

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT, TOWN OF BARTON
July 13, 2015
RESOLUTION 19-2015

IN SUPPORT OF SNYDER FARM GROUP NATURAL GAS WELL DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Snyder Farm Group has applied for state permits to develop a natural gas well in the Town of Barton; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and Supervisor of the Town of Barton have a vital interest in protecting the community's health, safety and welfare, as well as its undeveloped open space and the family farms that are the backbone of its economy; and

WHEREAS, the Snyder Farm Group's proposed means of stimulating and recovering the natural gas beneath their property is outside the scope of New York State's ban on high-volume hydraulic fracturing that became effective on June 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the proposed means of stimulating and recovering the natural gas is proven, safe and reliable; and

WHEREAS, natural gas exploration, development and delivery are compatible with and not disruptive to our rural way of life; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Barton Town Board and Supervisor strongly believe in and support the rights of private property owners to explore and recover the mineral resources of their land; and

WHEREAS, the Snyder Farm Group controls 100 percent of the land beneath which the natural gas would be harvested; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has referred to the proposed means of stimulating and recovering the natural gas as "environmentally friendly"; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has the necessary resources and technical expertise to ensure that exploration, development and delivery of natural gas are conducted in ways that are protective of human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, natural gas development strengthens America's energy security and provides a clean alternative to sources of energy; and

WHEREAS, respect for the will of the people, as expressed through their local elected representatives, is a cornerstone of our democracy;

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Barton strongly endorses and supports the Snyder Farm Group's proposal to explore and develop the mineral resources under their private property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Barton urges the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to conduct a thorough but timely review of the Snyder Farm Group's proposal that examines factual evidence, science and technology; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to United States Senator Charles Schumer, United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Tom Reed, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Tom Libous, Senator Tom O'Mara, Assemblyman Christopher Friend, County Legislator Raymond Case, County Legislator Dale Weston.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Leon Cary
Councilperson Donald Foster
Councilperson James Pratt
Councilperson John Tryon
Councilperson Kevin Everly

I, Joan Richards, the Town Clerk for the Town of Barton, hereby certify that this is the true and correct copy of the resolution to support the Snyder Farm Group in the development of natural gas wells.

Dated 7-28-2015

Signature 

