

Board of Supervisors
WAYNE COUNTY

**RESOLUTION NO. 461-15: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF WAYNE, NEW YORK OPPOSING
LPG STORAGE ADJACENT TO SENECA LAKE**

Mr. Spickerman presented the following:

WHEREAS, The County of Wayne recognizes the importance of the Finger Lakes water shed as a whole and specifically Seneca Lake to the State, Region and local communities; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors that a plan has been proposed for storage of LPG and other Carbon based fuels in large quantities in unlined abandoned salt caverns, adjacent to and beneath the shores of Seneca Lake; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wayne is keenly aware of the role played by Seneca Lake in providing drinking water for over 100 thousand residents in the Finger Lakes Region, its designation as a scenic by-way, its role as a recreational asset and in promotion of area tourism and the burgeoning Wine and Brewing Industry as well as its importance to the fish and wildlife of the Finger Lakes area; and

WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors that a specific site, Well 58, proposed for such storage had previously been plugged and abandoned by the prior owner, New York State Electric and Gas Corp. and deemed no longer appropriate for storage of the type proposed by the current owner; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wayne is deeply concerned with reports of the failure of structures of the same type being suggested for such storage at Seneca Lake due to earth tremors of the same severity sometimes experienced in up-state New York as well as reports of leakage in similar structures that are neither designed nor built specifically for the purpose proposed; and

WHEREAS, catastrophic consequences to the Lake and the Finger Lakes Water Shed would be unavoidable in the event of a similar event taking place at the proposed storage site; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wayne is aware that the Department of Environmental Conservation has expressed similar concerns over such site failures both here and at other similar facilities around the country; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Wayne joins many other Finger Lakes regional municipalities in respectfully requesting that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation deny approval of the permit for the storage of LP Gas adjacent to or under Seneca Lake and exercise its power in assisting in the determination of a more appropriate location for such a storage site outside the Finger Lakes Watershed; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the United States Environmental protection Agency, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Governor Cuomo, Senator Michael Nozzolio, Assembly Minority leader Brian Kolb, Assemblyman Philip Palmesano, Assemblyman Bob Oaks, the Mayor of Watkins Glen, New York, the Schuyler County Legislature, the Yates County Legislature, the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, Seneca County Board of Supervisors, Cayuga County Legislature, Tompkins County Legislature, the City of Geneva Common Council, Village of Watkins Glen and the Reading Town Board.

Mr. Manktelow moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted Aye, except Supervisors Smith and Marini who voted Nay. The Chairman declared the Resolution adopted.

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LYONS, NEW YORK

This is to Certify that I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Wayne, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office and which was duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County at a session held on the 10th day of August 2015 and that the same is a true copy of said original and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Wayne, this 10th day of August 2015.


Clerk of the Board