

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw held a Special Meeting on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall, One Rosman Road, Garnerville, New York.

On Roll Call the following members answered to their names:

Supervisor	Howard T. Phillips, Jr.
Councilman	Isidro Cancel
Councilman	Vincent Gamboli
Councilman	John J. Gould
Councilman	Hector L. Soto

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED NEW PLANET WASTE
TO FUEL FACILITY IN STONY POINT, NEW YORK**

The following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by all of the Town Board Members.

310-15 RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw wishes to express its strong opposition to the proposed application of “New Planet Waste to Fuel Facility” located in the Town of Stony Point on Holt Drive, which is coterminous with the Town of Haverstraw and the Village of West Haverstraw.

WHEREAS, the proposal will approximately generate **400 trucks** carrying **4,800 tons a day** of garbage from New York City and areas south of Rockland County by entering Rockland County at the New York State Thruway and proceed north through West Nyack, Valley Cottage, Congers, Town of Clarkstown, Village of Haverstraw, Village of West Haverstraw and Town of Haverstraw. Once depositing their municipal garbage, the same trucks will proceed back the same direction to the New York State Thruway; and

WHEREAS, the applicant’s proposal states that they will need additional trucks to remove recyclables, hazardous material (that cannot be processed), byproduct of the gasification (ash), and 100,000 gallons of diesel fuel a day; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would construct smokestacks that would spew into the air 364,000 tons of Carbon Dioxide a year, 10.5 tons of a hazardous air pollutant a year, 69 tons of Nitrous Oxide a year as well as other NOx and SOx in the Hudson Valley which is currently designated as a Non-Attainment Air Quality Zone; and

WHEREAS, the site is to be located in one of the most environmentally sensitive areas of the entire State of New York, adjacent to 60 acres of wetlands, which is a habitat for both indigenous and migratory birds, fish and wildlife, a canoe and kayak launch, a 60-acre Town of Haverstraw park, a 15-acre County of Rockland park (Haverstraw Bay Park), the largest marina on the east coast (Haverstraw Marina); and

WHEREAS, located adjacent to the property, is a 300-unit senior citizen complex, an elementary school (West Haverstraw Elementary), Helen Hayes Hospital (New York State rehabilitation hospital) and a shopping center all with large intake fans (for heat and air conditioning); and

WHEREAS, large freight containers of highly combustible Bakken crude oil will traverse this site every day through the CSX line. On a yearly basis, thousands of these rail freight cars will be traveling through the property. In addition, a new Champlain Hudson Power Express Project 1000 mega-watt (which runs hot and needs cooling stations) will be placed parallel to the CSX rail line; and

WHEREAS, low income minority homes abut this site, therefore calls for environmental justification to be determined to protect these residents who do not have the means and where withal to object to a plant that has the potential to cause severe health problems; and

WHEREAS, this is an experimental science which has yet to be proven, yet the applicant wishes to construct this in a highly dense residential area, without the ability to know what exactly will be emitted into the air, the need for public water, odors, rats and other rodents; and

WHEREAS, a measurement of the impacts of having hundreds of trucks traveling both ways with their air pollutants as well as the pollutants emitted through the gasification process actually inhibits this green process; it actually increases the degradation of the air quality; and

WHEREAS, it takes 24 hours to process 4,000 tons a day, there will be a constant flow of trucks and these operational hours present serious concerns because noise and lighting to the surrounding areas. In addition, this leaves 800 tons a day that must be stock piled and await processing; and

WHEREAS, the Stony Point sewer plant is currently at capacity and this proposal will produce 4 million gallons a day of waste water; and

WHEREAS, this site has a very tragic history as one of the worst toxic waste sites in the entire State of New York formerly known as the K-Fries Chemical Company which produced agent orange during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, it is highly inappropriate that an unknown entity with the potential to be extremely hazardous to the public's health and the surrounding environment be proposed for a dense residential area.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town Board unanimously wishes to express their fervent opposition to the proposal of the "New Planet Waste to Fuel Facility" and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town be and is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; Hon. William J. Larkin, Jr., Hon. David Carlucci, New York State Senators; Hon. Nita Lowey, Congresswoman; Hon. Kenneth P. Zebrowski, Jr.; Hon. Ellen C. Jaffee, Hon. James G. Skoufis, and Ann G. Rabbitt, Members of the New York State Assembly; the President Pro Tem of the New York State Senate; the Speaker of the New York State Assembly; the Majority and Minority Leaders

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of the New York State Senate and Assembly; Rockland County Legislature, Hon. Alex Gromack, Supervisor of the Town of Clarkstown; Hon. Michael Kohut, Mayor of the Village of Haverstraw; Hon. John Ramundo, Mayor of the Village of West Haverstraw; Hon. Brett Yagel, Mayor of the Village of Pomona; Ileana Eckert, North Rockland Central School District Superintendent, and to such other persons as the Town Clerk, in her discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

AUTHORIZATION TO RETAIN TRC ENGINEERING INC IN REGARD TO STONY POINT GASIFICATION PLANT

The following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by all of the Town Board Members.

311-15 RESOLVED, THAT THE SUPERVISOR IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TRC ENGINEERING INC OF HAWTHORNE, NY TO PERFORM PRELIMINARY REVIEW AND PROVIDE COMMENTS REGARDING THE DRAFT SCOPING DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE NEW PLANET WASTE TO FUEL FACILITY IN STONY POINT, NEW YORK, AS TO VARIOUS ENGINEERING ISSUES.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public comment.

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

No comment.

ADJOURNMENT

312-15 Motion was made by Councilman Gamboli and seconded by Councilman Gould to adjourn the Special Meeting.

RAQUEL VENTURA
First Deputy