

RESOLUTION NO. 51

TITLE: SCHOHARIE COUNTY OPPOSITION TO AND REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF THE PROPOSED CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT [CLCPA] FROM THE STATE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY: Don Airey Who moved its adoption.

SECONDED BY: Richard Lape Chairman Rules & Legislation Committee

WHEREAS, New York State being a "Home Rule" State, Schoharie County asserts all rights and powers should emanate from the people;

WHEREAS, the proposed Climate Leadership and Protection Act and the associated Legislation to Create the Office of Renewable Energy Permitting as well as all other specified new protocols and agencies which empower and enhance Article 10 Energy Siting undermines and eliminates the general application[s] of Home Rule within Schoharie County which supports Responsible Renewable Energy Development, in-general,

WHEREAS, the proposed CLCPA would assume significant State authorized influence and regulatory powers regarding local taxation methodologies limiting or completely eliminating local host-community Town, County, School District and Industrial Development Agency [IDA] negotiating powers and public input which could negatively impact local tax revenue from Renewable Energy Projects;

WHEREAS, the extreme and wide-ranging scope of the proposed CLCPA and associated legislation, combined with the speed of the proposed adoption of the CLCPA while upstate, rural communities are experiencing significant ongoing Solar Development pressures and negotiations compels Schoharie County to oppose most provisions and specifications of the CLCPA and the associated proposed legislation in order to safeguard the best interests of the residents of the County;

WHEREAS, Schoharie County, being a low to moderate income county would face potential significant costs and concurrently, significant loss of tax revenue, coupled with economic hardships including loss of scenic tourism, agri-tourism, new residential investment, existing residential property devaluation, agricultural revenue and a host of other economic hardships should the CLCPA and associated legislation be adopted; now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, the County of Schoharie requests the Governor of the State of New York to withdraw the proposed CLCPA and all related legislation from the State Executive Budget Amendment process and by doing so, respect and honor New York State Home Rule and the voice of the local upstate communities with regards to Renewable Energy Siting, Permitting and Taxation.

Dated: March 20, 2020
Filed: March 20, 2020

Sheryl Lagetteau
Clerk Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY.

[Signature]
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 20 day of March 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 2974, No, 0, Absent 0

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Board this 20 day of March, 2020.

Sheryl Lagetteau, Clerk
Board of Supervisors of the County of Schoharie