

RESOLUTION

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stony Point was convened on **November 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

The following resolution was duly
offered by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman Basile
and unanimously carried by a voice vote of all board members present, to wit:

A RESOLUTION TO REQUESTING ACTIONS REGARDING THE CHAMPLAIN HUDSON POWER EXPRESS, INC.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Stony Point ("Town") desires to protect the residents of the Town from any adverse impacts from projects impacting the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. (hereinafter "CHPE") has received a Presidential Permit to construct, operate, and maintain, a 336 mile, 1000 megawatt electric transmission corridor from Quebec, Canada to Queens, in New York City which may potentially impact over 20,000 acres ("CHPE Project"); and

WHEREAS, the CHPE Project may utilize eminent domain land pursuant to Article VII of New York Public Service Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is concerned that the CHPE Project approval process failed to take the required hard look at all environmental, economic and safety issues and failed to produce a complete and thorough Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and

WHEREAS, the proposed terrestrial CHPE Project work in Rockland County may put Town residents and property at risk due to the proximity of residents and property to dangerous and potentially catastrophic infrastructure failure; and

WHEREAS, the projected life span of the CHPE Project is approximately forty (40) years and no clear determination has been made as to whether the developer must remove the system or be permitted to abandon it; and

WHEREAS, our local and national historic sites and heritage sites, such as the Hudson River, the Stony Point State Park, 1823 Lighthouse, Iona Island (and surrounding National Estuarine and Research Reserve for the Bald Eagle), and the Waldron Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Cemetery, must continue to be protected and preserved; and

WHEREAS, the CHPE Project and the construction of three (3) transmission cooling stations to be built within Stony Point State Park will negatively impact such historical and heritage sites by use of explosive blasting, and trenching through such vital areas; and

WHEREAS, the installation of the CHPE Project will likely result in economic hardship by devaluation of the homes and businesses in the Town of Stony Point, including tax increases; and

WHEREAS, the CHPE Project bypasses the New York generated electricity grid, does not benefit ratepayers, and according to the EIS, will only create twenty-six (26) permanent jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Town and surrounding areas currently enjoy vibrant marina, recreation and tourism economy which will be adversely impacted by the CHPE Project in Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the CHPE Project has included inconsistent and unresolved routing issues, including discrepancies between maps provided to the Town in June 2013 by CHPE developer (Transmission Developers Inc.) representative Donald Jessome and such maps were not been filed with the U.S. Department of Energy and the New York Public Service Commission (NYPSC); and

WHEREAS, the CHPE Project EIS does not properly address or show the existing 40 year old high pressure natural gas pipelines installed in the Ramapo fault at the Lovett site in front of Indian Point, nor does the EIS properly describe the proposed 42" Spectra AIM natural gas pipeline to be installed north of the mile marker 295.5 of the CHPE Project; nor does the EIS and properly address the potential for gas explosions and fire in relation to the CHPE Project's installation under the existing CSX rail tracks which carries 35 High-Hazard Flammable Trains (HHFT) per week, with up to 19 cars per train filled with highly combustible Bakken Crude through the Town.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. Due to the significant potential for environmental damages, property damage, loss of life, victims, economic hardship, threats to job creation, community and individual public health and safety, the Town Board opposes the CHPE Project in its entirety.
2. The Town Board request that the Army Corps of Engineers decline to issue a Record of Decision for the August 2014 EIS.

3. The Town Board requests the Governor of the State of New York to demand that the President of the United States revoke the Presidential Permit No. PP-362 issued on October 6, 2014, to Champlain Hudson Power Express Inc.
4. The Town Board calls upon President Obama to revoke the Presidential Permit No. PP-362 issued on October 6, 2014, to Champlain Hudson Power Express Inc.
5. Due to inconsistent and incomplete CHPE trajectory maps, the Town requests that the CHPE Project permitting process be returned to the New York State Public Service Commission for further review; that a supplemental study of the maps and all the impacts of the proposed CHPE Project corridor in Rockland County be completed, and the Rockland County Hazard Mitigation Plan be updated prior to the issuance of a Presidential Permit for CHPE.
6. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to:

Barack Obama, President of the United States;
Andrew Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York;
Eric Schneiderman, Attorney General of the State of New York;
Nita Lowey, United States Congresswoman;
Charles Schumer, United States Senator;
Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Senator;
David Carlucci, New York State Senator;
William Larkin, New York State Senator;
Kenneth Zebrowski, Jr., New York State Assemblyman;
Ellen Jaffee, New York State Assemblywoman;
James Skoufis, New York State Assemblyman;
Joe Martens, Commissioner, NYS DEC;
Abby Snyder, Regional Director, NYS DEC, Region 9;
Robert Stegemann, Regional Director, NYS DEC, Region 5;
Keith Goertz, Regional Director, NYS DEC, Region 4;
Martin Brand, Regional Director, NYS DEC, Region 3;
Venetia Lannon, Regional Director, NYS DEC, Region 2;
Peter Scully, Regional Director, NYS DEC, Region 1;
Audrey Zibelman, Chairperson of the New York State Public Service
Commission;

and such other persons as the Supervisor may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

7. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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Joan Skinner, Town Clerk
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CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)ss:
COUNTY OF ROCKLAND)

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Town of Stony Point:

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that all Town Board members of the Town of Stony Point had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that there was a quorum of the Town Board present throughout said meeting held on November 12, 2014.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town on this 3rd day of November, 2014.

TOWN OF STONY POINT

By: _____

Joan Skinner
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Town Clerk

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