

MEETING OF THE ITHACA TOWN BOARD
January 12, 2015

TB Resolution No. 2015-013: Join Inter-Municipal Coalition in Seeking Party Status at DEC Issues Conference Regarding LPG Storage on Seneca Lake

WHEREAS the storage of LP and Natural gas immediately adjacent to Seneca Lake in long abandoned solution mined salt caverns has been proposed and

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Ithaca is keenly aware of the potential environmental consequences to Seneca Lake that could result from any accidental leakage, mishandling and pressurization of such fuels and

WHEREAS the Ithaca Town Board deems it unacceptable to put at risk the water supply of over 100 thousand Finger Lakes residents and

WHEREAS the Town of Ithaca exercises jurisdiction over part of Cayuga Lake and thus is keenly aware of threats to drinking water and to recreational uses of the Finger Lakes and

WHEREAS the Seneca County Board of Supervisors approved resolution #34-13, opposing this proposal in early 2013 and has since been joined in opposition by 12 neighboring municipalities in the Finger Lakes Region and

WHEREAS pro-bono legal representation in preparation for and at the DEC Issues Conference will be provided by the NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council)

Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ithaca hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign a representation agreement with the NRDC, subject to the approval of the Attorney for the Town, that limits the Town's participation to amicus curiae status in the Issues Conference and any litigation at no cost to the town for any expenses or fees, and to cosign a petition along with other Finger Lakes municipalities, seeking amicus curiae party status at the upcoming DEC Issues Conference on LPG Storage Under Seneca Lake.

Moved: Herb Engman

Seconded: Tee-Ann Hunter

Vote

Ayes: Engman, DePaolo, Hunter, Levine, Goodman, Howe