

TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD

RESOLUTION NUMBER 001 OF 2000

At the regular monthly meeting for the Town of Harpersfield on February 7, 2000, Councilman Morris Riddell Jr. offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

TITLE: SUPPORT FOR THE TOWN OF SHANDAKEN PLANNING BOARD AS THE LEAD AGENCY IN THE SEQRA REVIEW OF THE CROSSROADS VENTURES PROJECT.

WHEREAS, a major mixed use project known as Crossroads Ventures has been proposed in the Town of Shandaken Planning Board has expressed its desire to be lead agency for the SEQRA review of the project: and

WHEREAS, New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has stated its desire to be co-lead agency or in the alternative sole lead agency under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Shandaken, Olive and Middletown have all expressed their support for the Shandaken Planning Board to act as lead agency and have opposed DEP assuming that role: and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Coalition of Watershed Towns believes that this is a very important issue concerning the abilities of the watershed towns to control the planning process within their communities and that DEP does not have sufficient interest in the welfare of the communities to be granted the significant role of lead agency for SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the primary impact of this project is local in that it will effect land use patterns and community character in the Towns of Shandaken, Middletown and Olive and those towns have unanimously agreed that the Shandaken Planning Board is the proper entity and has the resources to be lead agency, and

WHEREAS, even if it is not lead agency, DEP will continue to be an involved agency under SEQRA, can provide its relevant expertise to the Shandaken Planning Board during the process and most importantly DEP maintains its full regulatory authority to protect the water quality of its water supply system.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Harpersfield Town Board fully supports the efforts of the Shandaken Planning Board to be lead agency and urges DEP to withdraw its request to be lead agency; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be sent to Governor Pataki, Senator John Bonacic, Assemblyman Clifford Crouch, Mayor Guiliani, DEP Commissioner Miele, DEC Commissioner Cahill and the Coalition shall make every effort to assist Shandaken and to preserve the rights of the watershed communities to control the land use planning process within their own towns.

Seconded by: Councilman Harold Bedford and a roll call thereon as follows:

Adopted: Supervisor	James Eisel Sr.,.....Aye
Councilman	Harold Bedford.....Aye
Councilman	Morris Riddell Jr.,...Aye
Councilwoman	Norma Voege.....Aye
Councilman	David Ogborn.....Aye



Harpersfield Town Clerk, Linda E. Goss

Dated: February 14, 2000

