ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION 2017 - 01

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COMPLETE REMOVAL OF MATERIALS TEMPORARILY BURIED AT THE LAKE ONTARIO ORDNANCE WORKS (L.O.O.W.), MODEL CITY,

WHEREAS, in the late 1940's the United States Government operated a site for the production of Trinitroluene (T.N.T.) for war purposes at the Model City site on Balmer Road in the Towns of Porter and Lewiston, N.Y.; and

WHEREAS, in ensuing years these lands were also used for production of other toxic and radioactive materials which were subsequently consolidated and buried there for future disposition; and

WHEREAS, this Environmental Commission, along with the citizens of the Town of Lewiston, have on many occasions enacted resolutions requesting completer removal of these radioactive and dangerous materials away from the area to remove the threat of serious health conditions which could present themselves in the event of leakage or exposure; and

WHEREAS, the mere existence of this burial ground is detrimental to the health, economic vitality and desirability for business and residential improvements as well as reducing property values in this beautiful rural environment adjoining a great water resource, the Niagara River and Lake Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the issue of disposition is long overdue and the Town of Lewiston Government and populace are unanimous in agreement with the Corps of Engineers best recommendation to pursue Alternative 4, Excavation and Off Site Removal to address the area of concern (AOC) of the Occidental Chemical Corporation Property,; NOW,THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Lewiston, this Environmental Commission sincerely requests that the actions described in the above Whereas be carried out at the earliest and safest time available, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be filed as a public record with the Army Corp of Engineers; and copies sent to U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand; Congressman Chris Collins; Senator Robert Ortt; Assemblyman Angelo Morinello; and the Town of Lewiston Town Board.

The Resolution was offered for adoption on January 31, 2017 by F. Brock Davy. Seconded by James Allen, with the vote as follows:

Chairman J. Wolfgang
Vice-Chair J. Allen
Aye
Member D. Balassone
Member Z. Collister
Member B. Davy
Member M. Feldman
Member V. Polka
Aye
Aye

Carried 6-0

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