RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SYNDER 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, which is adjacent to the Town of Spencer; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and Supervisor of the Town of Spencer 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 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 our rural way of life; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Spencer 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 proposed means of stimulating and recovering the natural gas uses no water and therefore is not covered by New York State's proposed ban on high volume hydraulic fracturing; 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 that are linked to global climate change; 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 Spencer 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 copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Tom Reed, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Tom O'Mara, Assemblyman Christopher Friend, County Legislator Raymond Case, Chairperson of Tioga County, and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner.

Roll Call Vote: Aye Nay

Barney Smith X
Al Fulkerson X
Randy Thayer X
Ray Bunce X
Ron Koski X

Said resolution is filed with the Town of Spencer Clerk's Office.

Patricia Decker
Spencer Town Clerk

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