

TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. 012 OF THE YEAR 2008

TITLE: RESOLUTION STATING THE TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD'S OPPOSITION TO THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE WATERSHED RULES AND REGULATIONS.

On a motion by Councilman Robert Reeve Jr., seconded by Councilman Morris Riddell Jr., the following resolution was adopted at the Town Board meeting held on December 9, 2008.

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") has released proposed amendments to the New York City Watershed Rules and Regulations ("WR&R"); and

WHEREAS, the DEP has announced its intention to commence the public comment process; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield has reviewed the proposed amendments to the WR&R; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that the proposed amendments will increase costs to the local residents of the watershed without any funding to address those cost increases; and

WHEREAS, the DEP has not demonstrated a technical justification for the proposed changes and has not issued or released information on the cost to comply with these amendments; and

WHEREAS, the DEP has not identified the water quality benefits that would result from such proposed amendments; and

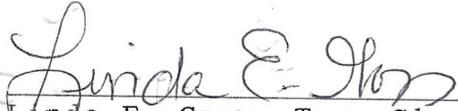
WHEREAS, New York City is attempting to shift the cost of avoiding filtering its water supply to some of the poorest communities within New York State.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Harpersfield respectfully submits its formal objection to the adoption of the proposed amendments to the WR&R as currently proposed since the DEP has neither demonstrated a need for these proposed changes nor identified the water quality benefits that would result from such proposed amendments or made arrangements for funding the incremental costs arising therefrom.

WHEREUPON, the Resolution was put to a vote and the following result recorded:

ADOPTED:	Supervisor	James Eisel Sr.	Aye.
	Councilman	Harold Bedford	Aye.
	Councilman	Morris Riddell Jr.	Aye.

Councilman	Robert Reeve Jr.	Aye.
Councilwoman	Catherine Straus	Absent.



Linda E. Goss, Town Clerk
Town of Harpersfield

December 11, 2008