

COALITION OF WATERSHED TOWNS NATUAL GAS MINING  
RESOLUTION # 34  
TOWN OF ASHLAND  
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION OF 2008  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING ADOPTION BY NYSDEC OF REGULATIONS OR  
POLICIES LIMITING OR REGULATING NATURAL GAS MINING IN THE TOWN OF  
ASHLAND

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 Ashland 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 difference from the restrictions that apply state-wide.

WHEREUPON, the Resolution was put to a vote and the following result recorded;

A motion to adopt this resolution was offered from Councilperson, Robert C. Ferris with a second from Councilperson, James Lawrence. Motion carried.

ADOPTED

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

Richard E. Tompkins

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  X  

NAY

      

Robert C. Ferris

  X  

      

James Lawrence

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Wanda Partridge

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Martin D. Blanden

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Justine Koehler

Town Clerk

Dated: December 8, 2008

Ashland, New York