

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

RESOLUTION 11-279

RESOLUTION OPPOSING S-2887 AND A-3992, WHICH REVISES STANDARDS FOR WIND GENERATION FACILITIES ON FARMLAND

WHEREAS, S-2887 and A-3992 would exempt wind turbines from “review, approval or application from any state, county or municipal regulatory body” except for minor site plan review by the municipality on farms, and would require limited minor site plan approval by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, S-2887 and A-3992 also mandates that any such qualifying projects shall be a permitted use under local zoning; and

WHEREAS, S-2887 and A-3992 would allow for the construction of utility-scale installations on preserved farmland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of Upper Deerfield supports the State’s effort to promote renewable and green energy sources, but such efforts should not be at the expense of sound planning and should not impair the State’s successful farmland preservation efforts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Township of Upper Deerfield strongly opposes S-2887 and A-3992 as an unnecessary and unwarranted intrusion on local zoning discretion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that significant taxpayer dollars have been dedicated to the Farmland Preservation Program, and S-2887 and A-3992 would undermine the legislative and regulatory intent of the farmland preservation program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, Senator Sweeney, Senator Van Drew, Assemblyman Burzichelli, Assemblywoman Riley, Assemblyman Albano, Assemblyman Milam, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and the primary sponsors of the legislation Senator Bob Smith and Assemblyman Chivukula.

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Seconded By: Bruce Peterson

VOTING

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| <u>In Favor</u> | <u>Against</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, at a meeting thereof held December 1, 2011.

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk

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