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## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

### TOWN OF NEWTOWN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING NEWTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER, NEWTOWN, CT DECEMBER 5, 2018

**PRESENT:** Legislative Council - Chris Eide, Chris Smith, Jordana Bloom, Judit DeStefano, Ryan Knapp, Dan Wiedemann, Paul Lundquist, Kelley Johnson, Jay Mattegat, Dan Honan, First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, 14 public, 1 press.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Knapp called the Public Hearing to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 pm.

Mr. Knapp said the public hearing is open for public comment on the possible enactment of the following proposed ordinance:

- Prohibition of Storage, Disposal or Use of Fracking Waste per the charge set forth by the Legislative Council on February 7, 2018.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Patricia Bennett Bigham**, 43 Platts Hill Road – fully supports the ordinance, and to not allow toxic waste in our town.

**Mary Wilson**, 12 Whippoorwill Hill Road – noted that it was unfortunate that the state did not see fit to provide same fracking waste ordinance, thanked the committee and fully supports ordinance, surprised to read in the paper that topic is controversial.

**Robert Harris**, 35 Pole Bridge Road - questioned transportation of fracking waste. (Mr. Knapp cited freedom of movement.)

**Lynn Hungaski**, 29 Valley View Road – supports the ordinance, does not like that it can be trucked in to Newtown because trucks can break down.

**Vanessa Villamill**, 11 Antler Pine Road - supports the ordinance, addressed well water and supports fresh water for children and all to drink.

**Holly Koset**, 2 Karen Blvd. - supports the fracking waste ordinance in Newtown, important for the people of Newtown, encouraged to support

**Jen Siskind**, 101 Fairview Terrace, S. Glastonbury – Ms. Siskind, Local Coordinator with Food and Water Watch – is available to clarify questions and added that there is a state moratorium, but that has loopholes that leaves out waste before hydraulic fracturing, also produce a radioactive waste, leaching from landfills, leaks from gas wells, because of that loophole, have been promoting towns local ordinance, towns have tried to ban waste to avoid cross contamination. Ms. Siskind clarified language in the Newtown Bee and is available to answer any questions that may arise.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further public comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

June Sgobbo, Clerk