

Wales Town Board

Public Hearing

Tuesday December 27, 2016 @ 7:19 pm

**Public Hearing for Special Use Permit to amend National Fuel :**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:19pm at the Wales Community Center, 12345 Big Tree Road, Wales Center, NY.

ROLL CALL: Taken prior public hearing

Present Supervisor Rickey Venditti  
Councilman Donald Butcher  
Councilwoman Jude Hartrich  
Councilman Michael Simon  
Councilman Gerald Klinck

Also Present: Ronald Bennett Town Attorney, GHD  
Engineering, (5) Residents whose names are on file. Reporter Pat McDonnell.

This Public Hearing is for the Town of Wales Residents to provide their input to the Town Board on the amendment of an existing Special Use Permit of National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation for addition of interconnection station in the Town of Wales.

Town Clerk, Melinda Eaton read Notice of Public Hearing as Published.

**Overview of the proposed Amendment to the National Fuel permit, to add a interconnection station**

Attorney Adam Walters explained that the project is part of National Fuels Northern Access 2016 Project that involves improvements to the exiting interstate pipeline system. The interconnect station located at 5241 Reiter road will allow natural gas from Northern Pennsylvania to Porterville's Compression Station in the Town of Elma. The project will be located on the same land as the existing current compression station. The Interconnect station will consist of four small buildings the site that will be enclosed by a chain link fence, the compound is 170' by 96', two of the buildings are remote terminals which allows for remote monitoring and control of the interconnect station, the compound will include an emergency generator.

As part the permit process National Fuel had to get FERC approval which includes an environmental assessment. The report stated it would not affect the quality of the human environment or effect any wetlands, also analysis the noise levels that virtually have no change in ambient levels. New York parks and recreation and historic preservation also review the project, the results concluded that no archaeological investigations are recommend for the site.

**Invitation for Resident's input to the Town Board.**

Jim Dombrowski - 5169 Reiter Road had two questions the first was the noise study, his residents it's the closest to the compressor station, Mr. Walters stated the noise levels will not change. No new gas would be through the original compressor station. Mr Dombroski also asked the size of the station, Mr Walters answer was, it's a fenced compound with about a quarter of an acre. With four small buildings enclosed with a chain link fence.

Comment from Councilman Michael Simon - Wanted the residents to know that the board was no discretion or ability to say no, FERC has the final say.

**MOTION#**\_\_\_\_By Supervisor Venditti and second by Councilman Michael Simon approving adjournment with no further business at hand, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm

CARRIED

Submitted by Melinda Eaton, Wales Town Clerk

