitigated, long term threat to our essential, diminishing, fresh surface and groundwater resources; there is no safe disposal of its radio-active and chemically poisoned waste products;

High volume, high pressure, slick-water hydraulic fracturing of shale rock and coal bed methane is a source of multiple, unmanageable, immediate, mid term, long term, and irrevocable harms to earths hydrological cycle, climate, seismic activity, fresh water, air, soil and food, therefore a violation of human life, health and well being, and to human communities and their reproduction;

We cannot stand by in silent witness of a clear violation of our inalienable human and civil rights, intended or not;

We therefore resolve in the interest of our national security, in the name of our mothers

On this Mothers Day 2012, to give to our mothers the greatest gift of all, the present and long term safety and well being of our children, our families and communities;

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity.

Call for a Nationwide Ban on Fracking, Mothers Day 2012. No Higher Honor.

The Town of New Paltz will be the first Town in the country to support this resolution banning Hydrofracking nationwide.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to adopt the resolution for the Town of New Paltz being the first Town in the nation to pass the Mother’s Day Proclamation of 2012 calling for a ban on fracking nationwide now. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Wetlands Lawsuit:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to appoint George Rodenhausen as counsel for the purposes of representing the Town for the lawsuit that was served relative to the Wetlands Law for a cost of \$5,000 to get the work done in a timely manner. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Fireworks/Unison Band:**

Supervisor Zimet will send out a press release when it is confirmed that money will be available for the fireworks. There is a problem with the July 7<sup>th</sup> date, but Supervisor Zimet is hoping to have a commitment soon. Supervisor Zimet feels that \$2,000 is a lot to spend on one band, due to the Town’s financial constraints.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to release the “Floyd Patterson Jr. Band” from the contract on July 7<sup>th</sup> with great sorrow and regret. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Brown abstained from the vote, as she is an employee of Unison.

At 6:07 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari  
Town Clerk