

RESOLUTION NO. 79

TITLE: IMPORTANCE OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND TOURISM INDUSTRIES TO SCHOHARIE COUNTY

OFFERED BY: Sandra Manko Who moved its adoption.

SECONDED BY: Don Airey Chairman Rules & Legislation Committee

WHEREAS, Schoharie County Board of Supervisors established the Energy Committee for the sole purpose to oversee energy projects in a fair, reasonable, and equitable manner, and

WHEREAS, the Energy Committee's mission is to seek to provide safeguards, guide and recommend collective energy development strategies, negotiations and policies while balancing environmental concerns, specific industry partnerships, taxpayer equity, economic and revenue opportunities for County agencies, towns and school districts; weighing safeguards and opportunities that consider tourism, county culture, scenic landscapes, agricultural interests and quality of life values amongst others. The Energy Committee also investigates the potential of securing more efficient consumption, conservation and sourcing for the County and associated agencies through competitive negotiations, shared services and best practices to preserve taxpayer funds wherever and whenever feasible, and

WHEREAS, the Energy Committee recognizes that Agriculture is the number one industry in Schoharie County. Schoharie County is a rural county whose history is deeply rooted in agriculture. Growth in Schoharie County should be done first and foremost with agriculture and the rural nature of the County in mind, and

WHEREAS, there are four Agricultural Districts in Schoharie County, consisting of 136,745.05 acres. Schoharie County is seeking to preserve its prime farmland and community character, and

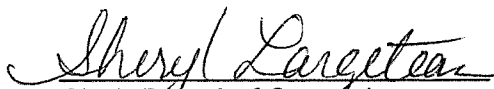
WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Ag & Markets discourages the conversion of any farmland to a non-agricultural use. Schoharie County has a commitment to maintain and promote agriculture as a foundation of the community, and

WHEREAS, the Energy Committee recognizes that Tourism is the number two industry in Schoharie County. There are dozens of view sheds, historic sites, scenic byways and roads, Historic Districts, public parks and recreational areas throughout Schoharie County which are tourist attractions, now, therefore, be it hereby

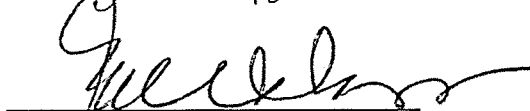
RESOLVED, that the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors and the Energy Committee are making a dedicated effort to avoid or mitigate impacts on agricultural land, prime farmland, and the tourism industry.

Dated: September 17, 2020

Filed: September 17, 2020


Clerk, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY.

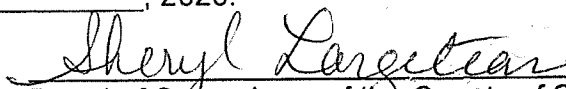

County Attorney

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE ss:

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Schoharie, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the above copy of a resolution with the original resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County on the 18 day of September 2020, at a regular meeting of said Board and said copy is a true copy of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

I, FURTHER CERTIFY, that at the time said resolution was adopted said Board was comprised of 16 members, with total weighted vote of 2974 and votes were cast as follows: Yes 2286, No, 0, Absent 688, Lape, Laraway, Weinhofer

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Board this 18 day of September, 2020.


Clerk,
Board of Supervisors of the County of Schoharie