

TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. 011 OF THE YEAR 2008

TITLE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION NOT TO ADOPT REGULATIONS OR POLICIES LIMITING OR REGULATING NATURAL GAS MINING IN THE TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD.

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

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner, Emily Lloyd, has submitted a letter to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner, Peter Grannis, requesting that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC") adopt rules or regulations that would regulate natural gas mining within the New York City Watershed more stringently including banning natural gas mines within a one mile radius of any reservoir or reservoir stem; and

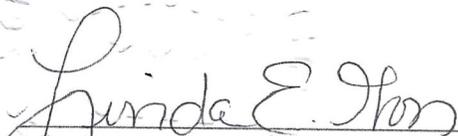
WHEREAS, DEC has announced that it is preparing a Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with natural gas mining using horizontal drilling in the Marcellus Shale; and

WHEREAS, there is no scientific basis to regulate natural gas mining within the New York City Watershed Counties in a manner different or more stringent then elsewhere in New York State.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Harpersfield respectfully requests that DEC not adopt any special regulations or policies which limit or regulate natural gas mining in the New York City Watershed Counties in a manner different from the restrictions that apply state-wide.

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